

Connecting Trans and Reproductive Justice

CFP: InQueery Symposium 2022

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This year's InQueery symposium explores the vital connections between trans and reproductive justice political frameworks. The criminalization of abortion access and gender-affirming treatments (for trans children particularly) are enmeshed ideologically, but more crucially, they are connected materially. The attacks on these forms of essential healthcare have virulently mobilized various technologies of the state: family protective services, the weaponization of parental rights, authoritarian legislation, education and House bills, and a variety of restrictions on mobility to cross state lines. These legal and political contexts have not emerged only recently: they have long and violent histories that jeopardize the even distribution of life chances. This year's symposium seeks to unpack the history of overlapping crises that mark our present moment in order to imagine and enact alternatives for more just and equitable futures.



InQueery calls for student papers, both undergraduate and graduate, that address the dreaming projects that lie at the foundations of queerness and feminist visions of transformation. Papers could address (but need not be limited to) the following topics:

- Attacks on reproductive justice and trans/gender affirming healthcare
- Impacts of abortion bans on womxn of color, immigrants, incarcerated people, and children
- Abortion as vital healthcare
- Feminist, queer, and transgender health activism and organizing--locally, regionally, nationally, and transnationally
- Trans representations in media and popular culture
- Challenges to discourses on "grooming"
- Connections between attacks on critical race theory and reproductive justice
- Politics of redistribution (from prisons, policing, militarization to healthcare, education, and housing)

- Queer and feminist critiques of neoliberalism and surveillance
- Abolitionist/anti-carceral responses to domestic/intimate partner violence and sexual harassment
- LGBTQ criminalization; criminalization of abortion and gender affirming healthcare providers
- Queer and feminist challenges to rhetorics of safety and protection

Please send abstracts of 250-words and titles to wsu.wgss@wsu.edu and matthew.jeffries@wsu.edu by September 25th. InQueery will take place on Wednesday, October 19th at 4 pm via Zoom. Associate Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University and author of *Histories of the Transgender Child*, keynote speaker Jules Gill-Peterson will present “DIY Lessons in Freedom: Tracing Histories of Abortion and Transition.”