

Gender Studies Workshop (Co-Ed)

June – July 2020

Given the cancellation of summer programs, and the requests we've had from boys about joining the Women-in-Action (WIA) program, we are offering a summer Gender Studies Workshop starting in June. This is a small group (4-8 students), highly interactive seminar introducing both boys and girls to the subject of gender studies and feminist theories through a social justice framework.

The workshop includes topics such as: the birth of Chinese feminism and its relationship to global feminisms, intersectionality, reproductive rights, the social construction of the gender binary, LGBTQ+ rights, sexual harassment and assault, gender representations in pop culture, body positivity, feminist art, media literacy, “allyship”, and methods of taking action for equal rights in your own community.

Students meet 1x/week for 1.5 hours and have 1 hour of outside reading/writing each week to prepare for class. Students will develop critical thinking skills, improve English-language discussion, and develop new creative methods for communication through a final capstone project (e.g., blogging, film, podcasts), which will be uploaded to our course blog and can be shared as a link in their college applications.

INSTRUCTORS (varies by cohort):

Mica Le John (*she/her*) is a writer, educator, and activist who uses an intersectional lens to explore the relationships between gender, education, art and social justice. She has taught across North America, including at The New School (NYC), Art City (Toronto), and the Built by Girls' Wave program (Los Angeles).

BS, The New School

Certificate in Design Management, **Ryerson University (Canada)**

Angela Tilley-Ruiz (*she/her/they/their*) is a student-centered professional who advocates for access, equity, and inclusion. She earned her master's degree in Applied Women's Studies with a concentration in Higher Education, focusing on media literacy and body-positivity through a social justice lens. Her past experience includes working for Pitzer College in the Office of Admission and serving as the Assistant Director of Career Services and Internships at Mount Saint Mary's University in Los Angeles. She has worked with the Geena Davis Institute on Gender and Media, and volunteered with the Feminist Majority Foundation, LGBTQ Resource Center, Latinx Student Union, Black Lives Matter, and the Community Engagement Center.

BA, California State University – Dominguez Hills

MA, Claremont Graduate University

Amy Chou (*she/her*) has over a decade of experience building people power through social justice philanthropy, capacity building, youth development and leadership, and advocacy. Most recently, Amy was the Hive NYC Fund Specialist at the Mozilla Foundation where she launched a pilot fund to support creative, innovative, and equitable digital media learning opportunities for youth in New York City. Prior to Mozilla, Amy was the Senior Program Officer at The New York Women's Foundation where she managed a portfolio of emerging, grassroots organizations working across areas of economic security; anti-violence and safety; and health, sexual rights and reproductive justice.

BA, Harvard University

MPA, New York University (NYU)

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