

# CENTRE FOR GENDER HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

## NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2021

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University of Glasgow's Centre for Gender History brings together one of the largest concentrations of gender historians in the UK. This issue marks the Centre's launch of its quarterly newsletter.

Make sure to follow us on Twitter @GUGenderHistory

and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheCentreForGenderHistory>

For more visit our website at <https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/genderhistory/>



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# RESEARCH SEMINARS SPRING 2021

*Our seminar series features a wide range of speakers from both within and beyond the Centre for Gender History. This semester all talks will take place online. For Zoom links, please join our mailing list, message us via social media or email us at [hannah.yoken@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:hannah.yoken@glasgow.ac.uk).*

*For a list of past speakers see:  
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/genderhistory/news/researchseminars/>*



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## Monday 25 January 2021 3-4.30pm

Thajilah Olaiya, 'Remembering the Queens of the Former Danish West Indies'

Pelayo Fernandez, 'Matriarchs, wives and queen: crucial women for the 3rd marquis of Santa Cruz de Marcenado'

## Wednesday 24 February 2021 2-3.30pm

Dr Peggy Brunache  
University of Glasgow  
'Culinary Resistance in the French Colonial Caribbean: A Historical and Archaeological Exploration of Foodways of the Enslaved'

## Monday 22 March 2021 3-4.30pm

Dr Katharine Jenkins  
University of Glasgow  
'Race and Gender Kinds: A Pluralist Account'

### Save the date!

The first ever **Annual Public Lecture in Global Gender History** will take place on **Friday 21 May 2021**. The event features **Jennifer L. Morgan (Professor of History at New York University)** who will give a lecture titled 'Family, Slavery, and the Market: Towards a new seventeenth-century history of the public/private divide'.

# HUFTON POSTGRADUATE READING GROUP

*The Hufton Postgraduate Reading Group is a postgraduate-run reading group based in the Centre for Gender History. The group is a space for postgraduate researchers as well as established academics to share their ongoing work in a comfortable and supportive environment. For Zoom links, please email [arts-hufton@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:arts-hufton@glasgow.ac.uk). Remember to follow us on Twitter at @huftonrg.*

## **Wednesday 27 January 2021**

**3-4pm**

Niamh Coffrey

University of Strathclyde

'"We advertised ourselves as the Irish Ladies Distress Committee": Irish republican women in Britain, 1919-1923

## **Thursday 4 February 2021**

**5-6pm**

Dr Rachel Hope Cleves

University of Victoria

Book talk: *Unspeakable: A Life Beyond Sexual Morality* (University of Chicago Press, 2020)

## **Wednesday 23 March 2021**

**3-4pm**

Sam Dobbie

University of Glasgow

'The Importance of Power Couples in the French Revolution in relation to Female Agency: The Case of Madame Roland'

## **Wednesday 28 April 2021**

**3-4pm**

Ally Williamson

University of Edinburgh

'Interviewing Scottish lesbians during COVID-19'

## **Wednesday 19 May 2021**

**3-4pm**

Amrita DasGupta

SOAS University of London

'Life of Sundarbans' Female Islanders: Past and Present'

# MSc GENDER HISTORY

*As one of the largest number of gender historians in any Higher Education institution in the UK we offer prospective students a lively, supportive and intellectually challenging environment for research. The Masters in Gender History provides the opportunity to develop and deepen analysis of the workings of gender in the past. The programme encourages comparisons across time and cultures as well as allowing in-depth research into particular questions.*

*If you are interested in pursuing a MSc in Gender History at the University of Glasgow, please visit <https://www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/genderhistory/> or email Dr Tanya Cheadle at [Tanya.Cheadle@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Tanya.Cheadle@glasgow.ac.uk).*

*The year spent completing the MSc was intensive, yet highly rewarding. The core classes provided me with a strong theoretical, methodological and conceptual foundation in gender history. What made my experience especially rewarding were the close social and professional ties formed during the course. Many of us remain friends and colleagues to this day.*

- Dr Hannah Yoken, Tutor at the University of Glasgow (MSc Gender History cohort 2015-2016)

