

**Leon Hilton** “The Smallest Gesture”:  
**Neuro-atypicality, Queerness, and the  
Politics of Gesture**, New York University,  
Performance Studies

**Alyssa Zisk** **Erasure of Queer Autistic  
People**, University of Rhode Island

**M Caetlin Benson-Allott**  
Georgetown University, English

3-4:30 P.M.

### PLENARY SESSION

Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Hall

**Karen Nakamura** **Trans/Japan,  
Trans/Disability: The Intersections  
of Disability, Sexuality, and  
Eugenics in Contemporary Japan**,  
Yale University, Anthropology

**Margaret Price** **Desiring Pain, Desiring  
Distress: Meditations on Disabled  
Bodymind**, Spelman College, English

**Abby Wilkerson** **Not Your Father’s  
Farm: Rehabilitative Consumption,  
Heteronormativity, and Family Farm  
Rhetoric**, The George Washington  
University, University Writing Program

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of Maryland; Robert McRuer, The George  
Washington University; JV Sapinoso,  
University of Maryland; Craig Willse,  
George Mason University

**M Robert McRuer** **The George  
Washington University, English**

5-6:30 P.M.

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Hall

**Jasbir Puar** **Bodies With New  
Organs: Becoming Trans, Becoming  
Disabled**, Rutgers University,  
Women’s and Gender Studies

**RESPONDENT** **Keguro Macharia**  
University of Maryland, English

**M Christina Hanhardt** University  
of Maryland, American Studies and  
LGBT Studies

6:30-7:30 P.M.

### RECEPTION

Second-floor lobby, Tawes Hall

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9-9:30 A.M.  
**REGISTRATION  
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9:30-10:45 A.M.  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**CRIP TURNS**  
3132 Tawes Hall

**A. Anthony** *Revanchist Literature:  
LGBTQA Communities Dis/abling  
Gentrification*, University of Maryland,  
American Studies

**Liat Ben-Moshe** *Queer-Crippling  
Anarchism*, University of Illinois at Chicago,  
Disability and Human Development

**Angela Carter** *Crippling Trauma:  
Reconceptualizing the Discourse of  
Debilitation*, University of Minnesota,  
Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies

M **Katie King** University of  
Maryland, Women's Studies

**READING BODILY  
DIFFERENCES**  
3134 Tawes Hall

**Michael Loadenthal** *Ideological  
Reproduction of Queers & Mutants:  
Passing, Preformed Deviance, and Ableist  
Endeavors*, George Mason University, School  
for Conflict Analysis and Resolution

**Natalie Prizel** *A "wery queer"  
Beauty is Born: Aesthetics, Labor,  
and the Making of the Dickensian  
Queer*, Yale University, English

**Jessica Ann Vooris** *Trapped In the  
Wrong Body and Growing Sideways:  
Narratives of Disability and Disorder  
Within Media Representations of  
Transgender Children*, University of  
Maryland, Women's Studies

M **Martha Nell Smith**  
University of Maryland, English

11 A.M.-12:15 P.M.  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**DIAGNOSTICS AND  
QUEER DIFFERENCE(S)**  
Tawes 3132

**Abram J. Lewis** *We Are Certain of Our  
Own Insanity: Antipsychiatry and the  
Gay Liberation Movement, 1969-1973*,  
University of Minnesota, American Studies

**Merrick Daniel Pilling** *Making Sense  
of Mental Distress: A Critique of the  
Biomedical Model of Mental Illness and  
its Effects on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,  
Queer, and Trans People*, York University,  
Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies

**Isaac West** *Resisting Gender Dysphoria*,  
University of Iowa, Communication Studies

M **James Goodwin** University of  
Maryland, English and LGBT Studies

**SEX AND DISABILITY**  
Tawes 3134

**Lydia Brown** *Deconstructing Rhetoric  
on Disabled (A)Sexuality*, Georgetown  
University, Arabic and Islamic Studies

**Timothy Lyle** *"Charge (+) me, Dude":  
The Narrative Pleasures of Eroticizing  
Deliberate HIV Infection*, Howard  
University, English

**Louise Tam** *Desexualizing  
Madness: Intimacy, Precarity, and  
the Pathologization of Asian Labor  
in Contemporary Discourses of  
Neurasthenia*, Rutgers University,  
Women's and Gender Studies

M **Christopher Pérez** University of  
Maryland, American Studies and LGBT  
Studies

**TROUBLING  
NORMALIZATION**  
Tawes 3136

**D. Gilson** *Hipster Boys Wear American  
Apparel Briefs: Complex Universality  
in *Weekend**, The George Washington  
University, English

**Joseph Russo** *The Utility of Faggotry:  
Queer "Expertise" and Caricature*,  
Goldsmiths, University of London,  
Cultural Studies

**Sean Wang** *Encountering  
Metronormativity: Politics of  
Queer Visibility in Central New  
York*, Syracuse University, Geography

M **Craig Willse** George Mason  
University, Cultural Studies

12:15-1:30 P.M.  
**CATERED LUNCH**  
2115 Tawes Hall

1:30-2:45 P.M.  
**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**BODILY VARIATION  
AND VERIFICATION**  
Tawes 3132

**Nicholas L. Clarkson** *Advice to "Special  
Populations": Airport Security, Ability,  
and Gender Normativity*, Indiana  
University, Gender Studies

**Shaun Edmonds** *No Fats, No Femmes:  
The Bear Community as a Site of Socio-  
Cultural Resistance and Re-Articulation  
of the Body*, University of Maryland,  
Kinesiology-Physical Cultural Studies

**Joymala Hajra** *Contesting Biologism:  
The Body, Gender Verification Policy, and  
Universal Rights in Queer India*, Columbia  
University, South Asian Studies

M **Ricardo Ortíz** Georgetown  
University, English

**CONTESTING THE  
MANAGEMENT  
PARADIGM**  
Tawes 3134

**Jeffrey Bennett** *Resisting the Rhetoric  
of "Management": Diabetes, HIV, and  
the Trappings of Medical Imaginaries*,  
University of Iowa, Communication Studies

**Jarah Moesch** *Chronically Queer:  
An Autoethnographic Approach to the  
Oddities of Rare Disease (Non) Diagnosis*,  
University of Maryland, American Studies

**James Sheldon** *Erasing Queer Subjects,  
Constructing Disabled Subjects: Toward  
a Queering of Mathematics Disabilities*,  
San Francisco State University, Special  
Education and Mathematics Education

M **Melissa Rogers** University of  
Maryland, Women's Studies

**QUEER  
DEPATHOLOGIZATIONS**  
Tawes 3136

**Theodora Danylevich** *[Sic] Chic/k  
Poetics as Agency-to-Knowledge by Way  
of Masochism: The Dermal Lesbian Closet  
of Inquiry in Monique Wittig's *Le Corps  
Lesbien*, Merri Lisa Johnson's *Girl in Need  
of a Tourniquet: Memoir of a Borderline  
Personality*, and Malù de Martino's  
*Como Esquecer/So Hard to Forget**, The  
George Washington University, English