LET'S WELCOME FALL!

GSS NEWSLETTER

October 2026

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."
– Alice Walker

A MESSAGE FROM DR. PORTER

The Gender & Sexuality Studies (GSS) Program warmly invites you to our Coming Out Day Kickoff Event on Tuesday, featuring anthropologist Nolan Klein, who will share insights from his research and engage in conversation with attendees. As we celebrate visibility, authenticity, and the power of community, this event offers an opportunity to reflect on the importance of self-expression and belonging.

Please see the attached flyer for additional details. The event will take place on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in the SSC Activities Room North. We hope you will join us for this engaging discussion and celebration as we kick off Coming Out Day programming.
We look forward to seeing you there!

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF TIM CURRY

PRESENTED BY THE LGBTQ CENTER

COMING OUT WEEK

OCTOBER 5-11

DON´T DREAM IT! BE IT!

WEEK FULL OF EVENTS AND FUN

LGBTQ Student Center
University of Miami

TIMELINE OF EVENTS...

GET FREE GOODIES AND FOOD!

Tue
OCT 6

COMING OUT WEEK KICK-OFF

Alive and Thriving: Coming out While building a movement under challenging times

3PM - 5PM SHALALA ACTIVITES ROOM

Wed
OCT 9

COMING OUT DAY TABLING FAIR

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM CANOPY AND BREEZEWAY

STAY TUNED FOR THE REVEAL OF OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS...

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GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES

COMING OUT WEEK KICKOFF 2026

ALIVE AND THRIVING:

Coming out while building a movement under challenging times.

Nolan Kline is an Associate Professor at UCF whose work bridges public health research, community engagement, and social justice.

- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Mentoring
- Advancing health equity



SPEAKER:

NOLAN KLINE

OCTOBER 6TH, 3-5 PM

SSC ACTIVITIES ROOM NORTH.

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Keshet קשת
For LGBTQ+ equality in Jewish life

PRIDE EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE

Join Keshet in getting out the vote!

Together, we will learn about the current LGBTQ+ landscape and why elections matter.
We will write nonpartisan letters to remind voters about the upcoming midterm elections.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH | 6:30 PM - 8 PM

Building 6:
Members: Free | Guests: $5

www.alperjcc.org/adultprograms

11155 SW 112 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33176
For more information, please contact jsimon@alperjcc.org

GREATER MIAMI JEWISH FEDERATION

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CENTER for the HUMANITIES

Books & Books

BOOK TALK

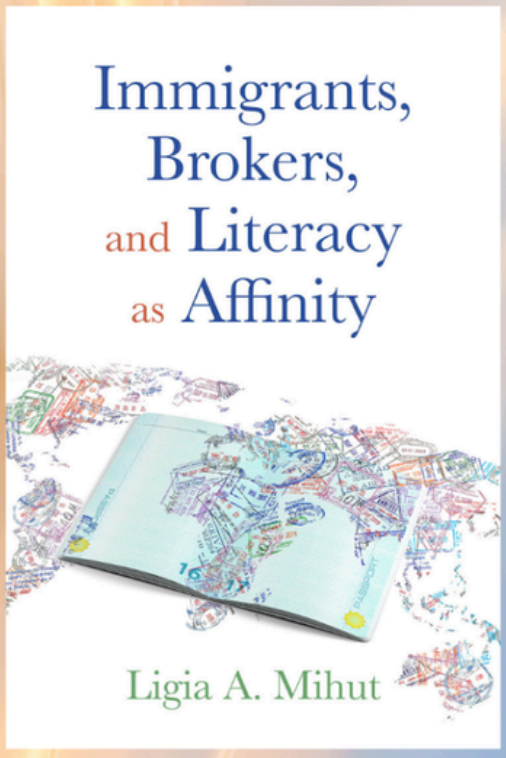


Ligia A. Mihut
Associate Professor
Writing Studies

Monday, October 12, 2026
@ 6:30pm

Books & Books
265 Aragon Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida

humanities.miami.edu



FLORIDA FEMINIST
FRIDAYS PRESENTS:

