Inaugural
WSU Interdisciplinary Graduate
Social Justice Conference (WSU SJCON)

Doing Social Justice: Reclaiming Space and Place

March 6th – March 7th, 2020

Washington State University
Chinook Student Center
700 NE Thatuna St.
Pullman, WA

Conference Program

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Elizabeth Sybil Durand, Ph.D. and Anna Plemons, Ph.D.

Dr. Anna Plemons, a clinical professor of DTC and English at Washington State University and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at WSU Tri-Cities designated 2019 WSU Woman of the Year, will be our Friday community keynote. We are also thrilled to announce that Dr. Elizabeth Sybil Durand, a professor of English Education at Arizona State University, will be our inaugural Saturday conference keynote.

Both Dr. Plemons’ and Dr. Durand’s work embody this year’s theme on Doing Social Justice. Dr. Plemons holds a teaching position in the California Arts in Corrections Program and previously directed the Critical Literacies Achievement and Success Program (CLASP) at WSU. Dr. Durand’s work focuses on literature, post-colonialism, and education, and she is currently examining middle school students’ engagement with young adult literature in a Youth Participatory Action Research after-school program.
## Conference Schedule At-a-Glance

### Friday-March 6th

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| 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. | Community Event: Educational Justice and Mass Incarceration  
“Respect, Reciprocity, and Relationships: Attending to the How of Social Justice”  
**Dr. Anna Plemons**  
The Neill Public Library |

### Saturday-March 7th

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| 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. | Registration and Continental Breakfast  
Chinook Student Center |
| 9:00 to 10:20 a.m. | Session I (Panels 1-2)  
Avery Hall |
| 10:20 to 10:35 a.m. | Break |
| 10:35 to 11:55 a.m. | Session II (Panels 3-5)  
Avery Hall  
Lunch and Keynote Address: “Learning to Do Social Justice with Youth of Color through YA Literature, Critical Race Theory, and YPAR”  
**Dr. Elizabeth Sybil Durand (12:30-1:30 p.m.)**  
Chinook Student Center |
| 1:40 to 3:00 p.m. | Session III (Faculty-led Workshop and Panel 6)  
Avery Hall |
| 3:00 to 3:15 p.m. | Break |
| 3:15 to 4:35 p.m. | Session IV (Panels 7-8)  
Avery Hall |
| 4:35 to 5:00 p.m. | Break (Snacks provided)  
Chinook Student Center |
| 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. | Fireside Chat: “Doing Social Justice in Academia”  
**Dr. Plemons, Dr. Durand, and Dr. Boyd**  
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**Community Event**

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**Description:** To kick-off our conference, Dr. Anna Plemons will be giving a keynote address following a screening of *College Behind Bars* at the Neill Public Library. *College Behind Bars* is a four-part series by filmmaker Lynn Novick, which explores the Bard Prison Initiative (BPI), one of the most rigorous college programs in the U.S. Dr. Plemons, who holds a teaching position in the California Arts in Corrections Program, will facilitate a conversation and Q&A with attendees following the screening of a portion of the series. As an interdisciplinary and community engaged program, we encourage all disciplines, interests, and perspectives to come learn more and discuss education in incarcerated contexts.

Refreshments will be provided.

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Saturday, March 7th, 2020

7:30 to 8:45 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast  
Chinook 150

9:00 – 10:20 a.m.  Session I

Panel #1  Pushing Boundaries: Doing Social Justice in Gender and Sexuality Studies
Bundy  
Moderator: Sandte Stanley  Respondent: Gayle O’Hara, MLIS  
[she/her/hers]  [she/her/hers]

“Coming Out: An Exploration of Alienation in Kristiana Kahakauwila’s ‘The Old Paniolo Way’”
Aidan Barger [he/him/his], WSU Student

“Fantasy, Fiction, or Facts: Are social roles just a fairy tale?”
Nick Koenis [he/him/his], WSU PhD Student

“The Popularization of Pole Dancing and Its Impact on Exotic Dancers”
Olivia Davis [she/her/hers], WSU Student

Panel #2  Theorizing Social Justice: Community Complexity in Space and Place
Avery 106  
Moderator: Aleksey Reshetnikov  Respondent: Dr. Amir Gilmore  
[he/him/his]

“Towards an Oceanic Critical Race Theory”
Jeremiah C. Sataraka [he/him/his], WSU PhD Candidate

“Reading and Teaching the Eviction Ecology”
MiSun Bishop [she/her/hers], UW MA Student

“Exploring academic dishonesty in the context of high-stakes testing”
Tarid Wongvorachan [he/him/his], WSU MA Student
10:20 to 10:35 a.m.  Break

10:35 to 11:55 a.m.  Session II

Panel #3  Social and Environmental Exploitation: Doing Social Justice at the Intersections
Avery 104  Moderator: Michelle Weston  Respondent: Dr. Linda Russo
[she/her/hers]  [she/her/hers]

“‘Victorian Values’ in Contemporary Discourses of the Poor”
Chelsea Ratzlaff [she/her/hers], WSU MA Student

“A Seat at the Table: Supporting CAMP Students and Rejecting White Veganism”
Mitzi Ali Ceballos [she/her/hers], WSU MA Student

“Morality with Morels: What Mushroom Foraging Can Teach Us About Social and Eco-Justice”
Emma McMain [she/her/hers], WSU PhD Student
Kaleb Bass [he/him/his], U of I MFA Student

