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CALL FOR PAPERS: Queering Paradigms III

State University of New York
SUNY - Oneonta

April 7-9, 2011

Following the success of the two international Queering Paradigms conferences, held in February 2009 at Canterbury Christ Church University, UK, and in April 2010 at The Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, AU, the Africana & Latino Studies & Philosophy Departments at SUNY - Oneonta are pleased to announce the 2011 conference, Queering Paradigms III. The aim of this conference is to examine the present reality and future challenges in Queer Studies from a broad, trans-disciplinary perspective, including queerries of the discourse and paradigms of the inter-discipline.

We invite:

- Challenges to existing theoretical frameworks
- Works engaging lgbtiq activism or community organizing by lgbti networks
- Papers which critique the relevance of concepts and paradigms applied to the global South which are drawn from the political economies and cultures of the global North, and are grounded in an examination of past and present social practices.
- Investigations of lgbtiq transnational studies, citizenship studies, and new diasporic studies which consider the production of contemporary citizen sexual subjects as connected to their histories of colonialism, neo-colonialism, and war.
- Critical queering of institutions - schools, universities, religious, military and non-governmental organizations - are equally welcome.

We invite presenters from disciplines as diverse as (and not confined to) Ethnic Studies, Fine Arts, History, Law, Linguistics, Literature, Media & Cultural Studies, Philosophy, Political Economy, Religious Studies, and Sociology in an exploration of lgbtiq social practices. As with QP I & II we use 'queer' to represent a borderless domain of disparate non-normative genders and sexualities that also "flags an affiliation with critical analytic approaches" as Ara Wilson (2006) describes, or a broad definition of 'queer' such as Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick's in her essay "Queer and Now":

... 'queer' can refer to: the open mesh of possibilities, gaps, overlaps, dissonances and resonances, lapses and excesses of meaning when constituent elements of anyone's gender, of anyone's sexuality aren't made (or can't be made) to signify monolithically.

'Queer' is therefore conceptualized as querying and challenging heteronormativity (or homonormativity) while recognizing that the term does not resonate globally as it emerged from Western experience.

Future Q P conferences are envisioned for venues in South America, Asia, and Africa.

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Papers and Panel proposals are invited on any area and aspect of Queer or lgbtiq Studies. The proposals will undergo a peer-review process; the proceedings of this conference will be prepared for peer-reviewed publication either a special issue journal or an edited volume.

Proposal abstract deadline: 1 January 2011

Deadline for completed papers: 1 March 2011

Proposals for individual papers should take the form of abstracts of not more than 250 words; panel proposals of less than 400 words should include both a panel rationale and paper abstracts.

All proposals or requests for further information should be sent by email before January 1, 2011 to: QP3@oneonta.edu.

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