

Throughout our fall programs, a common thread consistently returned to our theme **Women and the Pandemic**. From Jeanelle Austin's strong but gentle tending of the George Floyd Memorial to Savannah Ellison's research on the global economy's disproportionate reliance on women caretakers to the various literature explored in our Book Circles, emerged a delicate and interlinking touchstone of **empathy**.

MAKING WAVES

SEPTEMBER

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LESSONS LEARNED FROM CARETAKING THE GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL

Jeanelle Austin grew up two blocks from 38th & Chicago Ave in Minneapolis. She was home visiting family over Memorial Day weekend when George Floyd was murdered in her neighborhood. Her caretaking of his Memorial began simply, straightening protest signs and picking up various debris, continued with conversations with neighbors and community members, and grew as she found homes for the many, many offerings brought to honor and mourn the loss of George Floyd.



The George Floyd Memorial is now the longest standing protest in the nation.

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as community were eager to hear about Jeanelle's experience and to learn how to build sustainable community. "Get to know your neighbors," Jeanelle advised. **"The people are far more sacred than the memorial itself."**



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GREETINGS FROM QSA!

While QSA was hit hard by the pandemic, we are back to thriving and having lots of events!

This year, with the help of SDIS and DAB, we wanted to bring QSA and queer-centered events to the forefront with monthly craft days, music, and more in the works. We are also learning to **center not just queer voices, but all the identities that coincide with what makes someone them** such as disabilities, race, and gender identity and expression.



We hope to be able to uplift all voices within our community, and work towards a truly equitable campus community.

All are welcome!



PROGRESS REPORTS FROM 2021-2022 LDCW GRANTS

YARN TAMERS

Yarn Tamers is an opportunity for students, staff, faculty, and community members to spend a relaxing hour working on yarn projects and meeting new friends. Not yet a knitter? Come learn from other crafters!

Throughout the fall, Yarn Tamers were so happy to meet back in person! Stay tuned as we continue navigating the pandemic and doing our best to keep our community safe.

Everyone is welcome!

Tuesdays: Yarn Tamers, 12-1 pm | Wednesdays: FemCom, 7:30 pm

February 24 LDCW Book Circle, *The Empathy Exams* by

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March 8 International Women's Day

Women's History Month Speaker **Leslie Jamison**

OEC Auditorium, 7:00 pm

March 17 LDCW Book Circle , *The Secret to Superhuman Strength*

by Alison Bechdel, 1:30-2:30 pm

\$ S UTBD, LDCW Book Circle, *Afterland* by Mai der Vang

May TBD, *Making Waves with Christine Balsley: A Writing Workshop*



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HOURS:

During the pandemic, we have limited of ce hours. Please check our [website](#) for updates. If you are unable to stop by during the listed times, simply email us and we can set up an appointment. We'd love to see you!

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