

THE QUEENS COLLEGE WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM  
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# Women & Gender Studies Presents a New Series: Lightning Talks



**Lightning Talks** will be 10-to-12-minute presentations by Queens College faculty and staff on topics across the disciplines that touch on women, gender, and sexuality studies. Each short presentation will be followed by 20 to 30 minutes of questions and discussion. A light lunch will be served, and people are welcome to stay and socialize after.

Faculty, staff, and students across the college are all welcome to attend! In Spring 2026, WGS presents four inaugural Lightning Talks!

**All talks begin at 12:15 pm in the President's Conference Room I (5th floor of the library).**

**Wednesday, February 25:** Glenn Burger, Distinguished Professor of English at Queens College and the Graduate Center, “‘What Kind of Man Are You?': Chaucer, the Matter of Woman, and Rape Culture in the *Canterbury Tales*.”

**Monday, March 16:** Edisa Weeks, Professor of Dance at Queens College, “The Promise of America: Performance Art and the Upholding of Life, Liberty and Happiness as Unalienable Rights.”

**Monday, April 20:** Caitlin Colban-Waldron and Scout Zabel, Archivists at the Queens College Special Collections and Archives, “Expanding Queens College's Civil Rights Legacy: Documenting Histories of Women's and Queer Liberation Groups in the 1970s.”

**Monday, May 11:** Melissa Lovitz, Lecturer of Human Development and Family Sciences at Queens College, “Sexuality is for Everyone: Understanding Neurodiversity and Sexuality.”

Are you interested in giving a Lightning Talk in a future semester?  
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