



24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**TABLE TALK**  
*A Virtual Celebration*  
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021



*Blue Flower, Oil on Canvas 11"x10", Hanh Tran*

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*Black Bamboo (detail), Oil on Canvas 20"x15", Hanh Tran*

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- Itzel Martinez—Graduate Student Advisor

*Walking to You, Oil on Canvas 30"x40", 2016, Hanh Tran*



**CO-CHAIRS**

June Deadrick and Jessica Farrar

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Rep. Sylvia Garcia: Remarks from the Capitol

**VIRTUAL EVENT, FROM 11:30AM–1:30PM**

11:30am: Speed-Networking Reception | Noon–1:30pm: Program & Conversations  
 A “speed-networking” reception from 11:30 to noon, in randomized short zoom meet ups with new friends; followed by remarks to the whole group by our honorary speakers; then private breakout room with your conversationalist of choice.

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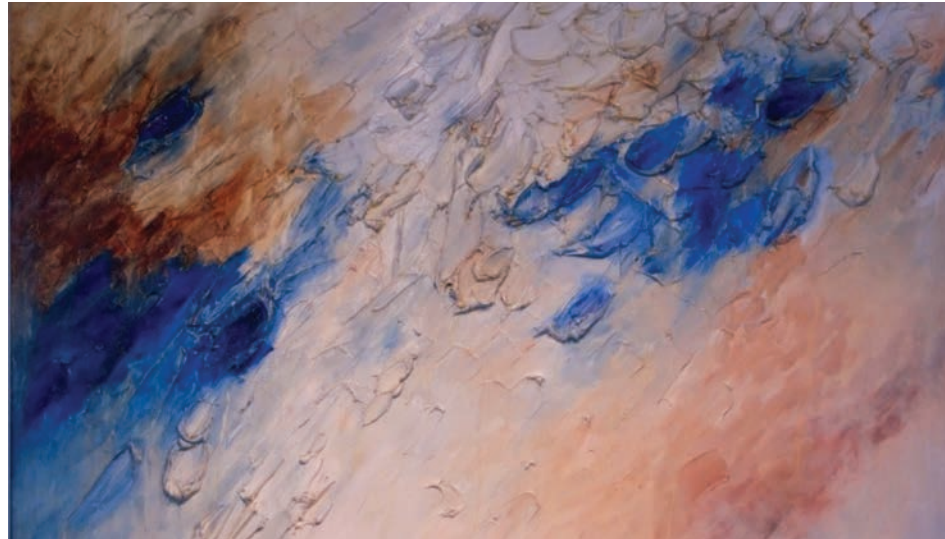
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*John (detail), Oil on Canvas 24"x36", 2013, Hanh Tran*



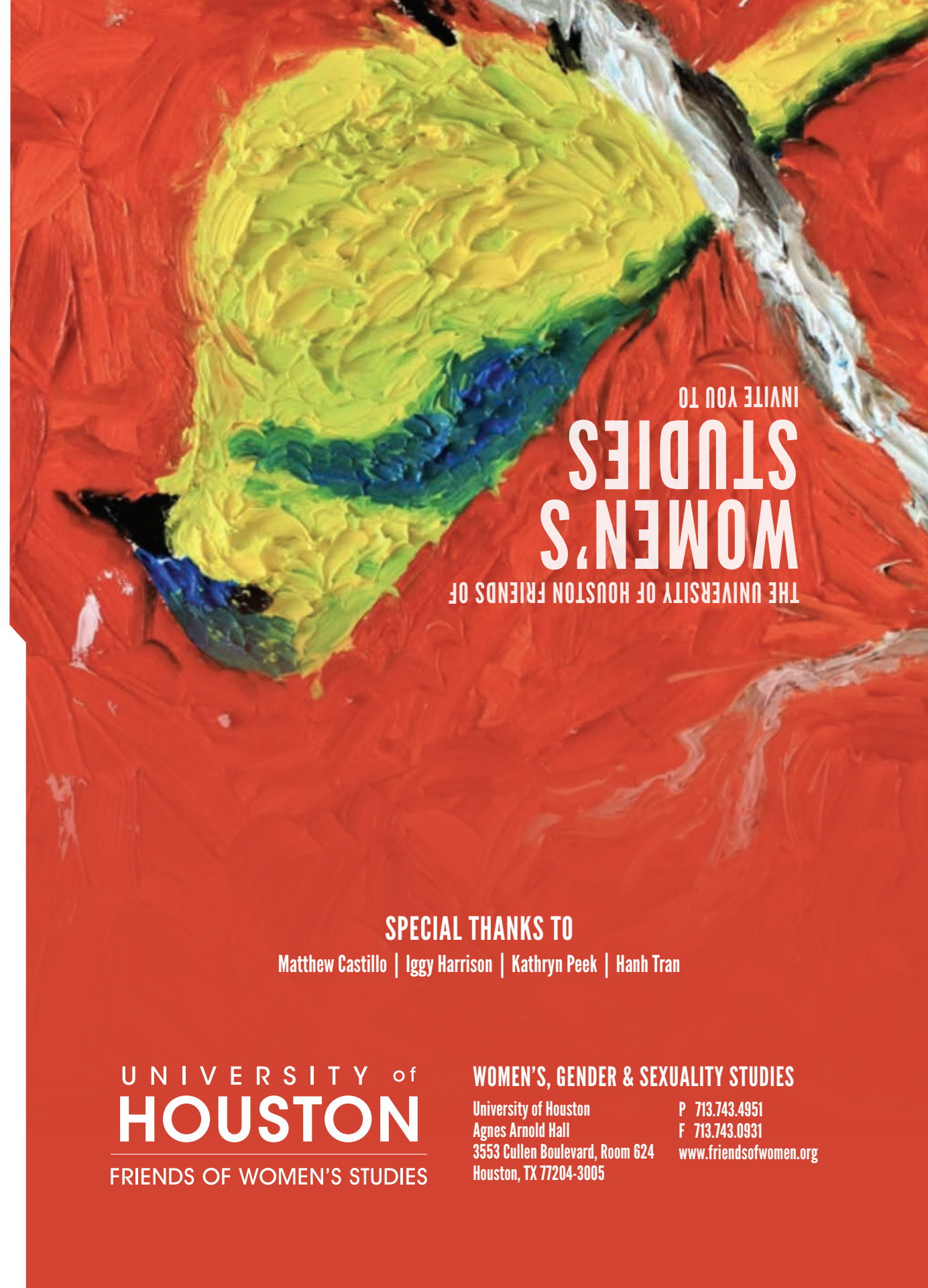


*Ocean, Oil on Canvas 48"x55", 2013, Hanh Tran*

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*Yellow Bird, Oil on canvas 24"x20", 2009, Hanh Tran*



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*Black Bamboo, Oil on Canvas 20"x15", Hanh Tran*

**CONVERSE. SHARE. LEARN.**

Table Talk is a fascinating combination of conversations, led by dynamic women of various cultures, professions and experience at each table.

Table Talk benefits the Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program at the University of Houston. The WGSS Program combines theoretical and empirical studies, to give students the tools to analyze the gender dynamics of the past and present and to build a fair future.