**Call for Papers**

**Intersections and the Anthropocene: Sustainability, Ethics, and Gender**

Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Georgia

March 31-April 1, 2022

Review of submissions begins December 15th and ends February 15th.

This interdisciplinary conference embraces the challenge of creating an environmentally sustainable future with gender equity. Our goals are to disentangle the social and technological systems that have led to the contemporary climate crisis—the dubious achievement of the Anthropocene—and to unearth the deeply rooted intersections of identity categories, such as gender identity, sexual identity/orientation, race, class, age, ethnicity, and nationality, that shape the experiences of those who toil in service of this geological age. The complexity of imminent threats requires interdisciplinary cooperation to address scientific, ethical, and political problems of the Anthropocene and meet the goal of a sustainable society that treats humanity and Earth with respect. How does intersectionality allow us to better understand the challenges of Anthropocene?

The theme of “Intersections and the Anthropocene” lends itself to submissions that investigate various dimensions of our environmental crisis and its connections to a range of current social issues. We invite scholars of many disciplines to investigate the intersectional dimensions, issues, and possibilities for transforming the Anthropocene into an Age of Sustainability.

Examples of topics may include:

* Interdisciplinary applications to overcoming environmental and social challenges.
* Historical and contemporary relationships between environmental justice (or other “radical” environmental movements such as ecofeminism) and science, gender, ethnicity, public health, party politics, ethics, or spirituality in response to the Anthropocene.
* Effects of climate change on historically excluded people.
* Poverty, wealth concentration, workplace disparities, and other forms of economic inequality in a sustainable economy.
* Access to healthy food, safe communities, and clean air and water.
* Regulatory agencies and human health.
* Roles, responses, and contributions from corporations, government, and academia.
* Utilitarianism, climate ethics, and oppression.
* Juridical recognition of gender identity effects on migration and sex work.
* Relationships between civil rights, climate change, and geopolitics.
* Pedagogical innovations related to the conference theme.
* Literary or fictional interpretations of climate crisis and social issues.

We also invite submissions to a general call on any topic related to gender, sustainability, equity, the environment, and interrelated social issues.

**Submission Guidelines**

There are three submission types: individual papers/creative works, panels, and student posters. We invite 250-word abstracts for each submission and encourage proposals from interdisciplinary and alternative formats, including performance pieces, poetry, short fiction, and artwork. Abstracts will be organized into sessions based on common themes.

As this conference will be a mix of in-person and virtual sessions, please indicate your preferred delivery modality in your proposal. We will endeavor to honor these preferences as much as possible when creating the program.

Abstracts and proposals should be submitted by February 15, 2022, to rflynn1@ggc.edu

and should be in either Microsoft Word, Adobe PDF, or Rich Text format. Authors will be notified of acceptance by February 25.

Submissions should include the following:

* Title of submission
* Author(s’) name(s) and institutional affiliation(s)
* Contact email and phone number
* The disciplinary area(s) of the submission (e.g., Anthropology, Environmental Science, Gender Studies, Biology, English, Philosophy, History, etc.)
* Abstract (250 words)
* Preferred modality (in person or virtual)

Submit inquiries to Gregory Gullette: ggullette@ggc.edu