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**CLAW Conference:
Race, Gender, and Sexualities in the Atlantic World**

College of Charleston, South Carolina, 2012



The Carolina Lowcountry in the Atlantic World Program (CLAW) at the College of Charleston, South Carolina, invites paper proposals addressing women, gender, and sexuality in the Atlantic World 1500-Present. The featured keynote speaker is Jennifer L. Morgan (New York University). We invite scholars to submit proposals for individual papers and panels that might address such questions as: Performances of Gender; Gender and Discovery; Colonialism; Constructions of Sexualities; Native American Contact; Race and Gender; African Diaspora and Slavery. As with previous successful CLAW program events the conference will be run in a seminar style: accepted participants will be expected to send completed papers to the organizers in advance of the conference itself (by March 1st, 2012) for circulation via password-protected site. At the conference itself presenters will talk for no more than ten minutes about their paper, working on the assumption that everyone has read the paper itself. This arrangement means that papers may be considerably lengthier and more carefully argued than the typical 20-minute presentation; and it leads to more substantive, better informed discussion. It also generally allows us to move quite smoothly toward publication of a selection of essays with the University of South Carolina Press.

Proposals for individual papers should be 200 words, and should be accompanied by a brief one-page biographical statement indicating institutional affiliation, research interests, and relevant publishing record for each participant, including chairs and commentators. Please place the panel proposal, and its accompanying paper proposals and vitas in one file. Please submit your proposal electronically with CLAW conference in the subject line to the conference chair, Dr. Sandra Slater at slaters@cofc.edu by December 2, 2011. If you wish to send a proposal for a 3- or 4-person panel, please send a 300 to 500-word proposal describing the panel as a whole as well as proposals for each of

the individual papers, along with biographical statements for each of the presenters. The organizers reserve the right to accept individual papers from panel proposals, to break up panels, and to add papers to panels. Notification of acceptance will be sent by January 31st, 2012. Organizing Committee: Sandra Slater (History), Lisa Randle (CLAW & Avery Research Center), John White (CLAW), Simon Lewis (CLAW) [all College of Charleston]. Visit the website at <http://spinner.cofc.edu/atlanticworld/?referrer=webcluster&>.