

## **The Space, Place & Southern Grace Fund for Feminist Studies**

An Opportunity from UK Gender & Women's Studies

Open to GWS Majors

*Deadline: December 15, 2025*

We are thrilled to announce the annual scholarship in UK Gender & Women Studies: The Space, Place & Southern Grace Fund for Feminist Studies, made possible by Sarah Caton (B.A. GWS '16). **This scholarship provides \$1,000 for a GWS major who will have completed at least 54 credit hours by Spring 2026.** The scholarship winner will also have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Sarah for professional mentorship throughout the semester.

Sarah's consulting business, blog, workshops, and two books focus on the craft of storytelling in entrepreneurship. She helps women small business owners become effective communicators across differences in identity and background—skills that she honed as a double major in GWS and Spanish at UK. Sarah believes that young people, and especially women, need mentors of many kinds, both formal and informal. If you are awarded this scholarship, you will have the chance to meet regularly with Sarah for advice and support on how to achieve your academic and career goals.

**Applications are due December 15, 2025.** In addition to the brief application form, you will also be asked to submit a writing sample of up to 10 pages that best represents your scholarly or feminist work. The sample may be a class paper or writing outside of class, such as a blog or magazine article. One winner will be chosen by a committee of GWS faculty.

The scholarship provides \$1,000 for the spring semester. The application and writing sample should be submitted on Scholarship Universe at <https://shorturl.at/IQ1Z0>. Questions can be directed to [melissa.stein@uky.edu](mailto:melissa.stein@uky.edu) or [michelle.deltoro@uky.edu](mailto:michelle.deltoro@uky.edu).





**About Sarah Caton:** Sarah is an event planner turned blogger, photographer, and brand strategist who loves celebrating the work of women. She is a fervent feminist who is passionate about professionalism. Sarah teaches community classes about self-care, social media, and personal development to build stronger identity and workplace confidence for millennials. She believes in owning your creative power, flexing your interpersonal assets, and actively working towards your goals. She is the author of the business communication book, *This Little Thing I Do Sometimes*, as well as the feminist collegiate guidebook, *Lessons We Paid For*.

Sarah is an internationally published photographer and has appeared as a guest on several podcasts to speak about business best practices and digital marketing. Sarah's work has been featured in *Southern Living*, the international travel guide *Porter & Sail*, among other print and digital publications. Influencer marketing and

photography partnerships have included major retailers such as HBO, NBC Sports, Xbox, America's Best Racing, Kroger, Kate Spade, Aerie, and Panera, among other household names.

Her site, [spaceplaceandsoutherngrace.com](http://spaceplaceandsoutherngrace.com), addresses life, laidback style, travel, and feminism for young entrepreneurs and Kentucky enthusiasts. There, you can explore Sarah's current projects, services, portfolio, and client list. *Space, Place & Southern Grace* has received numerous awards, including National Runner Up for Most Inspiring Lifestyle Blog by the InfluenceHer Collective agency.

Sarah has led professional development workshops at the University of Kentucky, University of Tennessee, Morehead State University, and for online audiences about developing your brand and building a career in digital media. As a product of her entrepreneurial success, Sarah launched the Space, Place & Southern Grace Fund for Feminist Studies at the University of Kentucky to support degree pursuit in Gender Studies.

At home, Sarah is an impassioned, yet easy-going southerner who loves to spend time at the beach, with her dog, and entrenched in the throes of true crime documentaries. She has spent significant time in Latin America and is fluent in Spanish. Sarah currently resides in Winchester, Kentucky.

You can connect with Sarah Caton online via her blog *Space, Place & Southern Grace*, and follow her on Facebook and Instagram at @spaceplaceandgrace.