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### *featured panelists*

**Lisa Anderson**, graduate director, gender studies PhD program

**Kenro Kusumi**, associate dean of graduate programs, CLAS

**Gabriel Escontrías**, managing director, Learning Sciences Institute

**Aren Aizura**, assistant professor, Women and Gender Studies

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