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Dr. Christine Williams of the University of Texas at Austin will present the lecture “Gender Inequality in the Toy Store: How Gender Shapes Where We Shop, How We Shop and What We Buy” Thursday, March 21 at 4 p.m. on The University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg campus in the Liberal Arts Building’s Gonzalez Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the lecture.

Williams is a professor and chair of the Department of Sociology at UT-Austin and has earned awards for her teaching and research, which centers on gender, race, and class inequality in the workplace. Her presentation is part of the University’s program for Women’s History Month in March.

She is the 2012-2013 recipient of the Distinguished Lecturer Award from the national organization Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS). Southern Miss was one of only two universities to be competitively selected this year for a campus visit by the SWS Distinguished Lecturer.

“I’m so excited that our students will have the opportunity to hear her speak about her research and how it relates to their lives,” said Dr. Amy Miller, chair of the Southern Miss Department of Anthropology and Sociology. “Regardless of their major, all our students will be starting their careers post-graduation, so learning about the workplace is relevant to everyone.”

This lecture event is co-sponsored by the national organization Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) and Southern Miss’ Committee for Services and Resources for Women (CSRW), the Department of Anthropology and Sociology and the Center for Human Rights and Civil Liberties.

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