

Still Striking: ***Lysistrata and Radical Politics***

Tuesday, October 13 2026 5 - 7 p.m.

Western Connecticut State University

Midtown Student Center Theater 181 White St., Danbury, CT



Free and Open to the Public

Reception will follow the panel discussion



From the revolutionary workers' theater of the early 20th century, to the Bush-era "Lysistrata Project," to the women's peace movement in Liberia, to Spike Lee's *Chi-Raq* and South Korean 4B activists, Aristophanes' play, *Lysistrata*, has long been invoked to inspire, imagine, and interpret political movements for peace and sexual justice.

This panel discusses the play and its legacy. What makes *Lysistrata* such an enduring vehicle for imagining collective refusal? Can it continue to nourish radical politics? Or does the play flatten and trivialize the realities of feminist and pacifist movements?

Panelists:

Dr. Ani Chen, Mitchell Center/SNF Paideia
Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Danielle Hanley, Assistant Professor of Political
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Moshe Henderson, director, actor, singer,
HB studio

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