

THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES  
FEMINIST RESEARCH SPEAKERS SERIES WINTER 2019 PRESENTS  
THE 2019 DALLAS CULLEN MEMORIAL LECTURE

# CRITICAL THEORIZATIONS(S) OF RADICAL BLACK FEMINISM

a lecture by Dr. Rose Brewer

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Friday, 1 March 2019, 15:00 – 16:30

Humanities Centre L-3

reception to follow in The Fishbowl Room

## ABSTRACT

Forty years ago The Combahee Collective stood firm in demanding struggle around the Boston Black women murdered, their deaths not pursued by those in charge. We've come full circle as another generation of radical Black women, deeply intersectional in their practice, demand that we theorize the complexities of social transformation imbricated in capitalism, white supremacy, and heteropatriarchy. Radical Black feminists understand the imperative of placing the dispossessed in the center of social transformation. The praxis of radical Black feminism is discussed and the assumptions of its theorization articulated. Why is it a critical theorization for today's liberation? Radical Black feminists contend that struggle must be at the core of our theory and practice. In the movement for social transformation we simply cannot articulate race, class, gender in reductionist terms but must move with a critical understanding of the deep interrelationality of social forces. This articulation is at the heart of the radical praxis of Black feminism.

## TEACHING WORKSHOP

Friday, 1 March 2019, 10:00 – 11:30

Humanities Centre 2-19

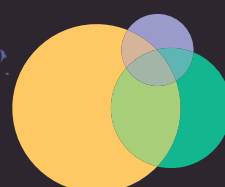
Infusing feminist teaching practices with intersectional pedagogies and the theorizations found in Black radical feminism. This workshop is directed to anyone currently teaching or interested in teaching in the future. *Workshop sponsored by RIG and the Faculty of Education.*

## BIOGRAPHY

Professor Rose M. Brewer is an activist scholar and The Morse Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor and past chairperson of the Department of African American & African Studies, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She holds affiliate faculty appointments in Gender Women Sexuality Studies and Sociology. Brewer publishes extensively on Black feminism, political economy, social movements, race, class, gender and social change. Her books include *The Color of Wealth*, *The U.S. Social Forum: Perspectives of a Movement*, and several other co-edited volumes. She's published numerous essays, book chapters, and refereed journal articles. Her current book project examines the impact of late capitalism on Black life in the U.S.. Professor Brewer has held the Sociologist for Women in Society Feminist Lectureship in Social Change, a Wiepking Distinguished Visiting Professorship at Miami University of Ohio, and was a 2013 Visiting Scholar in the Social Justice Initiative, University of Illinois-Chicago. She is a University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts Dean's Medalist, a member of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers, a winner of the American Sociological Association's Distinguished Teaching award, and a Josie R. Johnson Social Justice Award recipient. Her political commitment remains the struggle for transformational social change in the U.S. and globally. She has been a key organizer for the World Social Forums and the U.S. Social Forums. She currently serves on the National Coordinating Committee of LeftRoots.



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