

Feminist & Gender Studies Presents:

Senior Spotlight Rag!

April 2026 Part 2: FGS Minors

Charlotte Combe

Why did you decide to minor in FGS?

I initially gravitated towards FGS because I wanted to learn more about systems of structural violence and ways to envision collective liberation.

What is a favorite memory you have from FGS?

Taking Transnational Feminisms block five of my Junior year with Dr. Guessous. This block gave me an understanding of gendered violence as something deeply entrenched in neocolonialism and global capitalism, and a new intersectional lens to understand feminism through. This class radically re-oriented the ways I view the world and remains one of my favorite blocks taken at CC!

What would you tell students considering a minor in FGS?

The FGS department at CC cares about you as a whole person, not just a student. By minoring in FGS, you are opening yourself to a community of collaborative thinkers, activists, and friends!

What is a fun fact about you?

I love going to punk shows in the Denver area and am planning to start a band when I move there after graduating!

What are you looking forward to after graduation?

I am looking forward to completing a two-year fellowship with Govern for America, where I will be working in a public health setting in Denver! I am excited to apply what I learned as an FGS minor to my work in health equity.



Sarah Ichinose

Why did you decide to minor in FGS?

I decided to minor in FGS after taking a couple of classes in the department. The classes were energizing and provoking and truly wonderful spaces to challenge myself. I ultimately minored in FGS because of the learning environment that the professors in the department create to facilitate thoughtful and impactful classes.

What is a favorite memory you have from FGS?

Kind of bittersweet, but the last day of the block of every FGS class has been so memorable. My FGS peers have contributed so much to my experience, and I have felt like every FGS classroom has had a very collaborative and supportive relationship between the students and professors, and the last day of the block when we say goodbye is always very special.

What is a fun fact about you?

I love working with dogs and have volunteered to help raise and teach service dogs.

What would you tell students considering a minor in FGS?

Even if you're not sure about committing to a minor or major in FGS, take some classes in the department, as they will be valuable learning experiences regardless!

What are you looking forward to after graduation?

I'm looking forward to pursuing a career in library sciences and finding ways to continue learning about and implementing a feminist methodology beyond my undergraduate work.



Join us for the FGS Senior Capstone Presentations!

Wednesday,
April 29th

3pm - 5pm

Tim Fuller Event Space
(Tutt Library 201)

*Catered reception
after the presentations!*

Sophia Lisco



Why did you decide to minor in FGS?

Short answer: because I didn't have the capacity to double major. Longer answer: because I've so greatly enjoyed every FGS class that I've taken at CC. As I took introductory classes my sophomore year, I quickly learned that FGS provided a critical, interdisciplinary approach to scholarship that I longed for in other areas of study.

What is a favorite memory you have from FGS?

One of the first courses that I took in FGS was Critical Media Studies with Dr. Lewis. For this class, my group critiqued a "Mr. Clean" advertisement and spent the day filming a parody. This was my first time wearing a bald cap - this may or may not be why I shaved my head a year later.

What is a fun fact about you?

Outside of FGS classes, I've spent most of my time this year shooting my thesis film: Planet of the Babes.

What would you tell students considering a minor in FGS?

I would tell them to go for it. The classes that I've taken to fulfill my FGS minor have changed the way I see the world. The FGS department offers an approach to scholarship and class time that is hard to find elsewhere at CC, and I am so thankful for the time I've spent in FGS classrooms.

What are you looking forward to after graduation?

I'm looking forward to continuing to learn, engage with scholarship, and be critical of the world around me. (I don't really have post-grad plans yet.)



Scan the QR code to see
Sophia's thesis film,
Planet of the Babes!