



The Consortium of Gender Scholars

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I. WELCOME NEW FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS!

The Consortium of Gender Scholars welcomes new scholars to campus and we look forward to an exciting academic year at NU! Do you study gender, women's issues, or other topics that have a gender component? If so, we would love for you to join the GenCon mailing list. The mailing list is a way to stay updated with our newsletter and special events we host. It's also a way to connect with other scholars at NU and in the region who study topics related to gender. You can [join our mailing list here](#).

For more information about GenCon, check out our [website](#) or email us (gencon@nu.edu.kz). **GenCon is Co-Directed by Drs. Anna CohenMiller (GSE) and Jenifer Lewis (GSB)**. Our current executive team is:

- Dr. Zumrad Kataeva (GSE), newsletters
- Joseph Yap (Library), archives
- Dr. Neil Collins (SHSS), grants
- Dr. Sejin Koo (SHSS), graduate student parent support group
- (Position open), research talks

We welcome others to join our team who are able to provide coordination and support for GenCon efforts. Some areas that we are interested in pursuing are mentoring, reading groups, writing workshops, etc.

II. GENCON RESEARCH TALKS - Fall 2019

GenCon hosts Research Talks throughout the semester. Research Talks are short, 20 minute, research presentations followed up open discussion. Join us for coffee and snacks (provided by the Office of the Provost), and interesting discussion on the topic of "Health Tourism in Historical Perspective: The Role of Gender." The talk will be given by Elliott Bowen (SHSS). If you're new to campus this is a great opportunity to meet other gender scholars.

- **August 21, 2:30pm, Block C3, room #5054, Nazarbayev University**
Elliott Bowen, “ Health Tourism in Historical Perspective: The Role of Gender”

Additional Research Talks for Fall 2019 are tentatively scheduled on:

- September 4
- September 18
- October 2
- October 16
- October 30
- November 13
- November 27

If you would like to present your research during the fall semester, please send an email to us and we will gladly include you in the line-up. We are also looking for a Research Talks coordinator to join our team. If you are interested, please let us know.

III. GENDER RESEARCH COLLECTION CREATED

GenCon, with the support and collaboration of NU library, is pleased to announce the new [Gender Research Collection](#) of NU faculty and student research on gender. Do you have research you would like included in the collection? If so, please follow this [link to the submission guide](#) or submit your citation or electronic work to the digital center (tolkyn.jangulova@nu.edu.kz) and request for it to be added to the gender research collection.

IV. 1st GENDER FORUM HELD, JUNE 13-14, 2019

The main theme of the Gender Form was "Challenges and Changes in Gender in Central Asia: Bridging Researchers, Policy Makers, and Practitioners." Approximately 100 people attended the Forum that took place in block C3. The Forum was covered by the [NU Press Office](#) and [Astana Times](#). Thanks to our sponsor, the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, and our partners: Graduate School of Business, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Public Policy, NU Library, NU Provost's office, School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

A full description of the event is in the attached reports developed by MSc graduate students from GSE as part of a course on Perspectives of Teacher Education led by Anna CohenMiller (GenCon Co-Director). For video and photos, check out our [instagram page](#).

V. RA POSITION

The Consortium of Gender Scholars (GenCon) is looking for an RA (paid) who is available to provide support for 10 hours/week for the 2019-2020 Academic Year (August 2019-June 2020). The primary responsibilities will be:

- Providing support for ongoing GenCon research projects
- Primary responsibility for planning the 2nd Gender Forum
- Administrative support for GenCon activities
- Translation of GenCon documents, emails, etc. into Russian and Kazakh
- Actively building the GenCon network

The RA should be enrolled at NU as a graduate student or an upper-level undergrad (3rd of 4th year). A computer and workplace will be provided for the RA in the GenCon co-working area. Salary will be based on research abilities and experience and will be paid monthly. If you are interested or have additional questions, please email Dr. Jenifer Lewis (jlewis@nu.edu.kz) and attach your CV. We will review applications on an on-going basis with intent for the RA to begin in August 2019.

VI. SOCIAL MEDIA INTERN

The Consortium of Gender Scholars (GenCon) is looking for a Social Media intern who is available to develop content for our social media pages for 5-10 hours/week for the 2019-2020 Academic Year (September 2019-June 2020). The primary responsibilities will be:

- Generating and posting content for GenCon social media pages (currently Instagram, Facebook, website)
- Developing a LinkedIn page
- Increasing our reach through social media

The Social Media Manager position is open to students in an internship capacity or staff and faculty in a volunteer role. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Jenifer Lewis (jlewis@nu.edu.kz). A computer and workplace can be provided in the GenCon co-working area.

VII. CO-WORKING SPACE

The Consortium of Gender Scholars (GenCon) is pleased to announce a call for proposals to **join our shared research space in block C4**. The synergy created by multiple researchers working in a shared environment can support the generation of new ideas for your research. The call is ***open to any NU-affiliated researcher*** (faculty, graduate students, staff, visiting scholars, etc.) who are currently engaging in research related to the mission of GenCon:

The Consortium of Gender Scholars (GenCon) exists to bring together and support gender scholars in Kazakhstan, and those who study the Central Asian context. GenCon's primary purpose is to generate research designed to make meaningful change in various areas of society with regard to gender equality and the advancement of women.

The GenCon research space consists of six dedicated work areas (desks in a shared office). Each work area consists of a dedicated desk, PC computer, locking cabinet; access to a shared printer; bookshelf; and use of our meeting area. The research space is ideal for those who need an on-campus, semi-private, and secure working area for their research.

- **Faculty** can apply for space for up to one year (renewable). *Faculty who currently share an office can benefit from a work area that is designated for research purposes.*
- **Graduate students and other researchers** can apply to use the space for up to a semester (renewable).

Proposals will be accepted until September 1, 2019 and will be reviewed immediately. Successful applicants can move into the space beginning September 15, 2019. To apply, simply email us (gencon@nu.edu.kz) with a short description of your research, how it relates to the mission of GenCon, and a brief explanation of why you are in need of research space. Graduate students must also provide the contact information for their advisor or professor who is supervising their research.

In addition to space use, successful applicants will be:

1. identified as a GenCon scholar for the term of their use of the space
2. expected to give a research talk during the GenCon research talk series
3. expected to write a short article about their research to be published on the GenCon website and in the GenCon newsletter
4. expected to note their affiliation with GenCon on research published or presented as a result of their work conducted during their time in the space

Please feel free to ask if you have questions. We look forward to working with you and supporting the development of gender research in Kazakhstan.

Thank you!

If you want us to include your news, events, and updates an upcoming newsletter issue, please email Dr. Zumrad Kataeva at zumrad.kataeva@nu.edu.kz. For inclusion in the September 2019 issue, please email by August 25, 2019.

Have publications to share? Let us know. We are happy to reach out to the network and include it in our monthly mailings.