WOMEN'S STUDIES NEWSLETTER
208 Bartlett Hall, University of Massachusetts at Amherst 545-1922

SEPTEMBER 1985

*** WOST OPEN COURSES ***

FOUNDATIONS OF FEMINISM
MWF 11:15
Susan Tracy

RACE AND WHITE SOUTHERN WOMEN WRITERS
TuTh 11:15-12:30
Esther Terry

CAREER PLANNING FOR WOMEN
Monday 2:30-4:30
Arlene Avakian & Dale Melcher

FEMINIST THEORY
TuTh 2:30-3:45
Lee Edwards

METHODS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES
TuTh 12:15
Janice Raymond

WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY
TuTh 1-2:15
Nancy Folbre

PHILOSOPHY, FEMINISM, & FRIENDSHIP
TuTh 11:15-12:30
Janice Raymond

BRAZILIAN WOMEN: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH
MW 10:10
Daphne Patai

WOMEN'S UTOPIAS
MW 11:15-12:30
Daphne Patai

You are cordially invited to join the Women's Studies Staff and Faculty at a Reception on
Monday, September 17, 1985
4-6:00 p.m.
at Memorial Hall on campus.

Refreshments will be served.

R.S.V.P. by September 12 to 545-1922

STAFF ON THE MOVE

In May, WOST staff and faculty feted IRIS DEWHURST, WOST Secretary, at a traditional English Tea. Iris's sparkling presence in the office will be sorely missed but we extend best wishes to her and her family in their new home in R.I.

The Program is delighted, however, to have hired BRENSDA BROOKS as the new Secretary. Brenda is originally from North Carolina and visitors to the WOST office will be charmed by her gracious manner. Please stop in to introduce yourself and to welcome Brenda.

The Women's Studies Program is pleased to welcome SUSAN TRACY, Visiting Lecturer for 1985-86. Susan completed her BA and Master's degrees at the University and she has taught at Hampshire College and the University in recent years.

Susan completed her Ph.D. in History from Rutgers University in 1983; the title of her dissertation was: "Images of Women, Blacks, and Poor Whites in Antebellum Southern Literature."

This fall Susan will teach Foundations of Feminism and Introduction to Women's Studies; in the spring semester, she will teach the introductory course and Feminist Theory.

Welcome back to LEE EDWARDS! After two years as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Fine Arts, Lee will be teaching Feminist Theory this fall.
FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College announces fellowship programs for women: -- The BUNTING FELLOWSHIP Program, 1986-87 for women scholars, professionals, creative writers, poets, visual and performing artists, and musicians at various levels of career development; -- The SCIENCE SCHOLARS Fellowship Program, 1986-88 for women scientists at any level in their careers in the following fields: physical and mathematical, environmental, engineering, biological, and psychological.

All applications and recommendations are due by October 15, 1985. For information and application: Fellowship Program, The Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; (617)495-8212.

***

Harvard Divinity School announces five full-time positions for 1986-87 as Research Associate and Visiting Lecturer in its WOMEN'S STUDIES IN RELIGION PROGRAM. Research Associate positions are open to candidates with doctorates in the fields of religion, to those with primary competence in other fields of the humanities and the social sciences who have serious investment in religion, and to leading religion professionals with equivalent achievements. Associates will receive a salary of $22,880 and benefits for a full-time appointment extending from September 2, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

For further information and application forms, write to: Constance Buchanan, Director of Women's Programs, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Popular Culture Association and the American Culture Association seek proposals for their national meeting to be held in Atlanta, Georgia April 2-6. Proposals for the Women's Caucus sponsored panels should be submitted to Carol Williams, PCA Area Chair for Women's Studies, Roosevelt University, 430 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, ILL 60605 or to Cristanne Miller, ACA Chair for Women's Studies, English Dept., Pomona College, Claremont, CA 91711.

To participate in the 1986 Convention send a 250-word abstract or completed paper or a description of a multi-media presentation by October 1.

WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE

The conference on "Women in the Workplace", November 8-9, 1985, is the first Annual Conference to be sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to specifically address the needs and concerns of working women. Workshops on such issues as occupational health, economics, and social issues will be aimed at tapping the experiences and exploring the concerns of working women from all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds.

The conference will be held at Northeastern University, Boston, MA. For information call: Cynthia R. Daniels, Conference Coordinator, 617-727-6922.

(NOTE: Cyndi Daniels was a WOST Certificate, '76)

The Women's Studies Program extends best wishes to the following students who have completed their work in Women's Studies.

1985 graduates in the major are: Maren Brown, Elizabeth Cohen, Colette M. Dugas, and Amy Silverstein. Jacqueline Gardner, Nancy Kaplan, Lyla Lanier, Chris McGinnis, Deborah Rearick, Kelly Stange, Amy Sweet, and Kim Wright have been awarded Women's Studies Certificates.

Good luck to you all!

***

Thank you to Diane Field and Donoly Hagelberg for their recent donations to the Program through the Alumni Office.
LOCAL EVENTS

SOJOURN, the Northampton-based agency which advocates for adolescent women, is holding an Open House on September 18 from 4:6:30 p.m. to celebrate its 10th Anniversary. All past interns are cordially urged to drop in and say hello. Also, any students considering Sojourn as an internship possibility are welcome to stop by and mingle.

Valley Women's Martial Arts, Inc. would like to continue offering free classes to those women and children who would not otherwise have access to self-defense training. To help raise funds for this purpose, a celebration performance will be held on Sunday, September 22, 2-4:00 p.m. at the Northampton Center for the Arts, Old School Commons, New South Street. The event will include dance, music, poetry, and martial arts, all revolving around the theme of "Celebrating Our Strength."

Call VWMA, 527-0101, to help.

The 10th Annual Northeastern Regional Summer Institute for Union Women took place at UMass July 29 to August 2. Accolades to JALE MELCHER, campus coordinator, for its great success. Look for an "Institute Review" in the next newsletter.

CERRF, The Committee for Equal Rights and Reproductive Freedom, is organizing a REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS CONFERENCE to be held on October 18, 19, and 20. The agenda, which includes workshops, speakers, theater troupes, and networking time, will address issues of race, class, and sexual preference, as well as sex. In addition, a balance between theory, political, and socio-economic analysis and sharing are included to help us expand the definition of reproductive freedom. For more information, please contact Beth Lait, Debbie Kutenplon, or Debbie Piltch at 545-0341.

The Five College Women's Studies Committee and Faculty Seminar announces a two-year project on FEMINISM AND DIFFERENCE, a series of faculty workshops, seminars, and symposia which will explore recent approaches to women's studies and feminist theory.

The first event, "Race, Culture, Class: Challenges to Feminism," will take place December 9-13, 1985 at Hampshire College. Like the four to follow, this event is a semester-long endeavor of study which will culminate in a week-long intensive faculty workshop, and a one-day symposium open to the public.

Subsequent programs will focus on gender and visual representation (spring '86 at UMass), sexuality (fall '86 at Mt. Holyoke), reading and writing (spring '87 at Smith), and feminist theory (spring '87 at Amherst). Each event will draw upon a combination of Five College faculty colleagues and invited guests in a format best suited for the particular topic.

Pre-registration is required to participate in the four-day faculty workshop with Gayatri Spivak, December 9-13. To register, call Amy Wehle at the Five College Center, 256-8326, by October 8.

SYMPOSIUM
CREATIVITY AND CRITICISM IN WOMEN'S EDUCATION
MOUNT HOLYOKE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1985
Those of you who enjoy independent study, are at least two semesters from graduation, and have a grade point average of 3.5 or better should consider doing an honors project. Participation in the departmental honors program allows you to focus on one project for two semesters, the first generally on research and the second on writing the thesis. Successful completion of an honors project is the only way to graduate with high honors; e.g., magna or summa cum laude.

Women's Studies honors students have created innovative approaches to honors work, including an oral history, collections of poetry, and a secondary school curriculum for sex education, as well as the more traditional research theses. If you are interested in honors work, see Arlene Avakian in the WOST Office for more information. (NOTE: First semester seniors who wish to graduate with honors must see Arlene immediately!)