*Being part of the masters cohort and the wider research culture within the Centre surrounded me with fiercely smart and supportive people who I sought to emulate in my research and career aspirations. I believe the course was excellent preparation for undertaking doctoral research and it provided a foundational knowledge and skillset I have continued to build on in subsequent year.*

- Mairi Hamilton, AHRC funded PhD Researcher at the University of Glasgow (MSc Gender History cohort 2016-2017)



As part of our Semester 2 core course 'Gender, Culture & Text', our current MSc students will be publishing blog posts about a wide range of topics related to their different fields of expertise.

For more see:  
<https://gendercultureandtext.glasgow.ac.uk/>

# LEARN ONLINE WITH THE CENTRE FOR GENDER HISTORY

Discover how a focus on gender and sexuality transforms our understanding of modern, global history.



## MOOC: A GLOBAL HISTORY OF SEX AND GENDER

In the autumn of 2020 we launched our first ever MOOC (massive open online course) titled 'A Global History of Sex and Gender: Bodies and Power in the Modern World'. To date, nearly 5,000 learners have taken part in this FREE four week course. Each week deals with a different theme: Gender and Power; Sex and Intimacy; Work and Care; and Histories of Feminism. This course is designed for anyone interested in the history of gender and sexuality, and is particularly useful for e.g. heritage, third-sector, education and media workers. The course is led by Centre for Gender History members Dr Tanya Cheadle, Dr Hannah Telling and Dr Maud Bracke.

For more, please visit:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/a-global-history-of-sex-and-gender>

We are also developing an online MSc degree in the History of Gender and Sexuality. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Dr Tanya Cheadle at [tanya.cheadle@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:tanya.cheadle@glasgow.ac.uk).

# VIEWING & READING RECOMMENDATIONS

*Our Centre for Gender History members have produced a wealth of material covering a range of themes and topics.*

## **50 Years of Equal Pay? Roundtable discussion on the Legacy of the 1970 Equal Pay Act Co-organised by the Centre for Gender History with Women's History Scotland**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVP2st8e9Fs>  
**Recorded 6 November 2020**

The Equal Pay Act of 1970 was the culmination of decades of campaigning for pay inequalities between women and men to be addressed at an institutional level. During the Second Reading of the Equal Pay Bill on the 9th February 1970, Barbara Castle herself acknowledged the problems of defining equal pay for equal value, but she argued the bill offered a practical solution to the problem of equal pay, 'that brings equal pay out of the debating room and into recognisable situations in factories, offices and shops, and into the black and white of pay agreements.' Featuring Prof Nicole Busby (Professor in Human Rights, Equality and Justice, University of Glasgow), Jennifer McCarey (Regional Organiser, Unison Scotland) and Dr Jonathan Moss (Lecturer in Politics, University of Sussex)

## **Transnational feminism and the global rise of reproductive rights (1960s-1990s) Women's History Scotland Sue Innes Memorial Lecture by Centre for Gender History co-director Dr Maud Bracke**

<http://womenshistoryscotland.org/2020/12/04/sue-innes-memorial-lecture-2020-listen-now/>  
**Recorded 27 November 2020**

In this lecture Dr Bracke propose a new way of approaching late-20th Century struggles for reproductive rights and health by pointing at the limits of nationally framed narratives, and by highlighting the emergence of a global women's health movement in the 1970s-80s. The lecture focuses on the debates that animated this movement in its early years (1970-1984), and specifically on the interactions between Latin American and European women's organisations. It includes analysis of such debates and tensions within the feminist movements of France, the UK and Italy.

