The Construction of Gender Identity as “Disordered:”
A Critical Examination of Mental Health Using Trans Narratives

This talk will focus on how the mental health profession constructs gender identities and how trans people experience this construction. Narratives from trans and gender non-conforming individuals will be presented throughout the talk to provide multiple viewpoints on the utility of working within the mental health care system versus actively challenging pathologizing constructions. The talk will include a gendered analysis of how masculinity and femininity are represented in diagnoses and provide examples of how individuals within the system work together to deconstruct these disorders.

Thursday, March 17
10:45am-11:45am
Ustler Hall Atrium
Lunch reception to follow