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The Romantic Roots of Gender in the Anthropocene

Monday, 4 March, 2024 | 3:10pm-4:25pm

Rosenthal Library, Room 230

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Abstract: The social-scientific concept of "gender" is usually attributed to the medical research of John Money in the 1950s, but it actually has roots that stretch back to the 1840s to the now-discredited practice of phrenology. Trans historian and cultural theorist Susan Stryker shares new research on the origins of the "gender" concept to argue that, then as now, "gender" provides a framework for thinking not just about masculinity and femininity, but a broader set of concerns about sense of self, the experience of embodiment, relations with others and environments, and metaphysical beliefs about the nature of reality. These concerns usually run in the background of our awareness, but come to conscious attention in moments of deep sociopolitical transformation, as they did in the early stages of the industrial revolution, and as they do now amidst the multiple crises of the Anthropocene.



Dr. Susan Stryker (Ph.D. in US History, University of California-Berkeley, 1992) is a leading figure in academic field of transgender studies. She founding co-editor of the journal *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*, author of *Transgender History: The Roots of Today's Revolution*, and co-director/writer/producer of the Emmy Award-winning documentary film *Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton's Cafeteria*.

This is an in-person Keynote address, which will also be hosted as a webinar. Opening remarks will be given by President Frank Wu. This event is co-sponsored by the following programs and departments at Queens College: LGBTQIAA+ Programs, English, Comparative Literature, History, Media Studies, Special Collections & Archives, and the Graduate School of Library & Information Studies. Refreshments and free books available, while supplies last. For more information contact red.washburn@qc.cuny.edu or jc.carlson@qc.cuny.edu

