**Events for Spring 2021**

**Diverse Women's Summit - March 8**

*This event is free and open to the public.*

The Department of Women’s Studies, in sponsorship with Office of Diversity & Inclusion and League of Women Voters of Kansas, convenes the annual Diverse Women’s Summit (DWS) of individuals and groups from different backgrounds on local, regional, and global diversity issues affecting women and gender. Because of the pandemic situation and especially the rise to prominence of women and other minority populations in tackling the pandemic and its associated situations as well as their high mortality rate during these times, the theme of the 2021 summit is “Women and Leadership in the time of Covid-19.” It is designed to focus on women’s roles, their implications for different women, the future of women and gender in their intersection with challenges from class/poverty, race/ethnicity, sexuality, disability, religion and other pyramids of power. The summit will take place on March 8 by zoom. The summit is free and open to the public.

The summit is in three parts:

1. [Student Showcase](https://www.wichita.edu/academics/fairmount_college_of_liberal_arts_and_sciences/womenstudies/Home/Calendar.php#student-showcase) (consisting of presentations - papers, art, posters, and other projects by students).  
   March 8 | 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon.
2. [Creative Concourse](https://www.wichita.edu/academics/fairmount_college_of_liberal_arts_and_sciences/womenstudies/Home/Calendar.php#creative-concourse) (consisting of poetry, skits, stories, and other presentations by community members and students)  
   March 8 | 1:00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
3. [International Women’s Day Keynote Speech](https://www.wichita.edu/academics/fairmount_college_of_liberal_arts_and_sciences/womenstudies/Home/Calendar.php#keynote-speech-2020) - “Women and Leadership in the time of Covid-19” by Governor Laura Kelly - Governor of the State of Kansas  
   March 8 | 7:00 p.m.

To get the zoom link for the events, send email to [joyce.dalporto-ward@wichita.edu](mailto:joyce.dalporto-ward@wichita.edu)

Students, groups, and community members are invited to submit abstracts or proposals to present papers, posters, art works, dialogues, skits etc. for 5-10 minutes. The summit will be by zoom on March 8, 2021.The proposal should be 100-200 words describing the presentation (type, subject, theme, and purpose). Presentations that focus the theme on the following will be given priority:

Research on issues of covid-19 and special populations,

Citizenship and covid-19.

Gender-based violence and other issues.

The future.

[Submit your proposal via email to](mailto:chinyere.okafor@wichita.edu?subject=Diverse%20Women%27s%20Summit%20Proposal)[chinyere.okafor@wichita.edu](mailto:chinyere.okafor@wichita.edu)

We will accept proposals/abstracts until February 26, 2021.

For questions, call the departmental office at (316) 978-3358.