

## **Mission**

The Gender Equity Center is dedicated to creating an equitable community at SMC by addressing and challenging gender inequity through education, empowerment of women, consciousness raising, activism, and allyship.

We can do this by actively:

- Advancing authentic dialogue regarding systemic gender inequities
- Developing programs to promote gender equity through an intersectional lens
- Offering resources to create/promote/build feminist, womxnist, and mujerista movements
- Advocating for gender equity by organizing and participating in social and activist movements
- Welcoming and building allyship in support of gender equity
- Building and establishing partnerships with SMC groups and community agencies to support and achieve gender equality

## **Student Voices**



## Liliana Mendez Pascual

“A gender-equal society would be one where the word ‘gender’ does not exist: where everyone can be themselves.” -

Gloria Steinem



## Elizabeth

IXD Program Student, 2nd year



## Shannon

Political Science and Government



## Rita

Photography and Film Technology

**MORE STUDENT VOICES**

## Community

We want to support everyone in our community by talking about what is important to you and by giving resources that can give you the help you need.

## Downtown Woman's Center



The Downtown Women’s Center (DWC) envisions a Los Angeles with every woman housed and on a path to personal stability. Its mission is to end homelessness for women in greater Los Angeles through housing, wellness, employment, and advocacy.

[Visit the Downtown Women's Center](#)



## National Organization for Women NOW

As the grassroots arm of the women’s movement, the National Organization for Women is dedicated to its multi-issue and multi-strategy approach to women’s rights, and is the largest organization of feminist grassroots activists in the United States.

[Visit the National Organization for Women](#)

# Trailblazers

## Kimberlé Crenshaw

Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw is an American lawyer, civil rights advocate, philosopher, and a leading scholar of critical race theory who developed the theory of intersectionality. She is a full-time professor at the UCLA School of Law and Columbia Law School, where she specializes in race and gender issues

[Link to Kimberlé Crenshaw Twitter](#)

[Link to Kimberlé Crenshaw TedTalk](#)



## Social Media Activism

- This is an easy way to take action. Be intentional about posting authenticated news articles, petitions, websites, and more that help bring exposure to police brutality and anti-black violence. Here are a few tips.
- Don't be silent on social media. Speak up. Use your platform to seek justice for George Floyd. If you are uncomfortable writing something yourself then repost someone else's words.
- When you donate, share the link on your social channels to inspire followers.
- Resharing photos or videos of protestors could get them in trouble with the law. Think carefully before reposting any video where law enforcement could I.D. someone.

## Campus Clubs

### Corsair Consent Coalition (CCC) Club

Corsair Consent Coalition (CCC) is to create a safe, inclusive campus for students of all gender expressions and sexual orientations by educating our campus community on issues surrounding sexual assault and violence. Corsair Consent Coalition is committed to combating sexual violence, educating students, and creating a supportive environment for survivors and allies. CCC will partner with on- and off-campus community resources in an effort to educate on the topics of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, stalking, and healthy sexuality

**Every other Friday | 11:30pm - 12:15 p.m. | Free | [Email for Zoom Link](#)**

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### Period @ Santa Monica College Club

PERIOD is a youth-fueled nonprofit that strives to eradicate period poverty and stigma through service, education, and advocacy. Through the distribution of menstrual products, promotion of youth leadership, and championing of menstrual equity in policy, PERIOD aims to center those disproportionately affected by period poverty and support local efforts for menstrual equity. To end period poverty and stigma through education, advocacy, and service

**Mondays | 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Free | [Email for Zoom Link](#)**

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### Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Club

GSA strives to create an inclusive environment where students of ALL sexual orientations, gender identities, ethnicities, religions, ages, and other intersectional backgrounds can come together as a community to create awareness and fight inequality at SMC.

**Thursdays | 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Free | [Email for Zoom Link](#)**

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## Programs and Services

The Racial Justice Center will have a robust programming model that supports interdisciplinary research and education on the physical, social, political, historical, cultural, and economic experiences of the Black, Latinx, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and other communities.



### **Processing the Verdict: Reflection, Healing, and Coming Together for Racial Justice**

Response to the Derek Chauvin trial verdict handed down on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 20, 2021. These sessions are open to the entire SMC community: Students, Staff, Faculty, and Administrators are invited to join in this process.

Read more on resources and responses to the Derek Chauvin verdict



### **Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**

Broadly, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary field of inquiry analyzing social justice in the structures of power, especially as they are grounded in gender, race, sexuality, ethnicity, nationality, ability, and other inequalities, and as they configure historical and contemporary struggles for social change.

Read more about Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

## Resources

The Gender Equity Center will foster student success and retention by creating a designated space for the safe expression of gender identity, the creation and dissemination of knowledge, inquiry, and education with regards to gender and sexuality, sexual assault and harassment services and education, and as a platform for research and professional development for students with regards to gender expression and inclusion.

## Take Action

### Data and Research

OECD: Better Policies for Better Lives

The World Bank: Gender Data

The World Bank: Gender Data Portal

United Nations Gender Statistics

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### Black Lives Matter

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Free self-healing resource for Black folks

Black Girl Magik's Mental Health Resources

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### Asian American and Pacific Islanders

Stop AAPI Hate

AAPI fund

Advancing Justice AAJC

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## Finding Community

### Local Resources and Partners

Human Relations Council of Santa Monica Bay Area

Peace Over Violence

Pacific Asian Family

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### Get Involved and Donate

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## **Indigenous**

Decolonizing Community Care in Response to  
COVID-19

Indigenous Allyship Resources

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## **Legal Rights Organizations**

ACLU

National Lawyers Guild Los Angeles/

MALDEF: The Latino Legal Voice for Civil Rights in  
America

CHIRLA: Coalition for Humane Immigrant  
Rights

Asian Americans Advancing Justice

NAACP LA

CARECEN

ICWC, Immigration Center for Women and  
Children

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee  
Rights

W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Racial Equity Resource  
Guide

Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality

Asian & Pacific Islanders California Action  
Network

KIWA, Workers for Justice

National Women's Legal Center

Women's Rights Organizations

Human Rights Watch, Women's Rights  
Committee

California Women's Law Center

NOW, CA0290 Los Angeles

Feminist Majority Foundation, Internships in Los  
Angeles

Downtown Women's Center

NCLR, National Council of La Raza

100 Black Woman, A Recipe for Success for Black  
Women & Girls!

National Congress of Black Women

Chicana/Latina Foundation

ALPFA, Professional Chapters: Los Angeles

Asian Pacific Women's Center

CAUSE, Center for Asian Americans United  
for Self Empowerment

National Asian Pacific American Women's  
Forum

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