Call for Participation

Gendered Rights to the City:
Intersections of Identity & Power

April 19-20, 2015

Feminist Geography Conference
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
(Pre-AAG IGU Gender & Geography Commission Conference)

You are invited to submit proposals for papers, panels, and other types of presentations to this feminist geography conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This two-day pre-conference to the Association of American Geographers (AAG) annual meeting in Chicago will host scholars, activists, students and faculty from around the world to share their research, pedagogy, activism, and other topics in an informal and stimulating environment.

The theme of the conference, gendered rights to the city, will promote exploration of gender, difference, and power relations in contemporary and historical landscapes. Topics for papers and panel sessions will focus on the intersections of gender, identity, and power across diverse and contested spaces including urban as well as other spaces. We invite participation in a broad range of formats that will enhance opportunities to engage across topics and people from various geographic regions, career stages, and theoretical frameworks.

The conference is located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a racially, ethnically, and religiously diverse city with a rich immigrant and industrial history shaped by labor activism and socialist politics. The only US city with a socialist metropolitan government for over 40 years in the early 20th Century, Milwaukee is a well-known site of radical labor movements and continues to be an immigrant destination. Since the 1970s, this urban landscape has been dramatically reworked by deindustrialization and suburbanization, processes that have contributed to deep urban inequality and racial segregation. More recently, the city has been at the center of notorious union assaults and contentious politics of neoliberalization. These dynamics have profoundly shaped gender identities and women’s activism in the city.

Deadline for submission of proposals: January 19, 2015

Possible themes for papers and panels:

- Community research and activism
- Gender, power, and difference
- Intersectionality
- Gendered health and the city
- Unbounding the city: rural-urban connections
- Gender and social justice
- Professional development & mentoring
- Feminist pedagogies

Tentative schedule:
Registration – Sunday, April 19 (1-7 p.m.)
Paper sessions and keynote panel on Sunday, April 19
Papers and panels on Monday a.m., April 20
Fieldtrip on Monday p.m., April 20
Depart for AAG in Chicago, Tues. a.m., April 21

See conference website for details on registration and paper submissions: http://uwm.edu/igu-gender2015/

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IGU Commission on Gender and Geography, Geographic Perspectives on Women AAG Specialty Group, and the Department of Geography at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee