

Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH)
"An interdisciplinary Research Seminar"

How, where, and when does gender make a difference in research?

Why gender doesn't mean WOMAN...



Friday, May 30, 2008

12:00pm – 1:30pm

University Hall

601 S. Morgan, Room 950

- Gender as a Stratification System
- Implications of Gender for Research
- Men Do Gender Too
- Paying Attention to Gender
- Intersectionalities in Women's Health

Barbara J. Risman, PhD, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology and Gender and Women's Studies Program, Co-Chair, Council on Contemporary Families. Barbara J. Risman (PhD University of Washington, 1983) is Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Illinois Chicago. Barbara Risman is the author of *Gender Vertigo: American Families in Transition* (Yale, 1998), edited books, and over two dozen journal articles in venues including *American Sociological Review*, *Gender & Society*, and *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. She is also the Co-Chair of The Council on Contemporary Families, a national organization whose mission is to bring new research findings and clinical expertise to public attention. In 2005, Dr. Risman was honored with the Katherine Jocher Belle Boone Award from the Southern Sociological Society for lifetime contributions to the study of gender. Professor Risman strongly believes that sociologists have a responsibility to both do good research and teach about it, both inside the classroom and to the public at large.

Judith Kegan Gardiner, PhD, is Director of the UIC Gender and Women's Studies Program and a Professor of English and of Gender and Women's Studies. She is an original founder of the Gender and Women's Studies Program at UIC. Her current research focuses on masculinity in feminist theory, and recent publications discuss South Park, femininity, and collegiality. Her edited volumes include *Provoking Agents: Gender and Agency in Theory and Practice* (1995); *Masculinity Studies and Feminist Theories* (2002); and *The International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities* (2007). She is also a member of the editorial collective of the interdisciplinary journal, *Feminist Studies*.

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