

PROGRAM
Marriage Equality in Advanced Industrialized Democracies

Friday, March 31:

9:00 – 10:45 am

Panel 1: Backlash to LGBT Rights, Far Right Parties, and Opposition Movements

Location: Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Schenley Lounge (1st floor)

Discussant: Dr. Ellen Andersen (University of Vermont)

1. Transnational Geographies of Intransigence: Interrogating Resistance to Marriage Equality in Advanced Industrialized Democracies

Paper Authors: Dr. Catherine Nash (Brock University), Dr. Andrew Gorman-Murray (University of Western Sydney), and Dr. Kath Browne (University of Brighton)

Paper Presenter: Dr. Catherine Nash (Brock University)

2. Post-Materialism in a Post-Marriage Equality World: Exploring the Resurgence of Rightwing Populist Parties in Europe

Paper Author: Dr. Scott Siegel (San Francisco State University)

3. The Fateful Faithful?: LGBTI Rights and the Growth of the Christian Right in the European Union

Paper Author: Martijn Mos (Cornell University)

4. “We Do Not Want Marriage. We Simply Want Acceptance:” Examining the Impact of Same-Sex Relationship Diffusion on LGBTI Rights in Sub-Saharan Africa

Paper Author: Erin Aylward (University of Toronto)

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Keynote Address by Dr. Scott Siegel (San Francisco State University): "Marriage Equality and Rightwing Populism in the EU: An Intimate Connection"

Location: Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Schenley Lounge (1st floor)

2:00 – 3:45 pm

Panel 2: Marriage Equality and LGBT Rights Activism

Location: Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Schenley Lounge (1st floor)

Discussant: Dr. Melissa R. Michelson (Menlo College)

1. Defining Marriage in Neutral Terms: How and Why Interest Groups Used Marriage to Challenge Stigmas Directed at Gay Men and Lesbians in the early 2000s

Paper Author: Dr. Zein Murib (Fordham University)

2. Marriage Equality and LGBT Activism: Exploring Multi-Issue Activism of Marriage Equality Protesters at the U.S. Supreme Court

Paper Author: Dr. Helma G. E. de Vries-Jordan (University of Pittsburgh at Bradford)

3. Beyond Marriage: The Missing Movement for Alternatives to Marriage in the U.S.

Paper Author: Dr. Mary Bernstein (University of Connecticut)

4. Trumping LGBTQ Rights?

Paper Author: Dr. Ellen Andersen (University of Vermont)

4:00 – 5:45 pm

Panel 3: International Organizations, International versus Domestic Law, and LGBT Rights

Location: Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Schenley Lounge (1st floor)

Discussant: Dr. Scott Siegel (San Francisco State University)

1. Critical States and Normative Contestation: Western States, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, and the UN Human Rights Council

Paper Author: Dr. M. Joel Voss (University of Toledo)

2. Far From Heaven: Marriage Equality as a (Non)issue in EU Foreign Relations

Paper Author: Dr. Markus Thiel (Florida International University)

3. Going to the Chapel: Determinants of Partnership Recognition Policies

Paper Author: Dr. Megan Osterbur (Xavier University of Louisiana)

4. Hegemonic Marriage: Lessons from the Collision of “Transformative” Same-Sex Marriage with Reactionary Tax Laws
Paper Author: Professor Anthony Infanti (University of Pittsburgh)

Saturday, April 1:

9:00 – 10:45 am

Panel 4: Attitudes Concerning Transgender Rights and Same-Sex Relationships

Location: Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Schenley Lounge (1st floor)

Discussant: Dr. Zein Murib (Fordham University)

1. Public Support for Transgender Rights in Twenty-three Countries: The Effects of Policy, LGBT Representatives, and Advocacy Infrastructure

Paper Author: Dr. Andrew Flores (Mills College)

2. Reducing Discomfort to Open Minds to Change on Transgender Rights

Paper Authors: Dr. Logan Casey (Harvard Opinion Research Center), Dr. Brian F. Harrison (Voters for Equality), and Dr. Melissa R. Michelson (Menlo College)

Paper Presenter: Dr. Melissa R. Michelson (Menlo College)

3. Sex, Gender, and Transgender: The Moderating Effect of Gender Identity

Paper Authors: Dr. Andrew R. Flores (Mills College), Dr. Donald P. Haider-Markel (University of Kansas), Dr. Daniel C. Lewis (Siena College), Dr. Patrick R. Miller (University of Kansas), Dr. Barry L. Tadlock (Ohio University), and Dr. Jami K. Taylor (University of Toledo)

Paper Presenter: Dr. Jami K. Taylor (University of Toledo)

4. Same-sex Relationships and Racial Preferences

Paper Authors: Professor Russell Robinson (University of California, Berkeley) and Dr. David M. Frost (University of Surrey)

Paper Presenter: Professor Russell Robinson (University of California, Berkeley)