

# LOVE(S) IN THE TIME OF CONFLICTS:

AN ONGOING PRACTICE OF RESILIENCE, LOVE,  
CONNECTION, AND HOPE AMIDST ADVERSITY



**Carleton University and University of  
Ottawa 2025 Feminist Graduate  
Conference**

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE - DAY 1

## MONDAY MARCH 24

**8:30 - 9:00 AM**

Coffee and socialization

**9:00 - 9:15 AM**

Opening remarks by Vera Ene Oko and Camille Emmanuelle Cotais and land acknowledgment by Simon Brascoupe

**9:15 - 10:30 AM**

**Academic panel 1: Contested intimacies in the context of class-based / racial / national conflicts**

*The Intimacy Market: The Political Economy of Love and Pleasure Under Capitalism*

By Brandi Hale

*From Kyiv with Love: the Push to Legalize Same-Sex Civil Partnership*

By Thomas Cline-Fedorus

*The Intimacies and Negotiations of Black Religious Communities*

By Roaine Coy-Pinnock

Chair: Megan Rivers-Moore

**10:30 - 10:45 AM**

**BREAK**

**10:45 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Academic panel 2: Epistemic violence, epistemic (in)justice and knowledge-making as restorative/reparative**

*Feminist Epistemologies and Indigenous Knowledge as Resistance in Global Health Research*

By Vera Oko

*The Possibilities of Silence: A Queer/Crip Perspective of Knowledge Construction and Communication within the Coming Out of Sexual Violence Experiences*

By Jessica McCarthy

*La résistance des femmes face à l'abus sexuel: messages de force et d'espoir de femmes à femmes*

By Hakima Aboudali

Chair: Gulzar R. Charania



**12:15 - 1:15 PM**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**1:15 - 2:45 PM**

**Academic panel 3: Collective Care as Feminist Ethics and Practices of Resistance**

*Exploring Caregiving Concerns of Ageing Lesbians and Intergenerational Community Care Networks*

By Morgan Hamilton-Kirk

*Love, Resistance, and Survival: Navigating Disability Support Systems and Shelter Services*

By Mercy Onuoha

*Le pouvoir du soin collectif : comment les femmes iraniennes construisent une résistance féministe par-delà les frontières*

By Mina Fakhrafar

*L'impact de la crise haïtienne sur les relations interpersonnelles des femmes et leur santé mentale*

By Mikenlove Gédéon

Chair: Manjeet Birk

**2:45 - 3:00 PM**

**BREAK**

**3:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Community/artistic/interactive session 1**

*Activistic Preservation: The Legacy and Evolution of Feminist Archival Practices at UOttawa Women's Archives*

By Marie Noël, Kristen Mercier and Meghan Tibbits-Lamirande

Chair: Célia Romulus

**4:00 PM**

Networking-end of the day!



# PROGRAM

## SCHEDULE - DAY 2

**TUESDAY MARCH 25**

**8:30 - 9:00 AM**

Coffee and socialization

**9:00 - 10:15 AM**

**Academic panel 4: Trans/queer joy, survival and resistance**

*The De-medicalization of Trans Bodies Through Pornographic Imagery in Film*  
By Savannah Lawrence

*Radical Tenderness and Communal Living: An Exploration Into Queer Survival in the Work of Larry Mitchell*  
By Athena Mosley

*Joy as Resistance: Pleasure Activism and the Power of Romance Novels in Queer and BIPOC Liberation*  
By Victoria Miron

Chair: Dan Irving

**10:15 - 10:30 AM**

**BREAK**

**10:30 - 11:45 AM**

**Academic Panel 5: Subversive intimacies**

*Subversive Intimacies: The Radical Potential of Feminist Friendships*  
By Mahima Mukherjee

*La lettre fictionnelle : un pont épistolaire*  
By Emma Desjardins

*Singing Love and Resisting Norms: Mirabai and Oral Narratives of Women in Rajasthan*  
By Sohini Ganguly

Chair: Michael Orsini

**11:45 AM - 1:00 PM**

**LUNCH BREAK**



**1:00 - 1:30 PM**

**Community/artistic/interactive session 2**

*"With Love, it's just feminism"*

By Domenika Malnar and Aurora Rakic

Chair: Kathryn Trevenen

**1:30 - 1:45 PM**

**BREAK**

**1:45 - 2:45 PM**

**Community/artistic/ interactive session 3 (in-person only)**

*"We cannot Study (or work) without childcare!": Campus daycare under threat at the University of Ottawa*

By Save Bernadette Coalition

Chair: Susan Spronk

**2:45 - 3:00 PM**

**BREAK**

**3:00 - 3:15 PM**

**Community/artistic/ interactive session 4 (in-person only)**

*Quiver, the poem (in-person only)*

By Vatsala Brinda Govindarajan

**3:15 - 5:00 PM**

**Community/artistic/interactive session 5 (in-person only)**

*Part 1: Mon espace liminal: effets, silence et résistance*

By Ane Molina

*Part 2: Feminist Zine Fair*

Chair: Marie-Eve Carrier-Moisan

**5:00 PM**

Closing remarks by Ann Pham and Camille Emmanuelle Cotaïs and closing prayers by Simon Brascoupé (in-person only)

**5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Gathering at Lieutenant's Pump



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