## **Gendering Covid-19: Economies of Care and Bodily Integrity A collective essay by Centre for Gender History members**

[https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/genderhistory/news/news/headline\\_723113\\_en.html](https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/genderhistory/news/news/headline_723113_en.html)

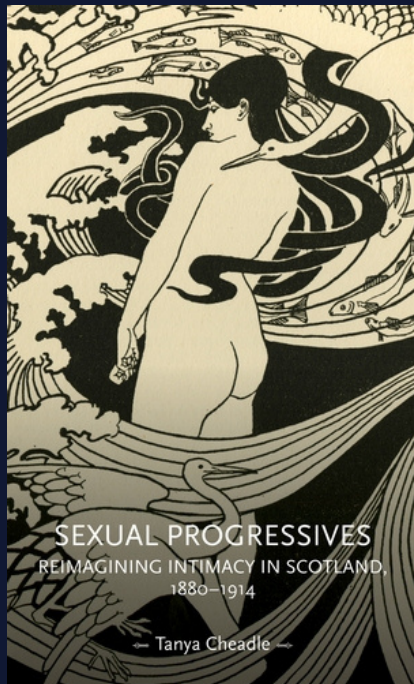
The Centre for Gender History (CGH) at the University of Glasgow, which hosts one of the largest concentrations of gender historians in the world, has over the years produced research which can shed light on gendered impacts of the current crisis, specifically in terms of economies of care, in intersections with social class and migration status, and in reproductive and sexual rights.

## **Mothering Solidarity: Infant-Feeding, Vulnerability and Poverty in West Africa Since the Seventeenth Century Journal article by Centre for Gender History member Dr Christine Whyte in Past & Present**

<https://doi.org/10.1093/pastj/gtaa037>

Poor and marginalized people have always distributed the labour of mothering, among their extended kin networks, with friends and neighbours and within their communities. This essay argues that taking a long historical view on the distribution of infant-feeding as labour serves as a useful corrective to modern western or imperial models which reify exclusive breastfeeding in the mother-baby dyad, and opens up questions about how the work of feeding babies has played a role in generating and sustaining rigid gender binaries.

# OTHER NEWS



Centre member Dr Tanya Cheadle's recently published book *Sexual progressives: Reimagining intimacy in Scotland, 1880-1914* from Manchester University Press.

## Upcoming Online Talks by Our Members

### **Charlotte James Robertson** **'Transnational Endeavors: Scottish Women's Aid and the influence of Ginny NicCarthy's Getting Free (1981-1990)'**

Wednesday 27 January, 4:15pm  
University of Edinburgh  
Histories of Gender and Sexuality Research Group  
For Zoom link contact [hca-hgsr@ed.ac.uk](mailto:hca-hgsr@ed.ac.uk)

### **Dr Hannah Telling** **'Villainous Harpies' and 'Slatternly Scoondrils': Female Violence, Law and Society in Scotland, 1850-1914**

Friday 29 January, 5:15-7pm  
Institute of Historical Research  
Women's History Seminar  
For Zoom link register at:  
<https://www.history.ac.uk/events/villainous-harpies-and-slatternly-scoondrils-female-violence-law-and-society-scotland-1850>

## Funding Capture Successes

- **Dr Rebecca Mason** has been awarded an Economic and Social Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship for her new project 'Women, Marriage and Law in Scotland: Historical and Legal Perspectives'. Rebecca completed her PhD in the Centre for Gender History at the University of Glasgow in 2019.
- **Professor Lynn Abrams** has secured a grant beginning in July 2021 for the three-year Leverhulme funded research project 'Building a Modern Scotland: The New Towns, c. 1947-2017'.
- **Dr Maud Bracke** has received an AHRC Leadership Fellowship, which will run for 16 months from September 2021, for her project 'Inventing reproductive rights: Bodies, Sex and Population (1945-1995)'.
- **Dr Jackie Clarke** has secured funding as part of an international partnership investigating Deindustrialization and Politics of our Time (led by Professor Steven High). She will lead the Gender, Family and Deindustrialization strand of the project along with Professor Arthur McIvor.
- **Dr Tanya Cheadle** has been awarded a Carnegie Research Incentive Grant for a project entitled 'Adepts of Manhood: Masculinity and Power in Scotland's Occult Revival, 1880-1914'. She is working with Dr Hannah Telling and Prof Christine Ferguson (University of Stirling) to ascertain to what extent participation in Scotland's occult subculture allowed men to reject normative codes of masculinity.

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