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WOMEN’S POWER, WOMEN’S JUSTICE

In the spirit of collaboration and mutual support, the University selected “Women's Power, Women's Justice” as a 2016-2017 intellectual theme that reflects faculty-led interest that permeates the campus community and conversations throughout the academic year. The articulation of women’s power and women’s justice is seen across academic disciplines, including the research presented at the John Wesley Powell Research Symposium. Much work remains to create the world we envision for ourselves and others. In the twenty-first century, women will—with the support of fair-minded men--step up to take on the challenges that still remain and that newly confront them and work to institute equal rights and social justice in all of their roles. The theme of “Women's Power, Women's Justice” invites us to cross, intersect, and transcend borderlands in the ways we think about others and ourselves by deconstructing notions of gender and identity.