The WOMEN'S CAUCUS of the Undergraduate Student Senate appeals for help from students, staff, and faculty. Each week the senate deals with issues which affect women on campus -- pornography, violence against women, and funding for women's groups and resources. These issues are getting less support in the senate as the number of women in the senate decreases.

Help can be provided in several ways. Undergraduates can join the senate and become caucus members, or just come to senate meetings and/or women's caucus meetings and offer support. Grad students, faculty, and staff are invited to contribute ideas, skills, and support for an on-campus lecture series and workshop series, or by writing letters to the Collegian.

During the school year the senate meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays in CC 163 or 101. A representative of the Women's Caucus can be reached by calling the senate office 545-0342, or the Women's Leadership Project, 545-0254.

As most of you know, WOST students are encouraged to do field work or an internship or practicum as part of their course of study. Students have found field work to be a particularly valuable way to make connections between the classroom and the lives of the women in the community. Additionally, the practical experience of field work can provide first-hand information about careers and begin to build the networks which are so crucial to securing employment.

Dale Melcher and Nancy Arnold are available in the WOST office to assist you in developing a field work placement. Each semester students work at Everywoman's Center, SCERA, Sojourn, and Necessities (just to name a few opportunities) in projects ranging from counseling and crisis intervention to public relations and the arts.

Recently, the Acupuncture and Natural Healing Center in Amherst requested an intern, so you can see that possibilities abound!

Consider this an invitation to contribute an article, review, announcement, or... to the WOST newsletter. Your ideas and suggestions would also be welcome!

-4-

Women's Studies Program
208 Bartlett Hall
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, MA 01003
Account No. 4-12004
NOVEMBER 1985

WOMEN’S STUDIES ALUMNAE NEWS

The WOST Alumnae Association currently has 14 members. A general meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m. in Amherst. To become a member of the Alumnae Association, send a $5 check made out to the "WOST Alumnae Association" to Kelly Erwin, 65 Taylor Street, Amherst, MA 01002.

At the last Alumnae Committee meeting it was suggested that some alums might be willing to speak at high schools or junior colleges in their areas on behalf of UM and the WOST Program. Please call the WOST office if you are interested in assisting the Admissions Office in this way.

***

Special thanks to LOU BRYAN, '78 Certificate, for her contribution to the Program.

FIVE COLLEGE WOMEN’S STUDIES PROJECT ON FEMINISM & DIFFERENCE

RACE-CULTURE-CLASS: CHALLENGES TO FEMINISM

MAIN LECTURE HALL
FRANKLIN PATTERSON HALL
HAMPSTEAD COLLEGE
DECEMBER 9-1985
9:15 A.M.
WELCOME
Adele Simmons - President Hampshire College
Joan B. Landes - Five College Women’s Studies Project
Coordinating Committee - Hampshire College
9:30 A.M.
OPENING REMARKS
Gloria Joseph - Hampshire College
10:00 A.M. - NOON
PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICAL ECONOMY AND WOMEN
Amita Basu - Amherst College - Moderator
Johnette Cole - Hunter College - "US Women: The Political Economy of Difference"
Maria Patricia Fernandez-Kelly - University of California - San Diego - "The Politics of Work and the Family: Hispanic Women in the Garment and Electronics Industry"
Marina Lazreg - Bunting Scholar - Radcliffe College
1985-86 - "Cultural Economy and Socialist Politics: the Reproduction of Gender Difference in Algeria"

2:00-4:00 P.M.
THIRD WORLD WOMEN AND WESTERN FEMINISMS
Leila Ahmed - University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Moderator
Chandra Talpade Mohanty - Cornell University
"Feminist Theory and the Production of Universal Sisterhood"
Elizabeth V. Spelman - Smith College - "Now You See Her, Now You Don’t"
E. Frances White - Hampshire College - "Black Feminist Visions: Learning from the Simultaneity of Oppression"
8:00 P.M.
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak - Emory University

OTHER EVENTS

SPIDERWOMAN THEATRE
"SUN, MOON, FEATHER"
The Theatre - Emily Dickinson Hall
Hampshire College
December 12, 8:00 P.M.

