

# Gender Identity: Then & Now

Professor Mercer has published widely in the history of philosophy (on Leibniz and early modern philosophy more generally), but her current work is committed to a radical rethinking of philosophy's past. Her American Philosophical Association Presidential Lecture (January 2020) argued that "philosophy's status quo is no longer tenable" and that "philosophy's past affords a ready means to empower its present."

Professor Dembroff thinks a lot about theoretical models of abstract things like systemic injustice and patriarchy, and how to ensure that our models better track people's lived experience. Their primary areas of research are feminist and LGBTQ philosophy, which they approach using tools from metaphysics, epistemology, and philosophy of language. Their research emphasizes relations between dynamic social processes and social classifications.

**15 APRIL 2022 - FRIDAY  
25 PARK PLACE  
ROOM 223**

**2 PM - 3:30 PM  
Mercer Talk: Gender  
Deviance & Authority in the  
History of Philosophy**

**3:30 PM - 4 PM  
Break/Reception**

**4 PM - 5:30 PM  
Dembroff Talk:  
Reimagining Transgender**



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