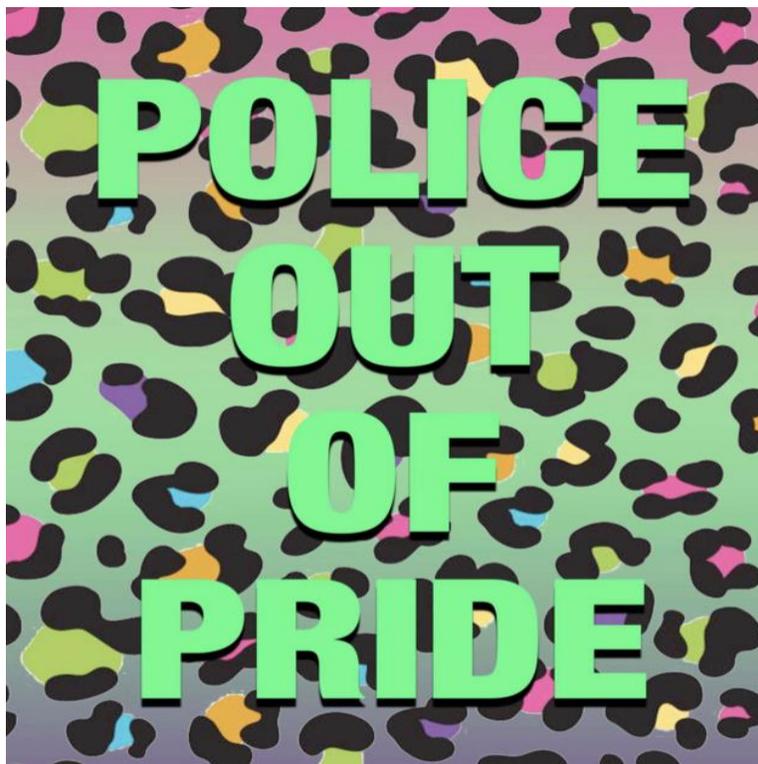


CFP: Inqueery Symposium 2021

Organized by the Program in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) and Gender Identity/Expression and Sexual Orientation Resource Center (GIESORC)

What do the struggles around gender and sexual justice have to do with prison abolition? Why have recent organizers of Pride events across the nation called for the banning of police and law enforcement from parades? This year's Inqueery Symposium continues last year's preoccupation with the queer and feminist politics of abolition. If "queer" as a political and theoretical framework denaturalizes taken for granted categories of "universal" and "normal," abolitionist critique asks us to take seriously the claim that prisons and policing are not inevitable or "natural"—that we can imagine systems of accountability and enact forms of mutual aid that contravene racist carceral investments in punishment. What might it mean to queer or abolish understandings of "safety," "crime," and "security"? What role do queer and feminist politics play in challenging what Eric Stanley calls, the "law and order" fantasies of a punitive state?



Abstracts for presentation can address **any** aspect of queer/feminist social justice issues (and need not be restricted to the theme of abolition). Papers could address (but need not be limited to) the following topics:

- LGBTQ criminalization
- Black feminism and abolitionist politics
- Queer representations in media and popular culture

- Queer and feminist critiques of neoliberalism
- Queer and abolitionist critiques of militarization
- Intersections of indigenous and queer critique.
- Disability justice
- Mutual Aid Projects and abolition
- Critiques of law and social constructions of crime
- Politics of redistribution (from prisons, policing, militarization to healthcare, education, and housing)
- Abolitionist/anti-carceral responses to domestic violence and sexual harassment
- Queer and feminist challenges to rhetorics of safety and protection
- Queering discourses of “looting” and private property

Please send abstracts of 250-words and titles for 10-15 minute presentations to Nishant Shahani (nshahani3@wsu.edu) or Matthew Jefferies (matthew.jeffries@wsu.edu) by September 25th. **Inqueery will take place on Tuesday, October 19th at 4 pm via Zoom.**

The keynote speaker for this year’s Inqueery Symposium will be Dr. Emily Thuma, author of *All our Trials: Prisons, Policing, and the Feminist Fight to End Violence*. Dr. Thuma’s presentation is entitled, “The Queer Politics of Abolitionist Feminism.”