PRESERVING LGBTQ+ HISTORY THOUGH FILM: A CONVERSATION WITH BETSY KALIN

Friday, October 16th
10am-11:30am







Filmmaker Betsy Kalin's documentaries focus on social justice, community building, and the importance of preserving LGBTQ+ history. She addresses the ethical considerations in documentary creation by forming partnerships and collaborations with her participants. Betsy will show her award-winning documentary Lesbians in Boystown and discuss her latest documentary Sister Koochie Koo. Both films feature LGBTQ+ people who are generously sharing their lives in the hopes of transforming our world. Following the screening, Betsy will discuss her research process, creative and ethical approaches, and documentary impact strategies.

Lesbians in Boystown reveals the forgotten history of lesbians and queer women in West Hollywood, the first "gay city" in the U.S. Sister Koochie Koo follows the first CIS woman to join the Orlando Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence as she fights for LGBTQ+ rights and social justice.

Betsy Kalin is an award-winning director/producer at Itchy Bee Productions (www.itchybeeproductions.com/) and an Assistant Professor in Film at the University of Central Florida.

Zoom ID: 875 3123 5826

PFLAG MIAMI

PARENTING with PRIDE

CORAL GABLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

LGBTQ Student Center University of Miami

presents

EXCLUSIVE MIAMI SCREENING



Join us for a special screening of The Dads, an award-winning documentary that celebrates the powerful role fathers play in supporting and affirming their LGBTQ+ children. Through heartfelt stories, the film explores love, acceptance, and the profound impact family support has on the lives of LGBTQ+ young people.

WHO:

Everyone is welcome! We invite students and young adults, parents, caregivers, educators, community members, and allies to join us for an evening of conversation and connection.

WHERE:

UM Cosford Cinema
5030 Brunson Dr.
Coral Gables

WHEN:

Nov. 19, 2026
4:30 pm

Register HERE

Refreshments provided by Coral Gables UCC & UM Dept of Anthropology & GSS Program

In partnership with

EQUALITY FLORIDA

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HEY FALL 26 GRADUATES!

REGISTER TO RECEIVE YOUR RAINBOW HONOR CORDS AT THE LGBTQ+ ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECOGNITION RECEPTION



THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 12, 2026
6PM - 8PM
THE KISLACK CENTER

LGBTQ
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HOW TO NETWORK LIKE A PRO

FIRST 30 TO RSVP + ATTEND GET A FREE CAS LAPTOP SLEEVE/ORGANIZER

YOUR FUTURE STARTS WITH A CONVERSATION...

Key Takeaways

- START CONVERSATIONS WITH CONFIDENCE
- CRAFT YOUR 30- SECOND ELEVATOR PITCH
- AI-POWERED NETWORKING TIPS
- BUILD & FOLLOW UP ON AUTHENTIC CONNECTIONS

PREPARE FOR THE **SPEED NETWORKING** EVENT IN FEBRUARY **2027!**

DATE: 09/29

TIME: 4PM - 5PM

LOCATION: ASHE 140

JOIN US FOR DONUTS & EARN POINTS TOWARDS CANE COMMITMENT BADGES!

Don't forget your laptop!
Interactive activity included.

Scan to RSVP!

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TOPPEL CAREER CENTER



IMISCOE

United for Human Rights and Global Equity

24th Annual Conference
Brussels and online
6-9 July 2027

VUB VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL

BRISPO BRUSSELS INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND POPULATION STUDIES

BIRMM BRUSSELS INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTRE FOR MIGRATION & MINORITIES

Call for Papers
Deadline for submissions: 28/09/2026

Human rights are grounded in the claim of universality: that all humans inherently entitled to dignity, protection, justice and fundamental freedoms. both historically and in the present, the category of the 'human' has b unevenly constructed and selectively applied. While human rights framew have provided important legal, institutional, and political tools for advan protection and justice, they have also emerged through historically une trajectories, often shaped by Eurocentric assumptions and limited engagem with colonial realities. Migrants and minorities – particularly those who undocumented, racialised, displaced, or come from formerly colonised contex have frequently been excluded from full recognition within these frameworks the same time, contemporary attacks on rights protections in areas such asylum, deportation, family reunification, and mobility governance raise pres concerns about the erosion of established safeguards. Across the globe, migra is increasingly shaped by tightening border regimes, selective mobility polic and the persistence of racialised and socio-economic hierarchies.

The 2027 IMISCOE Annual Conference, United for Human Rights and Global Eq invites critical and interdisciplinary engagement with these tensions. The ev seeks to examine how migration and racism intersect with broader structure inequality, including colonial legacies, capitalism, and geopolitical asymmet Migration is not only about movement across borders; it is a key arena in wh inclusion, exclusion, and belonging are negotiated and institutionalised. encourage contributions that examine how legal, political, and social framew shape access to human rights for migrants and their descendants, as well as migration and racial regimes undermine, redefine or contest these rights.

Particular attention will be given to the conceptual and empirical limits of exis human rights practices: Under what conditions are people recognised as rig bearing subjects? How has the 'human' in human rights been conceptualised time and how has dehumanisation been resisted? How do we 'unite' in solida for human rights across geographical, racial, class, gender and sexualities divi How do legal and policy regimes enable, constrain, or transform access to rig In what ways might rights-based approaches obscure underlying inequalities, where do they offer tools for contestation and change?

The conference aims to foster dialogue across disciplines, methodolog perspectives, communities, and regions. It seeks to encourage exchange betw academic research, policy debates and practice-based perspectives, inclu those of practitioners, civil society actors, and communities directly affecte migration and inequality. By centring inequality, racism, power, and resistanc seeks to advance a more critical and inclusive understanding of human rights to contribute to collective efforts toward global equity.

For the 24th IMISCOE Annual Conference in Brussels, we invite submission Individual Paper, Workshop, and Panel Proposals that critically examine changing conditions of human rights for migrants and their descenda worldwide, including both the limitations of existing frameworks contemporary challenges to rights protections. Contributions may ad theoretical, empirical, or methodological approaches and may focus on geographical context. Panels and workshops should be either fully in-person (all participants at the venue) or fully online (with participants joining remotely very limited number of hybrid panels (up to a maximum of 5 sessions per t slot) could potentially be accommodated in exceptional circumstances (he issues, visa restrictions, special care needs), when duly justified and notifie the IMISCOE Network Office prior to the finalisation of the registration proc Submissions for contributions are open from the 29th of June 2026.

Spring Break Field School in the Dominican Republic
Spring Semester 2027

Field Studies in Anthropology (FLD STU IN ANTH APY 502/GSS 370)

Research













About this Course: Field Studies in Anthropology (FLD STU IN ANTH APY 502-Q2, 4498/GSS 370) introduces students to ethnographic research methods through hands-on learning focused on culture, tourism, work, and environmental sustainability. **The course features Spring Break field research at an ecological research and tourism center in the Dominican Republic**, where students will conduct ethnography.

This course requires permission from the instructor to enroll. Please email Dr. O-Porter: cxo185@miami.edu

PROFESSOR BRENNA MUNRO

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TRANSGENDER NARRATIVES

GSS 305/ ENG 395

Gender-expansive people have become the intense focus of contemporary politics. To make sense of this historical development, we will analyze rhetoric from a variety of political locations, discuss film and TV representation, look at children's books and guides for parents, examine journalism on trans youth healthcare, and attend to what gender diverse people themselves have to say, through poems, essays, polemics, a novel and a memoir.

