

Professor, Researcher, Writer, Mother: Women's Struggles in the Academy, the Field, and Online

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Abstract

It is the year 2018 and yet it is still not necessarily easy to be a woman in academia. Despite rising numbers of female students and professors, numerous studies find that gender discrimination and sexual harassment both still persist in academia. The immediate global resonance of the #MeToo movement is one example of this. Women know that discrimination and harassment happen in many academic locations---in the classroom and office, in the field while doing research, and also in online spaces. In this talk, Professor Carole McGranahan will discuss women's struggles in the U.S. academy, including her own personal experiences, as well as feminist strategies for addressing gendered discrimination including the building of community both online and in "real life," face-to-face communities. What successful strategies do we have for feminist praxis in academia? How might feminist intersectional approaches be useful in rethinking inequity in academic life beyond just gender? This is a conversation for all academics, not just women, and so all are welcome.

About the Speaker

Carole McGranahan is associate professor of anthropology and history at the University of Colorado. She is a scholar of Tibet and the Himalayas, and first traveled to Nepal as a student in 1989. She is the author of *Arrested Histories: Tibet, the CIA, and Memories of a Forgotten War* (Duke University Press, 2010) as well as many articles about the Tibetan refugee community, empire, gender, and ethnographic research. As an academic, she is active on social media and since 2012 has been a core blogger for *Anthrodendum*, a group anthropology blog.