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Gender Matters Conference at Governors State University

University Park, Illinois, March 14, 2011 – Governors State University will host Gender Matters, an academic conference highlighting research on gender, women, and sexuality, on Friday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The purpose of the day-long conference is to bring together students, activists, and researchers in the Chicagoland and Midwest regions to discuss the ongoing role of gender in structuring society. The conference will include 16 panel discussions and more than 50 paper presentations. The research presented spans academic disciplines and historical periods.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Karma Chávez, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Arts at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Conference contributors will present work on all matters of gender and, more specifically, work that explains how gender matters and continues to matter in society. Panel topics include "Cultural Links to Gender Activism," "Sporting Identities: From Flamingos to Garters," and "Applying Gender to Pedagogies."

Conference attendees must register by April 5. Discounted registration rates are available for students. The registration fee, ($25 for students, $40 other attendees) includes access to all conference proceedings, including paper and panel presentations, keynote address, continental breakfast, lunch, and post conference reception with cash bar.

The GSU Gender Matters Conference is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences. Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois.

For more information and registration, visit www.govst.edu/gendermatters or call (708) 235-7493.