WGSS Art and Essay Contest
DEADLINE March 1

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program @BGSU is hosting an Undergraduate and Graduate Research and Creative Virtual Symposium March 13-16th, 2023 in honor of Women's History Month.

Help us celebrate Women's History Month by submitting a personal or scholarly essay or art/creative project that speaks to the diverse experiences of *all* women and nonbinary people. Your entry will be entered into our contest for cash prizes. All entries will be considered for presentation at the virtual symposium.

Submissions in any literary and artistic form are welcome; personal essays, photo essays, collage, and/or academic work is encouraged. All topics related to the field of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies are welcome.

The first 20 qualifying submissions will each receive $20 so get your submissions in fast!!

Judging Process and Awards:

A subcommittee of WGSS faculty will select the three undergraduate and three graduate prize winners in each category (creative and research). Winners will be notified after the selection process is complete. First prize is $150, Second prize is $100, Third Prize is $75.

All submissions must include a short (1-2 minute) summary video of the work for public display online at our "Virtual Symposium." The public will be able to vote for their favorite work at this public symposium and submit comments/feedback to students. The winners of the Undergraduate Student People's Choice Public Scholarship Award and the Graduate Student People's Choice Public Scholarship Award will each win $300.

Guidelines for Undergraduate Research Submissions:
- be the work of a BGSU undergraduate student;
- be solely the work of the author(s);
- be between 4-6 pages long for an essay; a PowerPoint or similar presentation should be about 4-6 minutes to view/read; and
- conform to MLA, Chicago or APA research documentation guidelines.
- Submission must also include a 1-2 minute video (YouTube link) for the People's Choice Public Scholarship portion of the competition that will be placed on a public website and voted on by the public. This video must include voice narration (can be any voice) and be captioned (for Deaf viewers). Your name and image do not need to be included on this portion of the submission (but can be included if you want). This video should 1) explain where the idea for the project came from, 2) what the

project is, 3) major findings (as relevant), 4) explain why the project is important (e.g., what goals does it address), and 5) include a visual sample as appropriate. [Submit here!](#)

Guidelines for Undergraduate Creative Submissions:
- be solely the work of the author(s);
- include picture(s)/video of the art/creative project
- include an "Artist Statement" explaining the submission
- conform to MLA, Chicago or APA research documentation guidelines.
- Submission must also include a 1-2 minute video (YouTube link) for the People's Choice Public Scholarship portion of the competition that will be placed on a public website and voted on by the public. This video must include voice narration (can be any voice) and be captioned (for Deaf viewers). Your name and image do not need to be included on this portion of the submission (but can be included if you want). This video should 1) explain where the idea for the project came from, 2) what the project is, 3) major findings (as relevant), 4) explain why the project is important (e.g., what goals does it address), and 5) include a visual sample as appropriate. [Submit here!](#)

Guidelines for Graduate Research/Essay Submissions:
- be composed by a BGSU graduate student;
- be solely the work of the author(s);
- be a conference length paper (e.g. 8-10) or seminar length paper (12-25 pages); alternative modes of presentation are acceptable; and
- conform to MLA, Chicago, or APA research documentation guidelines.
- Submission must also include a 1-2 minute video (YouTube link) for the People's Choice Public Scholarship portion of the competition that will be placed on a public website and voted on by the public. This video must include voice narration (can be any voice) and be captioned (for Deaf viewers). Your name and image do not need to be included on this portion of the submission (but can be included if you want). This video should 1) explain where the idea for the project came from, 2) what the project is, 3) major findings (as relevant), 4) explain why the project is important (e.g., what goals does it address), and 5) include a visual sample as appropriate. [Submit here!](#)

Guidelines for Graduate Creative Submissions:
- be the work of a BGSU graduate student;
- be solely the work of the author(s);
- include picture(s)/video of the art/creative project
- include an "Artist Statement" explaining the submission
- conform to MLA, Chicago or APA research documentation guidelines.
- Submission must also include a 1-2 minute video (YouTube link) for the People's Choice Public Scholarship portion of the competition that will be placed on a public

website and voted on by the public. This video must include voice narration (can be any voice) and be captioned (for Deaf viewers). Your name and image do not need to be included on this portion of the submission (but can be included if you want). This video should 1) explain where the idea for the project came from, 2) what the project is, 3) major findings (as relevant), 4) explain why the project is important (e.g., what goals does it address), and 5) include a visual sample as appropriate. Submit here!

Suggestions/Tips for the People's Choice and Accessibility

- If you show visuals, be sure to also provide a brief audio description of the visual (for blind viewers)
- Stick to the basics, and be sure to explain the importance of your creative piece or research.
- Be excited and proud of your work!
- Have fun and be creative!

There are lots of free ways to add subtitles or captions to your video.
- Record on zoom with "live transcript" on. Share your screen to show slides or other media on your computer. Download video file and submit!
- Clideo.com allows you to upload video file and manually add captions (very easy) so no need for SRT files or other fancy transcription styles.
- https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2734796?hl=en
- https://www.freemake.com/blog/how-to-add-text-to-video-free/
- https://www.washington.edu/accessibility/videos/captions/

Questions about the contest should be directed to Dr. Sarah Rainey-Smithback, Director of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, sasarah@bgsu.edu