Panel #4  Digital Rhetorics: Social Justice Media Across Global Contexts
Avery 106  Moderator: Elle Fournier  Respondent: Dr. Roger Whitson
[she/her/hers]  [he/him/his]

“Conjuring Beauty: The Fashion Model in India”
Arpita Sinha [she/her/hers], WSU PhD Student

“At least I’m not THAT fat: The Conflicting Rhetorics of Body Positivity Profiles on Instagram”
Wyn Andrews Richards [she/her/hers], WSU PhD Student

“Speaking Algorithmically: Framing Algorithms as Speakers to Recognize and Combat Hegemonic Structures in Digital Spaces”
Lacy Hope [she/her/hers], WSU PhD Candidate
Panel #5  Strategic Interventions for Social Justice Practice

Moderator: Jeremiah Sataraka  
Respondent: Dr. Melissa Nicolas  
[he/him/his]  [she/her/hers]

“Cultural Inclusion through Diverse Communication Techniques: Storytelling as Resistance”
Julian Ankney [she/her/hers], WSU MA Student

“Cultivating Critical Consciousness in the Classroom: Teaching rhetoric and composition in the social justice age”
Edrees (Edd) Nawabi [he/him/his], WSU PhD Candidate

“Diverse Parents’ Perspectives and Roles in Supports for Children with Challenging Behavior”
Kathryn Sheridan Stiefel [she/her/hers], WSU Grad Student

“Raise a Glass to Freedom (from Publishers)!: Reversing the Whitewashing of Psychology Using OERtxtbooks”
Amy Nusbaum [she/her/hers], WSU PhD Candidate

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.  Lunch and Keynote Address: “Learning to Do Social Justice with Youth of Color through YA Literature, Critical Race Theory, and YPAR”
Dr. Elizabeth Sybil Durand [she/her/hers], Assistant Professor of English Education, ASU

Description: This presentation will share approaches to doing social justice with youth by drawing on findings from a study with youth of color who participated in an after school Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) program that embedded young adult literature and critical race theory in its curriculum. Texts and discourses by authors and scholars of color can validate the experiences and perspectives of youth of color and, in turn, facilitate opportunities for youth to take social action.

1:40 to 3:00 p.m.  Session III

Faculty-led Workshop  “Planning for Social Justice: A Model for Moving to Action”
Bundy

Dr. Ashley Boyd [she/her/hers],  
Associate Professor of English Education, WSU
### Panel #6: Visual Culture and Social Justice: Performance and Art in Practice

*Chinook 150*

**Moderator:** Julian Ankney  
**Respondent:** Erica England, MLIS  
[she/her/hers]

**“Self-Published and Underground Comix Digitization”**  
**Elizabeth Biggs** [she/her/hers], WSU Student

**“Living Art as Thought Forms”**  
**Jaime Brooks** [she/her/hers], WSUV and Clark College Graduate

**“Diversity in gender in drag”**  
**Michael Ceffalo/Hashtag Adjective** [he/him/his out of drag; she/her/hers in drag], WSU Student

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**3:00 to 3:15 p.m.**  
**Break**

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### Panel #7: The Power of Praxis: The Role of Action in Conversations about Social Justice

*Bundy*

**Moderator:** Alana Inlow  
[they/them/theirs]

**Respondent:** Dr. Pamela Thoma  
[she/her/hers]

**“Challenging Mass Incarceration in Place and Praxis”**  
**Nicklaus McHendry** [they/them/he/him], WSU Student

**“Radical Reading: Bringing Black Lives Matter and important discussions of race to the classroom through literature”**  
**Alexis Wolf** [she/her/hers], WSU Student

**“The Ability to Take Action: Making Demonstrations Accessible for People with Disabilities”**  
**Kaitlin Yeomans** [she/her/hers], U of Oregon MA Student

**“PLANTIFA: Antifascist Guerilla Gardening as Revolutionary Community Praxis versus Climate Change and Eco-Fascism”**  
**Brandon Edwards-Shuth** [he/him/they/them], WSU PhD Student  
**Marco Cerqueira** [he/him/his], WSU PhD Student
Panel #8  Queering Canons: Reexamining Space and Place in the Academic Context
Avery 106  Moderator: Leah Wilson  Respondent: Dr. Matthew Jeffries
[she/her/hers]  [he/him/his]

“Queer Culture: Reclamation and Defense of Queer Space”
Brandon Cockburn [he/him/his], WSU PhD Student

“Tokyo Godfathers: Animation and the Morphic Body as Metaphor for Class and Queer Futurity”
Sitara Gonzalez [she/her/hers], WSU PhD Student

“True Crime: Jack the Ripper, The Black Dahlia, and the Failure of the True Crime Obsession”
Caitlin Flaws [she/her/hers], WSU MA Student

“A Critical Approach to the Canon: Applying Culturally Relevant Methods to the Classics”
Lindsey Shannon [she/her/hers], WSU Student

4:35 to 5:00 p.m.  Break  (Snacks Provided)
Chinook 150

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.  Fireside Chat on “Doing Social Justice in Academia”
Chinook 150  Dr. Durand, Dr. Plemons and Dr. Boyd

After the Conference Festivities come to a close, please join the Conference Organizers and Keynotes at Paradise Creek in downtown Pullman (245 SE Paradise St) for food and drinks @ 7:00 p.m. Paradise has graciously agreed to provide a 10% discount for conference attendees!

THANK YOU and SAFE TRAVELS!