

SIROW REGIONAL NEWS



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The Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW) Regional Network is a partnership of Gender and Women's Studies academic programs from universities throughout the U.S. Southwest and the U.S.-Mexico border region that strives to foster feminist teaching, research, and action in our higher education communities.



Meet our New Regional Partners Network Coordinator

ISSAHAKU MAHAMA is our new Graduate Assistant who took over from Stephanie Murphy as our Regional Partner Network Coordinator. He is a 2nd year Master's student in the Development Practice (MDP) Program at the School of Geography Development and Environment (SGDE), University of Arizona. His major is in international development and economics. He has diverse skills and expertise in multidisciplinary subjects such as organizational behavior & administration, public health, climate change, gender, and disaster and emergency management as well as data modeling, analyses, and visualization, [see here](#).



Fall 2022 Semester Almost Comes to a Close!

The Fall Semester is almost ending with so many successes and challenges ranging from politics as the midterm elections came to an end, the affirmation of legal assaults on reproductive rights, global economic instability due to Russia continuing invasion of Ukraine, and the COVID Pandemic.

Advancements: We are seeing a record number of women being elevated into higher political offices as Governors of States. This year, historic numbers of women competed in gubernatorial races, an increase from 16 in 2018 to 25 in 2022. At least 12 women have been elected to the high offices of Governors across the U.S. in the just ended midterm elections, with 2 women Governors in the southwest region - Arizona and New Mexico.

Continuing Challenges: Our network members across the region continue to advocate for feminist approaches and advocacy related to diversity, equity, inclusiveness, social justice and change. Recently, we have responded in a number of ways to the overturning of Roe vs. Wade - a monumental attack on reproductive and women's rights. Here are some examples:

- Statement from SIROW's Steering Committee, [see here](#)
- Statement by Metropolitan State University of Denver, [see here](#)
- An op-ed by Dr. Samira of the University of Colorado-Boulder Department of Women & Gender Studies published in the Washington Post, [see here](#)
- A virtual health seminar series presentation on *SB8: What does it Mean for Reproductive Health* hosted by Southern Methodist University Women's and Gender Studies Program, [see here](#)
- A presentation by SIROW's Brenda Granillo at the Women's Mental & Physical Health Summit, [see here](#)

As a network, we applaud the relentless efforts and the numerous battles our partners and colleagues across the U.S. continue to fight in support of the health, rights and well-being of women, LGBTQ+ populations, and other underrepresented, under-served, and marginalized groups in the U.S. and the world at large.

Keep it up - You are not alone - We are in it together.

WISHING YOU A GREAT AND HEALTHY WINTER SEASON

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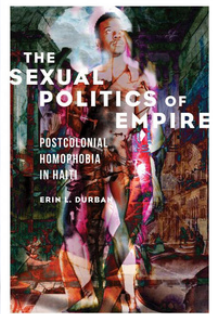
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

SIROW wishes to congratulate the **Colorado College Feminist and Gender Studies Program** for a successful completion of their program review, which started in December 2019 and finally ended in March 2022. You are doing great work! [click here](#)



A very big congratulations to **Sage Reynolds** of the **Colorado College Feminist and Gender Studies Program** who co-edited a book titled *The Reproductive Justice Briefing: A Primer on Reproductive Justice and Social Change*. [click here](#)

SIROW extends its congratulations to **Dr. Erin Durban**, a graduate of the **University of Arizona's Department of Gender and Women's Studies** doctoral program. Erin recently published her book *The Sexual Politics of Empire: Postcolonial Homophobia in Haiti*. [click here](#)



As a network, we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to **Coutts & Clark Western Foundation** for supporting women's reproductive health through a substantial gift. The **Fort Lewis College Student Health Center** will make very good use of this donation. [click here](#)

We commend **Dr. Nathan Alexander Moore** at **University of Colorado-Boulder Department of Women & Gender Studies** for their novel *Lifted* being shortlisted for the **2022 Santa Fe Writers Project Literary Award**. [click here](#)



We also commend **Dr. Emmanuel David** at **University of Colorado-Boulder, Department of Women & Gender Studies** for winning a **2022 National Humanities Center Fellowship**. [click here](#).



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**2023 SIROW REGIONAL PARTNERS CONFERENCE IN TUCSON,
ARIZONA.**

FROM: FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023 @5PM

TO: SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023 @4PM

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