Admission charge. Tickets available one week prior to performance through the Hampshire College Box Office 549-4600 x351.

FACULTY WORKSHOP

GAYATRI CHAKRAVORTY SPIVAK
Blair Hall
Hampshire College
December 10-13, 4 P.M.

Pre-registration is necessary. Participation is limited to 30; preference is given to Five College faculty. See information on pre-registration.
Students who are eager to improve their abilities to cope with the transition from college to career and to understand the unique challenges facing contemporary professional women should plan to attend the Washington Center's symposium, WOMEN AS LEADERS, December 29 through January 10. The program format includes 40 hours of lectures, workshops, and small group discussions. In addition, each participant will spend one day at work with a professional whose job relates to the student's area of career interest. For additional information and applications contact: The Washington Center, 514 Tenth St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20004; (202/289-8680).

WOMEN'S STUDIES IN EUROPE, a three month opportunity to do field and independent research in the Netherlands, Germany, and England, will be offered through Antioch International, September through December 1986. Eligible students include all who have completed two years of undergraduate study by Fall 1986. Inquiries can be made to Antioch International, Women's Studies Term in Europe, Antioch University, Yellow Springs, OH 45387; (513/767-1031). The application deadline is March 30.

Debra Kenn, WOST student, is working very hard to revive the UMass LESBIAN UNION. She needs help in organizing the office, doing publicity, and outreach, handling administrative tasks and finances, writing a newsletter, and staffing the office. Anyone willing to help is urged to contact Debra at the LU Office, 406G Student Union Building, 545-3499.

The LU is meeting weekly during the semester and plans are underway to continue activities during intercession. Check the LU Office for exact meeting times and places.

***

CALL FOR PAPERS

On April 17 and 18 the University of South Dakota at Vermillion will host the 3rd Annual Women's Research Conference. WOMEN IN THE WORLD will emphasize investigating women as participants in the global community. Studies focusing on cross-national and cross-cultural perspectives are particularly desired. Abstracts should be sent to Dr. Dona Davis, Dept. of Social Behavior, 414 East Clark, The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069; (605/677-5401) by November 1, 1985.

For the past few years, when DORIS ABRAMSON taught the play Machinal to her theatre classes, she vowed: "If I get the chance, this is the play I'll do!" The time has come: November 5-9 in the Curtain Theater of the UMass Fine Arts Center, MACHINAL audiences will be able to view Abramson's direction of the play.

Machinal by Sophie Treadwell, first performed in 1928, was suggested by the sensational Snyder-Gray murder case. It is an expressionistic play, the production of which will be a "multi-media treatment of the twenties," utilizing modern technology of slides and sound equipment in a staged setting of the 1920's. Abramson describes the play's importance as a "particularly strong statement from a woman playwright, one of the many plays women that have been neglected." Although Machinal reflects Abramson's own interest in American women playwrights, she notes that "everyone is fascinated by it."

Performances of Machinal will be at 8:00 p.m. with a 2:00 matinee on November 9. Tickets are available through the FAC Box Office or Datatix.
FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

At least 100 MELLON FELLOWSHIPS in the Humanities will be awarded to any college senior or recent graduate who can present evidence of outstanding academic promise and who wishes to begin graduate work in preparation for a career in teaching and scholarship in a humanistic field of study. Any member of the academic profession may nominate a candidate by November 4. Contact: Dr. Robert F. Goheen, Director, Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, P.O. Box 288, 16 John St., Princeton, NJ 08542; (609-924-4713).

***

The National Research Council will administer two programs offering Ford Foundation Fellowships for Minorities. The first will offer 40 three-year PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS and 10 one-year dissertation fellowships to American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Black Americans, Mexican Americans/Chicanos, and Puerto Ricans. The deadline for entering the fellowship competition is NOVEMBER 15.

The second program will award 35 POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR MINORITIES. Awards will be made in the behavioral and social sciences, humanities, engineering, mathematics, physical sciences, and biological sciences. Application forms must be submitted no later than JANUARY 17, 1986.

