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Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities Stony Brook University

The Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities was founded in 2013 at Stony Brook University -- the first such center on the world dedicated to exploring men’s lives and engaging men and boys for gender equality. Our mission is to foster a dialogue between researchers and activists working to engage men, and to inspire researchers to provide activists with work they need to be more effective. The Center runs seminars and develops activist-based research projects.

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Now What?/What Now? The Urgency of an “Allies Agenda”

The election of a Republican over the first serious female presidential contender for a major political party requires that women and men committed to gender equality carefully articulate the sort of gender-equality agenda. What sorts of policies are worth pursuing at this stage? What sorts of coalitions need to be formed to promote that agenda?

The Obama years gave women and men the opportunity to find common cause as allies on issues as diverse as campus sexual assault, parental leave, and domestic violence. The Trump administration makes that alliance a necessity.

The truth is, either way, we are at a crossroads regarding gender equality in the United States. And women and men are working together to develop an allies agenda -- one that will benefit all of us. What are its key constituent parts? What does gender equality look like in the policy arena? How can we address issues like reproductive health and rights, gender-based violence, workplace discrimination, family-friendly workplace policies? And how can we work together to achieve it?

As we face four uncertain, unstable, and unsettling years, how can women and men work together to hold on to the gains we've made and promote a gender equality agenda? As activists working across a broad range of policy initiatives, how can we find common ground? What issues should we focus on? What can women do to forge alliances with men? And what can men do, especially now, to support women's rights and gender equality?

Moderators

Michael Kimmel, SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies; Executive Director, Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities

Marianne Schnall, Author and Founder/Executive Director, Feminist.com

Speakers

Jimmie Briggs, Award-winning human rights activist, journalist and author

Joelle Gamble, National Director, Network at Roosevelt Institute

Dan Garodnick, NYC Council member

Alexis Grenell, Political consultant and opinion writer

Produced by Willa Shalit

Biographies

Jimmie Briggs

Jimmie Briggs, an award winning documentary journalist, lecturer and consultant is a member of the New York City Mayor's Gender Equity Commission and was the founding executive director of Man Up Campaign. The St. Louis, Missouri native and graduate of Morehouse College has produced seminal reporting on war, sexual and gender based violence, and trauma. For his work on war affected children, and the lives of women and girls, he was selected as the winner of the 2010 GQ Magazine "Better Men Better World" search, and as one of the Women's eNews "21 Leaders for the 21st Century." Jimmie has served as an adjunct professor of investigative journalism at the New School for Social Research, and was a George A Miller Visiting Professor in the Department of African and African-American Studies at the University of Illinois: Champaign Urbana. For more than six years he has been an instructor of documentary journalism at the International Center of Photography. Jimmie's 2005 book, *Innocents Lost: When Child Soldiers Go To War* took readers to the front lines of conflict in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Rwanda and Colombia. His upcoming book is an oral history of Ferguson, Missouri and its role as a catalyst for the Black Lives Matter movement following the killing of Michael Brown in August 2014.

Jimmie holds a Medal of Distinction from Barnard College.

Joelle Gamble

Joelle Gamble is the Director of the Roosevelt Institute's national network of emerging thinkers and doers. Under Joelle's leadership, Roosevelt has increased its ability to influence local and state government around our generation's policy priorities. Because who writes the rules matters, she has also prioritized increasing the racial, socioeconomic and gender diversity of its national student leadership—with chapters at both four-year institutions and community colleges and people of color representing the majority of our membership leadership roles. Prior to coming to the Roosevelt Institute, Joelle, as a student organizer in the University of California Student Association, worked on political campaigns related to tax reform and budgetary priorities. Joelle also writes on topics of race and economics. She has been featured in places such as Fox Business, The Nation, Salon, The Hill, The Huffington Post and NextCity. Fusion named her one of 30 women under 30 who are influencing the 2016 election.

Alexis Grenell

Alexis Grenell got her start working as the Communications Director for New York State Senator Jeff Klein, where she was part of the campaign team that flipped the State Senate Democratic for the first time in 40 years. After working as the press secretary for Richard Aborn's campaign for Manhattan District Attorney, she went back into government to serve as the Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for then Attorney General Andrew Cuomo.

As a co-founder of Pythia Public, Grenell works on issue campaigns and policy for both elected officials and non-governmental actors/organizations. She has worked at the city, state, and national levels on a variety of issues including: campaign finance reform, redistricting, affordable childcare, paid leave, election reform, domestic workers' rights, etc...

