Disability at the Intersection of

History, Culture, Religion, Gender, and Health

March 3, 2022 • 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A. Raynor Conference Center, Beaumier Suite B/C

March 4, 2022 • 10:00 AM - 5:45 PM (CT)

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DR. LENNARD DAVIS

Keynote: "Disability Studies: Then and Now"

Dr. Lennard Davis is a Distinguished Professor of English, Professor of Disability and Human Development, and Professor of Medical Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Additionally, Dr. Davis is the director of Project Biocultures, a think-tank devoted to studying the intersection of culture, medicine, biotechnology, the biosphere, and disability. Dr. Davis has spoken on his experience of childhood in a deaf household and has written extensively on issues of disability and human rights. He serves as the editor for the *Disability Studies* Reader. His current research focuses on issues of disability, literary and cultural theory, genetics, race, identity, and biocultural issues.



MS. BRENDA WESLEY

Keynote: "Disabling the Difference: Identity and Policy"

Ms. Brenda Wesley is an award-winning advocate and playwright. After serving as the Outreach and Education Director for the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Greater Milwaukee for fourteen years, she left to start her own mental health consulting agency, Pasch & Wesley. She has received numerous awards including the 2013 Multi-Cultural Outreach Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the 2016 Wisconsin State Assembly Hometown Hero Award, and the 2016 Public Service Award from the National Association of Social Workers. Brenda was recognized for her advocacy work by Congresswoman Gwen Moore with a proclamation in 2016.

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