All inquiries concerning application materials and program administration should be addressed to: The Fellowship Office National Research Council 2101 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20418 (202/334-2860)

The Institute for Research on Women at Rutgers is offering two HUMANIST-IN-RESIDENCE FELLOWSHIPS for 1986-87. Sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation, the Fellowships will permit junior or senior scholars to work on original book-length manuscripts about significant questions in women's studies and the humanities at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Applications are due by December 1, 1985. For information or application forms, contact: Professor Catharine R. Stimpson, Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ 08903; (201/932-9072).

WOMEN, HEALTH, & HEALING, a working residential institute for women who teach health issues, will emphasize social, behavioral, and cultural aspects of women's experience in health and healing systems. The Institute will be held on the University of California at Berkeley campus from June 20-July 2, 1986. To facilitate a collegial exchange, only 40 participants can be accommodated. Applications should be submitted by March 15, 1986. For further information and materials, contact: Patricia Anderson, Project Coordinator, Women, Health and Healing Project, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Room N-631-Y, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143.

CONFERENCES

The First Annual NATIONAL NURSING CONFERENCE on Violence Against Women will take place November 1-3, 1985. The purposes of this conference are to foster the dissemination of ideas, knowledge, research, and clinical and educational strategies in the areas of violence against women and to provide a forum for nurses and other health care providers involved in the area of woman abuse to meet, share knowledge and ideas, and gain support for the work. Registration should be made to: Violence Against Women, Credit-Free Registration Office, Division of Continuing Education University Library, UMass, Amherst, MA 01003.

***

LESBIAN LIVES, a two-day conference sponsored by the National Gay Task Force, will be held in New York City November 23-24, 1985. Lesbian representatives from around the country will discuss and map an agenda in the areas of critical concern to the lesbian community nationwide. Attendance is limited to 300 registrants; fee is $20. To register, write and send a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Lesbian Lives, National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1601, New York, NY 10011.

SALLY FOX will present her Jewish Involvement Theatre on Saturday, November 2, at 8:00 p.m. in Campus Center 173 at UMass. The event is free and open to the public.
WOST STAFF & FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to ARLENE AVAKIAN, WOST staff, for being awarded her doctorate in June. Arlene's dissertation is titled: "Culture and Feminist Theory: an Armenian Woman's Perspective."

***

JANICE RAYMOND traveled to Japan during the month of June and spoke at Tsuda University to over 300 women on the new genetic and reproductive technologies. She also visited the National Women's Education Centre at Saitama-Ken where she consulted with the director and staff about the formation of Women's Studies programs, courses, conferences, etc. in Japan.

In July, Jan embarked for Sweden where, as co-organizer of the first international conference on women and the new reproductive technologies, she participated in a five-day conference with 70 women from 20 different countries.

A bit closer to home, Jan was interviewed for the program "Women and the New Reproductive and Genetic Technologies" which aired on Boston Community Access (BNN-TV), Channel 3 in September.

In October, Jan participated in a press conference at Harvard Law School in support of anti-pornography legislation which is on the ballot in Cambridge, Mass.

***

SANDRA MORGAN, the Program's newest faculty member, will begin teaching in the spring semester. Sandy will teach "Women, Bureaucracy and the State," and the Advanced Integrative Seminar: "Women and the Politics of Empowerment." Welcome Sandy!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Visiting Scholar in Women's Studies. Apply to Ms. Sue Hart, Coordinator of Women's Studies Program, Eastern Montana College, 1500 N. 30th St., Billings, MT 59101-0298 (406-657-2880) by February 1, 1986.

Joint Women's Studies Associate or Full Professor. Apply to Professor Frances Ferguson, Chair, Search Committee, Women's Studies Division of Special Programs, 301 Campbell Hall, U.C. Berkeley, CA 94720 by December 15, 1985.

Visiting Lecturer, 1986-87. Apply to James J. Murphy, Chairman, Search Committee, Dept. of Rhetoric, UCal, Davis, Davis, CA 95616 by December 15, 1985.