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Women and politics focus of panel discussion

AMHERST, Mass. – How are issues such as healthcare, war and the environment – ones traditionally important to women – shaping the presidential election? Experts weigh in at a free panel discussion Wednesday, April 16 at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

“Women and Politics” takes place from 4 – 5:30 p.m. in room 165 of the Campus Center. Panelists will share their perspectives on topics including political involvement, disenfranchised voters and women’s influences on the election cycle; a question-and-answer session will follow. Participants include:

- Michael E. Begay, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Public Health;
- Dayo F. Gore, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Women’s Studies; and
- Marianne Winters, Director of Everywoman’s Center.

Dr. Begay, a researcher and educator focused on the politics of public health, joined the UMass Amherst School of Public Health and Health Sciences in 1994. His work has been funded by groups including the American Cancer Society and the National Institutes of Health, and he has been published in a number of national health journals.

Dr. Gore’s areas of interest include African-American history and 20th century U.S. political and cultural activism. She is currently at work on a manuscript titled “The Work of Radicals: Black Women’s Political Thought and Activism in the 1950s,” and is co-editor of the forthcoming anthology “Want to Start a Revolution: Women and the Black Freedom Struggle.”

Winters has over two decades of experience in the movement to end violence against women. An expert on issues including confidentiality of counselor communications, diversity and inclusivity, theory of rape crisis work, substance abuse and mental health, her work has been recognized with national and state-level awards.

The event is co-sponsored by the Women’s Health Project of University Health Services (UHS) and the UMass Amherst Women’s Studies program. The Women’s Health Project, a student group sponsored by UHS’ Health Education department, works to empower women through positive choices. The university’s Women’s Studies program is among the nation’s first, offering courses and graduating students since 1974.

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