

The Hive for Feminist Research at St. Francis Xavier University Lecture Series

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of the Hive for Feminist Research Lecture Series is to celebrate and recognize the full range of feminist research at St. Francis Xavier University.

Description

The Hive for Feminist Research Lecture Series will feature a lecture showcasing feminist research at St. Francis Xavier University during the last week of September. Feminist research is defined broadly as a type of inquiry that is concerned with understanding relations of power, particularly those based on gender as it intersects with race, class, sexuality, and ability. Feminist research occurs in disciplinary and interdisciplinary contexts, and deploys a wide range of theoretical and methodological approaches.

The selection committee will be elected by the University Faculty, and will seek nominations by March 31, with the goal of securing the speaker by April 30 for the coming fall. The committee will seek nominations for the lecture series based on a three-year cycle, in order to ensure a fair distribution that recognizes the diversity of feminist research at St. Francis Xavier University:

- Year One: Arts/Science/Library
- Year Two: Business/Education
- Year Three: Coady

Committee composition

The University Faculty will elect the committee during a fall meeting. Committee members will be expected to serve a three-year term. The committee will be comprised of six members, and every attempt will be made to achieve the following distribution:

- one member from the Coady International Institute,
- one member from the Faculty of Arts,
- one member from the Faculty of Business,
- one member from the Faculty of Education,
- one member from the Faculty of Science, and
- one member from the Angus L. MacDonald Library.

In addition, the Women's and Gender Studies Student Society will elect one student member.

Selection process

The committee shall solicit and consider all nominations primarily based on the three-year rotation, as well as the definition of feminist research outlined in the description above. The committee will be mindful of achieving a balance of early career, mid-career, and established scholars over the years. Some factors that may also be considered include relevance to local, national, or international feminist discourse; upcoming major publications; and other demonstrations of the possibility for the lecture to have a significant impact.