M/W/F 10.10-11, SPRING 2027

[redacted]

The Michele Bowman Underwood Department of Modern Languages and Literatures Presents:

Luso-Afro Brazilian Movie Series

Great Brazilian Music(ians)

Rita Lee: Mania de Você

Sept. 30th - 5pm

Merrick 210.02



Latin Blood: The Ballad of Ney Matogrosso

Oct. 20th - 6:30pm

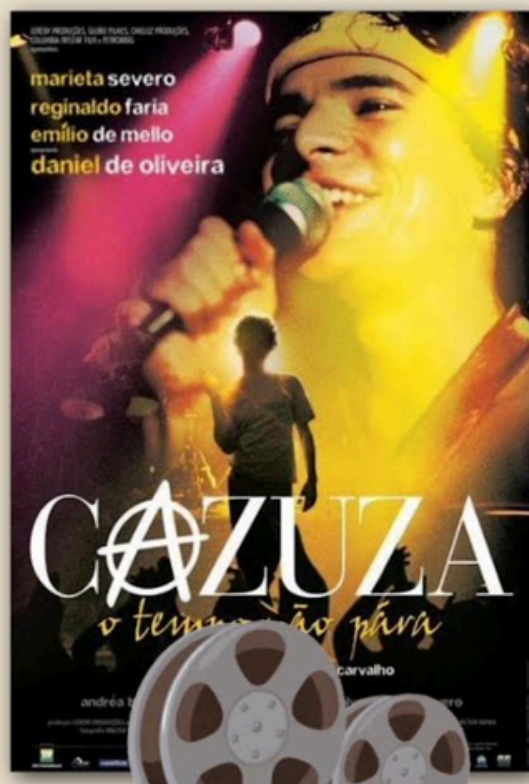
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Cazuza: Time Doesn't Stop

Nov 18th - 5pm

Merrick 210.02



All films have subtitles in English

Food and drinks provided



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ARE YOU CONTEMPLATING LAW SCHOOL, MEDICAL SCHOOL, OR NURSING AND INTERESTED IN LGBTQ STUDIES?

Apply for an LGBTQ STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP!

Gender and Sexuality Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences have five scholarships of up to $10,000 each for students intending to pursue a minor in LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Studies.

To be eligible for these scholarships:

- applicants must be UM students in good academic standing
- have financial need
- minor or intend to minor in LGBTQ Studies (Gender and Sexuality Studies majors with significant LGBTQ-related course work count here)
- intend to participate in a pre-law, pre-med, pre-nursing program, *or other approved field*.

To apply, students must submit an online application form that can be found here: https://umcas.wufoo.com/forms/lgbtq-studies-scholarship-application/

The application is due Friday, October 30, 2026. Please direct any further questions to Claire Oueslati-Porter at cxo185@miami.edu.

The LGBTQ Studies Minor at the University of Miami

The LGBTQ Studies minor is designed to allow students to explore sexuality and sexual minorities from a variety of perspectives. The minor will provide students with an introduction to a broad array of LGBTQ issues, including visual and performing arts, literature, languages, history, social science, various theories, public policy and the law, families and other types of intimate relationships, crime, popular culture, and LGBTQ identities and communities. This widely interdisciplinary field addresses work in a broad range of scholarly disciplines, including biological and cultural studies, literature and anthropology, the health sciences, history, and the visual arts. It ranges from archival research to the elaboration of queer theory, from the analysis of constitutional law to questions of public health, from the study of popular culture to investigations into the development and social construction of sexual identity.

A minor in LGBTQ Studies consists of at least 15 credits in LGBTQ Studies courses (requirements, core, and combined courses). All minors must complete GSS 201: *Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies* and GSS 202: *Introduction to LGBTQ Studies*. The remaining course work must include at least 9 credit hours at the 300 level or above in LGBTQ-themed courses and no more than 6 credit hours in any one department or program.



SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!





Coming Up

STAY TUNED FOR MORE EVENTS & NEWS NEXT WEEK!

Free Resource

LGBTQ STUDENT CENTER

Located on the second floor of the LC
Open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.