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Distinguished Feminist Research Lecture ***“Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation in U.S. Asylum Law”***

Wednesday, November 18 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM

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Research on LGBTQ and cisgender heterosexual women’s asylum claims illuminates the inherent weakness of gender-based protections for all women. Cisgender males who identify as and/or are perceived as homosexual face fewer obstacles to gaining asylum on account of sexuality-based violence than cisgender or transgender women. Our ability to protect lesbians and transgender women requires us to argue that their persecution is not on account of their gender or gender-identity, but instead is due to perpetrators’ perception of their sexual orientation.



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Recipient of the 2019/2020 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Scholars & Society Fellowship, Dr. Gauderman’s research focuses on the construction of institutional authority in the early modern and modern periods in Iberia and Latin America and the creation of racial categories, gender norms, and sexuality. For the past ten years Dr. Gauderman has regularly served as an expert witness on gender-based, sexual, and gang violence and country conditions in Ecuador, Peru, and the Northern Triangle of Central America.