"From gay bars to marriage equality. Building a research career focused on sexual minority women’s health."

**Biography:**

*Tonda L. Hughes, RN, PhD, FAAN* is the Henrik H. Bendixen Professor of International Nursing, and Associate Dean for Global Health in the School of Nursing at Columbia University in New York City. She is also Executive Director of the Center for Sexual and Gender Minority Health Research in the School of Nursing and holds an interdisciplinary appointment as Professor in the College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry at Columbia. Dr. Hughes is Professor Emerita in the College of Nursing at the University of Illinois at Chicago and holds or has held honorary or visiting professorships in England (Oxford Brookes University), Australia (University of Melbourne, Deakin University, University of Technology-Sydney) and the U.S. (University of Pennsylvania, Vanderbilt University). She has a distinguished research career focusing on women’s mental health and substance use and is recognized internationally as a leading expert on sexual minority health. Her pioneering studies on alcohol use among lesbian and bisexual women have received nearly continuous funding since 1999 from the U.S. National Institutes of Health. Notably, she is Principal Investigator of the 22-year longitudinal study: the Chicago Health and Life Experiences of Women (CHLEW) study, the longest running study of sexual minority women’s health in the U.S. or elsewhere.

Dr. Hughes serves or has served as consultant to many U.S. Federal agencies and institutes such as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Mental Health, and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and to researchers in the U.S., Canada, Chile, India, Thailand, South Africa, South Korea, Rwanda, Malawi, Australia and New Zealand. She is currently a member of the NIH Sexual and Gender Minority Research Working group, a body that advises NIH Director on matters related SGM research.

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022 • 12:00-1:00 PM**

*Winslow Auditorium*

1st Year Students (mandatory)

2nd Year Students (optional)

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