

# *Law & Society CRN6*

**Monthly Newsletter from CRN6 Sex, Work, Law and Society**

Dear Friends,

In an effort to maximize the utility of CRN6, we will now be compiling a monthly newsletter. The CRN6 Newsletter will go out on the 15th of each month. Please send information on publications of interest, job postings, call for proposals (in Word format), grants or awards of interest to section members to **AlexJNelsonPHD@gmail.com**. (this is a new email to make tracking these submissions easier). Please include "CRN6 Newsletter" in the subject line of Newsletter requests. For books, please provide a link to your publisher's page rather than a summary. If you have a report or something longer than two pages to share (like a CFP) please provide a 1-2 page summary or introduction in a word document and a link to the larger report or CFP that can be inserted.

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Sincerely,

Alex Nelson & Patricia Fernandez

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**Call for Papers: Political Theory, Sexuality Studies, and the Politics of the Body: Honouring the Legacy of Shannon Bell**

**Deadline: April 22, 2025**

Porn Studies invites submissions for a special issue honouring the intellectual legacy of Shannon Bell (Professor of Politics, York University)—a brazen feminist scholar whose work has redefined feminist political theory, cyberpolitics, and sexuality studies. From her radical engagements with pornography and performance philosophy to her interventions in feminist materialism and the aesthetics of the body, Bell's scholarship has left an indelible mark. Co-edited by Kyler Chittick and Ela Przybylo, this special issue will capture the historical significance and enduring impact of Bell's contributions, particularly her work on embodied theory, "fast feminism," and the intersections of law, sexuality, and political philosophy. We welcome contributions that critically engage with her work in relation to broader debates on pornography, feminism, and performance.

Article topics include, but are not limited to:

1. Embodied political theory and performance philosophy, including the influence of "fast feminism" on contemporary continental, feminist, and/or queer thought.
2. Pornography and the law: revisiting *Bad Attitude/s on Trial: Pornography, Feminism, and the "Butler" Decision* (1997/2017), *R. v. Butler* (1992), and *R. v. Sharpe* (2001).
3. Cyber politics, digital bodies, and feminist materialisms.
4. The aesthetics and politics of transgressive sexuality, including female ejaculation and bodily fluids.
5. Sex work, kink/BDSM, and radical feminist ethics.
6. Queer and post-pornography studies.
7. Transnational and intersectional critiques of Bell's work.

We encourage submissions from scholars across disciplines, including political theory, feminist studies, philosophy, media studies, performance studies, and sexuality studies. We are especially interested in collaborating with those involved in the theory and practice of porn-making and sex work. Contributions may take the form of traditional research articles, theoretical essays, autotheoretical reflections, creative-critical engagements, or hybrid pieces.

## Submission Guidelines:

Please submit a 300-word abstract and a bio to Kyler Chittick, Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta ([kchittic@ualberta.ca](mailto:kchittic@ualberta.ca)), and Ela Przybylo, Associate Professor of English and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Illinois State University ([emprzy1@ilstu.edu](mailto:emprzy1@ilstu.edu)) no later than April 15th, 2025. Final manuscripts should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words (with references). Please follow the Porn Studies formatting and citation guidelines. Full papers due by August 31st, 2025. For inquiries, contact the guest editors via email.

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**Call for Papers: Cyborg Sexuality: Technology's Role in Shaping Intimacy in the 21st Century (Submission Deadline 4/9/25)**

**Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association  
New Orleans, LA USA, November 19-23rd 2025**

This panel aims to explore the ways in which technological innovations such as AI romantic companions, internet-facilitated sex work (cam modeling, virtual content creation and sharing, internet-facilitated sex work), dating and hook-up apps, sex dolls, teledildonics (remote controlled haptic sex toys) and other technologies are shaping intimate relationships around the world. Each paper should speak to the following three questions about the relationship between these technologies, culture, and society: (1) How does culture shape the adoption (or rejection) of these technologies and the relationships they produce? (2) How do these technologies facilitate (or complicate) the commodification and/or monetization of intimate relationships? (3) How does technology reproduce, challenge, and/or co-opt the power structures of society? Both established and emerging anthropologists (including students) are invited to share your empirical explorations of these questions as they apply to your own field sites. I ask that your proposal abstract (and eventual paper) clearly include how your paper explores these questions and your methods for doing so.

Papers will be selected for inclusion on the basis of the originality of their data or perspective, as well on their ability to complement other papers on the panel. If sufficient papers are received, this may be made into a two-part panel.

If you are interested in being a discussant on this panel, please email me to express your interest.

## **Submission Instructions:**

To be considered for inclusion on this panel, please email the following to [nelsonaj@uindy.edu](mailto:nelsonaj@uindy.edu) by **Midnight April 9th**. Please include the words "AAA Cyborg Sexuality Panel" in the subject of your submission email.

## **In your submission please include:**

**Your name, title/position, institution, & email address**

**Paper Title** (Max 150 characters, including spaces)

**Abstract** (Max 1500 characters, including spaces)

I would prefer to receive your proposal as an attached word document or PDF.

## **Important Notice:**

You may only be a presenting author on one paper at the AAA Annual Meeting

All participants must be AAA members and must register for the conference by August 31st. You will need to create an account profile on the AAA website in order to be included in the panel submission: [LINK](#)

This is an in-person event, virtual presentations will not be allowed

Authors will be informed of inclusion on the submission of this panel by April 13th, giving you time to submit your proposal as an individually volunteered flash paper (Flash Presentation or Poster)

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**Gender & Justice**

**Inaugural Issue**

The first issue of Gender and Justice is now available to read online. Gender and Justice is a new, international and transdisciplinary journal dedicated to advancing critical feminist scholarship on justice in the social sciences, and from different methodological perspectives. The first issue is free to access until 31 May.

Articles include;

Moral panics and legal projects: echoes of Section 28 in United Kingdom transgender discourse and law reform

Sandra Duffy

The sexual economy of consent: cruel optimism, capitalism and an alternative

Tina Sikka

Compliance and credibility: a critique of the sexual assault forensic examination from international perspectives

Lesley McMillan, Rose Corrigan, Sameena Mulla, Gethin Rees and Deborah White

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## **Publications of Interest**

For the period from February 15 - March 15, 2025 we have identified **2 Books, 7 Book Chapters, 2 Dissertations/Theses, 38 articles, & 1 book review** that we believe may be of interest to CRN6 members and other sex work researchers.

The complete list of citations and links to these publications are available on the CRN6 website in our Newsletter Archive along with all back issues of the Newsletter. The publications of interest will henceforth be included as a separate PDF in the archive from the newsletter announcements. This is to reduce the work of fitting the citations into the flyer format of the newsletter, which is time consuming and sometimes results in the lost functionality of links. We also hope this will encourage more engagement with the CRN6 website and to identifying more ways that the resource of this website can be utilized for our community.

Link to archive and full citation list: <https://www.sex-work-law-and-society.org/resource>

Sincerely,

Alex Nelson

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