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Student seminar



A student seminar will take place Thursday, March 12 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

Two topics will be discussed. Elizabeth Mercier, postdoctoral fellow at IREF, will present her research project on the Slut Walk and Clark Pignedli, PhD student, will present his reflections on Drag King practices.

This activity is a follow up to last Fall's student seminar where participants expressed a desire to have a space to discuss their research projects.

RSVP your place by email at Florence Marchand

See the event on Facebook.

Social Work Research and Knowledges



The Testimonial Cultures team will run a booth at the Social Work Research and Knowledges Day organised by the Research committee of the UQAM School of Social Work. This is an opportunity for sharing with students and professors.

The DVD compilations and other tools developed in the last years will be presented.

Come to visit us on Wednesday March 11, between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm in the lobby of Marie-Gérin-Lajoie at UQAM!

News from the Working Group on the evaluation of testimonials

A Working Group has undertaken a research project to evaluate the impact of public testimonials by people living with HIV/AIDS (a partnership between 4 persons who give testimonials, 5 communities organisations and 4 research and teaching institutions). Currently, the Group is choosing examples of testimonials from our archive, which will be the foundation for future analysis. A corpus of 82 examples from various media (community, general, specialized, independent, etc.) was formed. A more narrow selection will be made and evaluation criteria will



be developed. So far, the preliminary version of the "evaluation grid" has raised much lively discussion. The Working Group aims to produce a useful tool that can assess the impact and role of testimonials in social intervention as well as public awareness.

Participants needed (in French only)

Do you identified as a women belonging to a sexual minority and to a cultural/ethnic minority? Do you speak French and is more than 18 years old?

Are you working in a resource offering services to women of sexual diversity and practice feminist intervention within your community of intervention? Your participation is also needed!

Florence Marchand, research assistant at Testimonial Cultures is looking for participant. Her master research is on the coming out and the intervention of women coming from sexual and cultural minorities.

Don't hesitate to [contact her](#) to participate!

[The recruiting poster](#)



Featured testimonial : Homogene

A new bilingual web documentary series is available on Internet. Through the testimonials of gays and lesbians, the director strives to combat homophobia and to exploring the notion of difference.

Discover our most recent « Featured Testimonial »

[Learn more](#)



Emerging Voices of Intersex People

A testimonial culture is added to the project!

Visit our [website](#) to know more about the project *Emerging Voices of Intersex People: Expressing experiences, bodies, and identities* led by Janik Bastien-Charlebois, a professor in the department of sociology of the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).



Our presence in Congress to come..

83e Congrès de l'ACFAS , Association francophone pour le savoir – May, Rimouski.

[Console-ing Passions](#) : 23e International Conference on Television, Audio, Video, New Media and Feminism - June, Dublin

[Visible Evidence](#) : 22nd International Conference on Documentary Film and Media - August, Toronto

7e Congrès international des [recherches féministes dans la francophonie](#) - August, Montréal



IN BRIEF

General Assembly

The last General Assembly took place on February 4, 2015. After 3 years of developing the partnership, the community and university partners confirmed that a public exhibit on testimonial cultures will be undertaken in 2017. The team was mandated to look for funding, exhibition space and artists to invite.

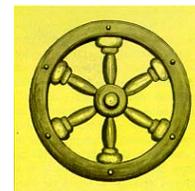
A meeting of the Organizing Committee involving ATQ, COCQ-AIDS, GRIS-Montreal, Stella



and CHORN Concordia will be convened when funding is available.

Intranet

The implementation of Intranet is now finished! If you have any questions about access to documents, if you forgot your codes, etc. please [contact us](#).



Report of the Story Wheel

The report of the "Story Wheel" Study Day that took place in May 2014 is now available on our website (in French only). [Gotake a look!](#)

Team News

The research assistants are also quite busy in a variety of areas. **Florence Marchand** will deliver a conference on her Social Work masters' research project at the next SVR Student Colloquia on 20 March at UQAM. **Gabriel Giroux** deposited his MA thesis at the beginning of the Winter. **Myriam Pomerleau** is impatient to see the new Spring leaves come out!

Testimonial Cultures

A cultural study of testimonials as a social intervention strategy for sexual and gender minorities: applications, challenges, issues, and impact of a renewed practice

Partners

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