

Lesbian Lives 2025

Corrections to the Program

General Conference Information

- Quiet space for conference participants is room 5409 (on the fifth floor of the Graduate Center).
- Tables are on the Concourse level of the Graduate Center for eating, not outside Elebash Hall.

Friday

- On Friday at 8:30 a.m., Wendi Xue will not be on the panel “A Queer Chicago” (3) panel.
- On Friday at 8:30 a.m., Linda Garber will not be on the “Lesbian Fiction” (10) panel.
- On Friday at 10:00 a.m. the “Lesbian Spaces” (12) panel will be moderated by Cheryl Furjanic.
- On Friday at 11:30 a.m., Shad Reinstein and Jody Laine will not be on the “Twentieth-Century Sapphic Cultures” panel. Louise Drapeau will present in their place. Louise Drapeau’s presentation is titled, “The Disappearance of Formal Music Classes in Quebec Primary Schools due to Heteronormativity Pressures and Control from Homeroom Teachers.” Here is Drapeau’s abstract: During the first quarter of the XXIst Century, in Quebec primary Schools, though embedded in the Rioux Report for the Arts and recognized by Neurosciences for their Purposes and good learning Results, the XXth Century live Music teaching Methods seem to not connect anymore with a Clientele that shows little Respect for both « Learning and Teachers ». Indicators point towards 1) residual and long-lasting Analphabetism, 2) towards narcissistic Personality Disorders, heteronormative Beliefs, behavioral Challenges and 3) Displays of idiosyncratic Rights, Control and Powers that try to overrule the Government’s educational Program into Individualised Accommodations and Exclusions of all Sorts. In other Way, some Individuals, officially belonging to the Majority Group, nibble to get Attention and Treatments that usually go to Diversity, special Needs, and visible Minority Rights Students, with the ultimate goal to reshape their own personal status into a Minority one.
- On Friday at 4 p.m. Ann Cvetkovich will not moderate the panel “The Power of Coalitional and Collective Politics.” Panelists will designate their own moderator.

Saturday

- On Saturday at 8:15 a.m., the panel “Fat Lesbians: Intersectional Identities, Positive Representations, and Naked Photos” is cancelled.
- On Saturday at 11:30 a.m., Jocelyn Heath will not present on the panel “Lesbian Creativity and Nostalgia” (1). Replacing Jocelyn will be a group presentation titled “Creating Lez Out!: A Student/Faculty Reflection on Collaborative Lesbian Zine-Making as Curriculum.” Presentation description: In winter 2025, over the course of 10 weeks, students in DePaul University’s “Lesbian Lives” class created a collaborative zine situated in the legacy of lesbian print culture as a way to build community, illuminate course themes, construct lesbian subjectivities, and document lesbian lives. In the zine, students addressed topics pertinent to Lesbian Lives from pop culture and media representations to gender diversity and lesbian erotics. In this presentation, students from the class will reflect on their experiences of creating the Lez Out zine, introduce the course objectives and class structure, and discuss what they learned while making a zine together—highlighting the necessity of forums where lesbian life and culture cannot/will not be restricted from the algorithm. Copies of Lez Out will also be distributed at the presentation.

DePaul LGBTQ Studies Student-Faculty Collective Participants: Eleanor Massengill (they/any; co-Editor), Ellie Calvert, Ellen Cunningham (they/them), Madeleine Dickerson (she/her), Sylvia Ebeid (they/she), Olivia Littleton (she/they), Sigrid Smith (she/they), Dra. Heather Montes Ireland (she/ella).

- On Saturday at 11:30 a.m., the panel “Visualizing Lesbian Land Across Generations Panel” (5) is cancelled.
- On Saturday at 11:30 a.m., Brie Radis will not present on the panel “Marriage and Family in Lesbian Lived Experience” (9).
- On Saturday at 1 p.m., Jacqueline Jiménez Polanco will not be on the panel “Lesbian and Women's Space: History, Complexities, and Potential” (3).
- On Saturday at 1 p.m., Rosalind Gill will not be on the panel “Queer Relationality: Exploring Lesbian Worlds, Life Narratives, and Intimacies” (11).
- On Saturday at 2:30 p.m., Kierra Harrigan will not present on the panel “Trans Subjectivities” (1).
- On Saturday at 2:30 p.m. M. Nicole Horsley will not present on the panel “Kitchen Table to Gallery and Beyond: Multi-Genre Lesbian Artists on Memorializing and Interrogating Our Individual and Collective Pasts” (11).
- On Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on the Panel “Our Windows onto the Garden, Our Windows onto the Street,” the correct spelling of Tairyn Venable’s last name is Venable.