

Call For Proposals: National Women's Studies Association 2018  
Fat Studies Interest Group  
November 8-11<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, GA

Papers on any topic at the intersection of women's studies/ feminism/ womanism/ gender/sexuality and fat studies will be considered. This year's conference theme is: **Just Imagine. Imagining Justice: Feminist visions of freedom, dream making and the radical politics of futures**

Your submission should fall under one of the sub-themes for NWSA 2018. Detailed descriptions can be found under the full CFP at:

[https://www.nwsa.org/Files/2018/CFP2018\\_Final.pdf](https://www.nwsa.org/Files/2018/CFP2018_Final.pdf)

- Afro-futurism, feminist futures, surrealist thought and radical imaginaries
- Rethinking gender, sexuality, family, disability and the bio-politics of what is or is not human
- The future of the universities, schools, and knowledge production: maroon spaces, insurgent practices, and the future of the disciplines and the interdisciplines
- Post-capitalism: imagining new economic futures
- Revolutions and utopian projects: sustained, incomplete and derailed
- Political, cultural and artistic movements that “demand the impossible:” “abolition” and beyond
- The earth's future and legacies of its past: environmental justice, climate change, indigeneity, land rights, wars and occupations

While this is an open call, topic suggestions include, but are not limited to:

- Women of Color and Fatness/Body Size
- Transnational Fat Bodies (immigration, globalization)
- Fat Sexualities (including asexuality, hypersexuality, deviant sexualities)
- Fat Activism & Intersectionality
- Fatness & Institutions
- Visual culture, social media, and fat activism
- Fat Masculinities
- Defining and Refining Fat Studies
- Fat Feminist Research Methods (including role of the researcher body)
- Fat utopia/intersectional body positive utopias

If you are interested in being a part of the 2018 Fat Studies panels at NWSA, please submit a short proposal (details below) by Thursday, February 15, 2018 to both NWSA Fat Studies Interest Group co-chairs Katie [katie.manthey@salem.edu](mailto:katie.manthey@salem.edu) and Casey [cdbcasas@gmail.com](mailto:cdbcasas@gmail.com). Please make sure one of us confirms receipt of your submission.

Submissions must include:

- Name, Institutional Affiliation, Snail Mail, Email, Phone
- NWSA Theme your paper fits under (and fat studies topic area/s if yours fits any of the above)
- Title for your talk
- A one-page, double-spaced abstract in which you lay out your topic AND its relevance to this session
- An abstract of no more than 100 words (NWSA requirement)
- Rationale for A/V equipment, if needed

Each person will speak for around 15 minutes, which will leave time for Q&A. In order to present with your name in the program, you must become a member of NWSA in addition to registering for the conference by the NWSA summer 2018 deadline.

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If you submit a fat studies related paper or panel on your own, you can tag it with the keyword 'fat feminisms,' and likewise search the program for 'fat feminisms' to find relevant panels. We thank NWSA for adding a keyword that helps conference attendees locate fat studies panels.