

MSS Gender Certificate

Instructions and Roster of Sessions 2026

The MSS Gender Certificate is a certification program organized by the MSS Women in the Profession Committee. The certificate provides a structure for you to focus your conference participation around gender as a central sociological force shaping institutions, knowledge production, and everyday life, including how gender intersects with race and ethnicity, class, disability, sexuality, citizenship, and power. By completing the certification process, you will be able to document, and will be recognized for, your participation in sessions focused on gender scholarship and practice.

To receive the MSS Gender Certificate, you must attend at least four sessions and write a brief reflection on your experience. There are multiple qualifying sessions in many time slots, listed below, that focus on gender throughout the conference. Send your materials to the Women in the Profession chair via email at womeninprofession@themss.org no later than Friday, April 17, 2026. After committee review, you will be emailed a certificate that you can include on your vitae or share with those who supported your attendance at the conference. Thank you for participating.

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Name: _____

Email: _____

Write a short paragraph that names the sessions you attended (titles or topics) and one idea, question, or example from each that stood out. Describe one way your understanding of gender (including its connections to race, class, sexuality, disability, or citizenship) shifted or became more complex. Lastly, how you'll apply what you learned in your next steps or in your own work after you return from the conference.

I hereby certify that I attended the four (4) sessions required to qualify for the certificate.

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2026 MSS Gender Certificate Sessions

Select at least 4 of the Following Sessions to Complete Certificate Requirements

Session Number	Title	Attended
6	Gendered Youth, Bodies, and Care: Global Struggles Over Autonomy	
5	Gendered Sexualities	
10	Family Transitions	
14	Intersecting Inequalities: How Race, Gender, and Structural Contexts Shape Health, Opportunity, and Social Experience	
23	Author Meets Critics Panel Featuring Righteous Sisterhood: The Politics and Power of an All-Women's Motorcycle Club by Sarah Hoiland	
27	Constructing Deviance: Perceptions, Politics, and Discourse	
38	Gender as a Structuring System of Care and Neglect	
46	Cisnormativity and Structural Stigma	
47	Institutional and Interpersonal Inequality	
57	Author Meets Critics Panel Featuring Bringing Law Home: Gender, Race, and Household Labor Rights by Katherine Maich	
65	Contemporary Issues in Gender and Criminal Justice	
67	Persistent Health Inequities among Race and Sexuality Groups	
72	Plenary Session I: All I Wanna Say is That / They Don't Really Care about Us. Tracie Canada, Duke University	
82	Identities and Subcultures in Popular Culture	
106	Queer Resistance and Resilience	
137	Plenary Session II: Toward a Multitude of Care: Practices, Methods, and Solidarity in Times of Crisis. Valerie Francisco-Menchavez	
140	Complexities of Care in Families, Institutions, and Social Movements	
142	Author Meets Critics Panel Featuring A Gun of Her Own: The Everyday Lives of Women Who Shoot by Margaret S. Kelley	
161	Gender and Work	
166	Classism, Sexism, and Racism: Old Problems, New Realities	
167	Policy and Practice	
177	Gendered Narratives	
182	A Look Inside Families	
185	The Stories and Meaning of Women's Work and Play	
186	Activism and Justice in Precarious and Marginalized Communities	