



# 7th Annual WOMEN'S STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

## VOICES OF THE VOICELESS

**MARCH 19** | **9-5 p.m.** Thursday  
Billy C. Black Building Auditorium



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER Chandra Ward

Chandra Ward is a native of Albany, Georgia as well as Cobb County, Georgia. A graduate of the University of Georgia, Ms. Ward went on to Texas to work for social justice organizations such as ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) where she organized low-income neighborhoods in Dallas, Texas and registered people to vote. She was later involved in many other social justice organizations in Austin, Texas where she volunteered her time marching and lobbying for justice.

Ms. Ward went on to earn her master's degree in sociology at Texas State University, San Marcos where her thesis looked at Afrocentric explanations for differing drinking patterns between black and white college students. She is currently a doctoral candidate at Georgia State University where she is working on her dissertation looking at the relocation experiences of former public housing residents in Atlanta.

She is also a professor of sociology in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Kennesaw State University. The author of a recently published sociology textbook, "Voices From the Margins: Fresh perspectives on an Introduction to Sociology," Professor Ward's research interests include communities, urban sociology, visual sociology, and intersections of race, class, gender, and sexuality. Her work has been published in the journals *Contexts*, *Cities*, and *Sociology Compass*, and she is an assistant editor and contributor to the visual sociology blog Social Shutter.



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*Presented by the ASU Gender Studies Committee.*

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