



Honors Thesis

The Honors Thesis is an option for SWGS majors who wish to complete a thesis instead of or in addition to the Seminar and Practicum. One requirement for the thesis is participation in the CSWGS Honors Research course in which senior majors come together several times a semester as a research group facilitated by a SWGS faculty affiliate. Students work on their research projects in consultation with their advisors, then report on that project in the group.

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1. **Marty Miller, 2016** – “Negotiating Horizons: Homonationalism, Nostalgia, and Queer Futurity in Transnational Amsterdam”
 2. **Kendall Post, 2015** – “Title IX and Sexual Violence: An Institutional Ethnography of Rice University”
 3. **Michelle Pham, 2015** – “Re-tellings of the Vietnam War: An Examination of Gender, Myth, and American Exceptionalism”
 4. **Joshua Cory, 2013** – “It Was Just So Tranny . . . I Don't Think They Got It': Knowledge and Community in the Transgender Foundation of America”
 5. **Ben Ong, 2013** – “Gender and Colonial Bias in Blockbuster Environmental Documentaries”
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 9. **Darren Arquero, 2011** – “Out of the Closet and Into the Church: Salvaging Faith for Queer Christians”
 10. **Kate Hildebrandt, 2009** – “Changing Strategies and Changing Laws: The Fight for Personal Law Reform in Egypt and Morocco”
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 13. **Karen Spitzfadden, 2008** – “Jesus Hearts Feminists: Young People, Christianity, and the Need for Feminist Outreach”
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21. **Alison Wiesenthal, 2006** – “Praising Pollyanna in an Era of Pamela Lee”
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30. **Elizabeth Wells, 2004** – “‘Welcome to the Post-Pill Paradise’: Examining the Medical, Social, and Personal Implications of Contraception”
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36. **Merrit McAlister, 2002** – “Between Past and Future Perfect: Activism, the Academy, and Feminist Nostalgia”
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