

## Dr. Ann C. Carver Essay Contest

The UNC Charlotte Women’s and Gender Studies Program is pleased to announce the first annual Dr. Ann C. Carver Essay Contest! This contest is named after the first Coordinator of UNC Charlotte’s Women’s Studies Program. A faculty member of the English Department since 1969, Dr. Carver was also the former chair of the Black Studies Committee, who selected the first director of UNC Charlotte’s Black Studies Program, Dr. Bertha Maxwell Roddey. Dr. Carver worked side by side with Dr. Maxwell Roddey to teach, advise and help students in the Black Studies Program. After teaching in the English Department and in the Black Studies Program for several years, she responded to the demands of female students to offer Women’s Studies courses at the University. In the spring of 1984, after years of negotiations, the Concentration in Women’s Studies, an interdisciplinary program, was approved by the UNC administration. While the Program began with a small offering of courses, today it offers over 100 courses and has over 350 minors.

<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are declared Women's and Gender Studies minors</li> <li>• Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5</li> </ul>
<b>Award</b>	\$500
<b>Criteria for Awarding Essay</b>	<p>All essays must be typed in Microsoft Word, using Times New Roman Font in a 12 font size and no more than 2500 words in length (including references), double-spaced with one inch margins-left to right and-top to bottom. Papers that only offer personal opinions, without evidence of research/documentation and analytical reasoning, will not be considered.</p> <p>The Women's and Gender Studies Essay Contest Committee will consider the following in the evaluation of the essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject/Topic and Originality</li> <li>• Argument/and or theoretical framework</li> <li>• Methodology and Research process</li> <li>• Supporting evidence/Sources</li> <li>• Skills/Mechanics</li> </ul>
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<p>March 6, 2017 (Applicants will be notified of the Committee’s decision by April 24, 2017)</p>
<b>Instructions</b>  <i>A completed application consists of the following:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-published original scholarly or literary essay of no more than 2500 words on any subject related to the following themes:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gender, Sexuality, and the Politics of Body</li> <li>Gender, Activism, Resistance, and Empowerment</li> <li>Gender, Intersectionality, Transfeminism, and Diversity</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Applicants may submit a revised version of an essay completed in one of their classes or the applicant may submit a newly-created essay.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two letters of reference from UNC Charlotte faculty.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ If submitting an essay from an applicant's coursework, at least one letter should be from the former professor who assigned the essay that will be entered in the contest. Letters from peers or family members will not be accepted.</li><li>○ These letters should evaluate the Applicant's academic achievement and interest &amp; involvement in gender issues.</li></ul></li> <li>• Contact information for the people who are writing your letters of reference<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Submission Instructions</b>	<p>Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Submit the essay as email attachment to: <a href="mailto:sramse17@uncc.edu">sramse17@uncc.edu</a>. The electronic file must be in MS Word format and must be arranged as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The first page must be a cover letter with the title of your essay, your name, mailing address, telephone number and email contact information.</li><li>2. The second page of the essay must contain only the title of the essay. Please do not include your name on this page.</li><li>3. The essay (2500 words): no name or Banner ID.</li></ol> <p>All application materials must be emailed to Dr. Sonya Ramsey, <a href="mailto:sramse17@uncc.edu">sramse17@uncc.edu</a>, by March 6, 2017. It is at the sole discretion of the WGST Review Committee if late or incomplete applications will be accepted.</p> <p>For more information, contact: Dr. Sonya Ramsey Associate Professor of History and Women's and Gender Studies Department of History University of North Carolina at Charlotte 9201 University City Blvd. Charlotte, North Carolina, 28223 Phone: 704-687-5154 Email: <a href="mailto:sramse17@uncc.edu">sramse17@uncc.edu</a></p>