Grenell writes regularly in the New York Daily News, and her work has appeared in the Washington Post, the Nation, Newsday, the New York Post, the Daily Beast, City & State, and El Diario.

A graduate of the University of Chicago, Grenell also holds an MPA in Urban Policy from Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs.

Michael Kimmel

Michael Kimmel is one of the world's leading experts on men and masculinities. He is the SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at Stony Brook University. Among his many books are *Manhood in America*, *Angry White Men*, *The Politics of Manhood*, *The Gendered Society* and the best seller *Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men*. With funding from the MacArthur Foundation, he founded the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities at Stony Brook in 2013.

A tireless advocate of engaging men to support gender equality, Kimmel has lectured at more than 300 college, universities and high schools. He has delivered the International Women's Day annual lecture at the European Parliament, the European Commission and the Council of Europe, and has worked with the Ministers for Gender Equality of Norway, Denmark and Sweden in developing programs for boys and men. He consults widely with corporations, NGOs and public sector organizations on gender equity issues.

He was recently called "the world's most prominent male feminist" in The Guardian newspaper in London.

Dan Garodnick

The author of New York City's first Green Energy Code, the Tenant Protection Act, and a key Whistleblower Protection Law, Dan Garodnick is a legislator committed to solving the critical issues facing New York City.

Born and raised on the East Side of Manhattan, Dan was elected to the New York City Council in 2005. The New York Times praised him for his "independent streak," and for having "distinguished himself in the fight to preserve middleclass housing and other issues." The Wall Street Journal says he has earned a reputation as being "smart and fair." His common sense approach earned Garodnick a place on City Hall's list of "The Next Generation of Political Leaders in New York."

With a background in civil rights and education advocacy, Dan represented thirteen same-sex couples seeking marriage equality in New York State, and sought and received funding to rebuild African-American churches in Virginia and Georgia burned by racially-motivated arson. He also represented the Partnership for New York City in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit and directed the New York Civil Rights Coalition's "Unlearning Stereotypes: Civil Rights and Race Relations Program" in 42 New York City public schools, teaching students non-violent ways to combat racial discrimination.

A father of two young boys, Dan has taken a leadership role on family-related policy issues. Not only did he co-sponsor legislation that would establish diaper changing stations in new public restrooms -- regardless of gender -- but he also was instrumental in getting paid sick leave passed in New York City.

Prior to entering public office, Dan practiced as a securities litigator at the New York law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Colleen McMahon of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Dan holds a J.D. from University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review, and a B.A. in Government from Dartmouth College. He grew up in a rent-stabilized apartment in the Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village community. He lives in that neighborhood today with his wife, Zoe, and sons Asher and Devin.

Marianne Schnall

Marianne Schnall is a widely published journalist whose writings and interviews have appeared in a variety of media outlets including O, The Oprah Magazine, Marie Claire, CNN.com, TIME.com, the Women's Media Center and many others. Marianne is a featured blogger at The Huffington Post and a contributor to the nationally syndicated WAMC radio show, 51 Percent: The Women's Perspective.

Schnall is the founder and Executive Director of Feminist.com, a leading women's website and nonprofit organization. For over 20 years, Feminist.com has been fostering awareness, education, and activism for people all across the world. She is also the co-founder of the environmental site EcoMall.com, one of the oldest environmental websites promoting earth-friendly living.. She is the author of Daring to Be Ourselves: Influential Women Share Insights on Courage, Happiness and Finding Your Own Voice and her latest book is What Will it Take to Make a Woman President? Conversations About Women, Leadership, and Power. You can find out more about her work at www.marianneschnall.com.

Willa Shalit

Ms. Shalit -- artist and social entrepreneur -- was an original producer of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" and co-founded V-Day which to-date has raised and distributed more than \$100M (U.S.) to help stop violence against women and girls. In 2012 she co-founded Maiden Nation and, in 2014, cofounded Let's Win! PC, a crowd-sourced platform to share fast-breaking reports on science-driven innovative treatments for pancreatic cancer. She has served as a Special Advisor to the UN Development Fund for Women and the UN Ethical Fashion Initiative, and has brought women's economic opportunity into global post-conflict zones and communities devastated by natural disasters, building flagship "purchase with a purpose" brands for Starbucks, Macy's and others.

Her art has been the subject of an Emmy-Award-Winning PBS television special and her work has been reported by global media including The New York Times, CNN, NBC, CBS, Mashable, the International Herald Tribune, Marie Claire magazine, and O, The Oprah Magazine.