



*South Jersey NOW – Alice Paul chapter
Program Meeting
on Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 pm
at First Baptist Church,
19 W Main Street, Moorestown*

UNDERSTANDING AND UNPACKING THE MYTH OF FAT(NESS)

According to our speaker, Dr. JoAnna Murphy of Rowan University, “fat people are, at any given time, accepting, resisting, and/or subverting the oppressive power embedded in social norms surrounding their bodies.” Her presentation will demonstrate how media messages are being accepted, resisted, re-appropriated, altered, internalized, and/or ignored by individuals. Her work brings into focus the complex relationships fat people have surrounding the subjectivity, their sense of power, agency, and ability to resist, as well as the interplay of the intersections of their social identities, and their sense of embodiment and the performance of their fat bodies.

JoAnna Murphy, Ph. D., is the Assistant Director for Women's and Inclusion Programs and the Interim Assistant Director of the LGBTQIA+ Inclusion Programs in the Office of Social Justice, Inclusion, and Conflict Resolution at Rowan University. Dr. Murphy's background is interdisciplinary and includes a variety of scholarship from Women's and Gender Studies, Fat Studies, Sociology, Cultural Studies, and History. For the past 15 years, before moving to New Jersey, Dr. Murphy worked towards gender equity with the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department and the Women's Center at Bowling Green State University.

Please join us for a well-researched and insightful presentation on a controversial topic.