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***Chaplains' Records and the Marine Corps
Body: Military Definitions of Gender
Norms***

This presentation discusses preliminary connections between military chaplains and the policing of gender norms as they appear in the United States Marines. Chaplains' records provide a uniquely suited group of documents for examining the points where cultural, specifically gender, norms are contested because chaplains addressed the personal and religious concerns of members of the military. Many Marines treated these individuals as confidants and mentors, asking for advice and guidance on issues they found confusing. The documents chaplains created hint at some of these cultural issues. This research is part of Ms. Patterson's broader study of aspects of the gendered body in her dissertation project, in progress, titled "The Few, The Proud: Gender and the Marine Corps Body."

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