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GIRLHOOD STUDIES An Interdisciplinary Journal Call for Papers Teaching Girlhood Studies

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Girlhood Studies, as an academic discipline, is still growing. Since some educational institutions do include girls’ studies as part of a special curriculum, an academic program, a certificate course, a minor, or as part of Women’s Studies or Gender Studies, Girlhood Studies does have a presence in academia although at this stage rarely in an autonomous department. This interest in the pedagogies and practices of teaching Girlhood Studies is an important aspect of its growth as a field of study at university level, at school, and outside of formal academic settings.

Articles may address teaching girlhood studies from various perspectives and academic disciplines including historical studies, literature, cultural studies, media studies, the study of juvenilia art, material and virtual culture (for example toys and games), girls and science, geographies of girlhood, education, and girl methodologies and methods, among others. Articles may present case studies or empirical research, may include or focus on artistic representations, or may be about theoretical or conceptual frameworks related to girlhood pedagogies. Teacher perspectives as well those of students are welcome. In addition to conventional articles, we will also consider creative contributions and material produced by (former or current) students of Girlhood Studies courses.

We are especially interested in contributions on teaching Girlhood Studies by and about Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Theories that inform our teaching of Girlhood Studies, such as intersectionality, entangled identities, and borderlands, among others
- Discussion of Girlhood Studies courses already taught, in progress, or proposed
- Teaching in non-classroom settings (in, for example, workshops for girls or about girlhood, non-profit education, and so on)
- Teaching Girlhood Studies at different levels (K-12, undergraduate, graduate)
- Collaborations with girls in the creation, development, and/or implementation of courses
in Girlhood Studies
- Perspectives of current or former students of Girlhood Studies courses
- Teaching about girlhood in literature and/or media courses
- Inclusions of non-binary children in girlhood pedagogies and practices.
- Adapting pedagogical approaches because of COVID-19, such as creating or maintaining safe spaces on virtual platforms
- Reflections on assignments, projects, or creative activities for Girlhood Studies
- Studying girlhood through specific lenses or case studies involving, for example, the body, dolls, literature, popular culture, and film.

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