A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S STUDIES
ABOUT THE NEW CURRICULUM

As many of you know the Women's Studies Program has been engaged in revising and updating its curricula and also in putting in place new governance structures. Last year was an important one. A new committee, the Executive Committee, was constituted and took charge of reviewing and approving all major departmental decisions, including the curricular revisions that the Executive Committee charged a departmental Curriculum Committee to pursue. Both the Executive and the Curriculum committee were constituted of members drawn from 1) Core Faculty, 2) Women's Studies Adjunct Faculty, 3) undergraduate student representatives and 4) graduate student representatives.

In March 1993 the Curriculum Committee completed its task of preparing a draft of the new curricula. In April, at a meeting with students, the Committee presented the draft curricula to students for comment and discussion, and later the same month they were presented to the Executive Committee which reviewed and approved them.

The old curricula had been in place since the founding of the Program and the late seventies and it was obviously time to revise and rethink the requirements. We had in addition specific concerns in making our revisions, and these were that our curricula should centrally address issues of racism and multiculturalism. The America in which contemporary feminism arose in the sixties and the Women's Studies Programs that gave rise to the seventies, has changed. Feminism too has changed. It has become more sophisticated and, above all, critically aware of the interlocking relation between racism, classism and sexism, and of assumptions about the cultural primacy of the American and specifically the Euro-American cultural vision. It was important that the new curricula reflect these developments.

Feminist thought has considerably evolved since the seventies, partly because of the existence of Women's Studies Programs, and it has now at its disposal a large body of scholarship and a rich array of methodological, critical and analytical tools. Among the primary concerns we had in mind in rethinking the curricula were our responsibilities and commitments to passing on to our students the ability to analyze their own conditions and those of other women of the world with as much precision and thoughtfulness as current thinking in the field makes possible. As one of the oldest and most established Women's Studies Programs in the country, we are in a position to offer our students a first-rate intellectual program and we are committed to doing that.

Among the chief revisions made in the requirements for the major were: replacing the Foundations of Feminism course with a "Critical Perspectives" (on feminism) course; replacing the Theory course with "Theorising Women's Issues"; and replacing the Cross-Cultural course with two required courses on Women of Color with the students choosing two of the following three options: U.S. Women of Color in the United States, Women of Color outside the United States, and Transnational Women of Color.
NEW EVENTS SERIES

NEW FACULTY WORKSHOPS/LECTURE BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES

The Women's Studies Program is initiating a New Faculty Workshop/Lecture Brown Bag Lunch Series which will be open to the public. The hope is to give the University community an idea of our ongoing research interests and to get feedback to help us in improving our projects. Our students and any interested faculty are especially invited. All are welcome. The dates are as follows.

**September 22, 12-1:30 P.M.**

In Campus Center Room 803, Ann Ferguson of the Philosophy Department will speak on "Herland or Ourland: Feminist Utopias as Models for Social Change."

**October 28, (THURSDAY), 7:30 P.M.**

In the School of Business Administration at UMass, Room 120, Annette Jaimes, a visiting Native American scholar from University of Colorado/Boulder, will give a public lecture "Toward an Indigenous Feminism." This lecture is sponsored by Five Colleges Inc., the University of Massachusetts Women's Studies Program, the Mount Holyoke Women's Studies Program, The Five College American Indian Studies Program, and the University of Massachusetts Institute for the Advanced Study in the Humanities. Everyone is welcome.

**October 29, (FRIDAY), 3-5 P.M.**

In the Institute for Humanities Building at UMass, Annette Jaimes will lead a 5 College Faculty Seminar on Indigenous Feminism as a follow-up to her public lecture. Graduate students are welcome to attend. Please call Ann Ferguson at the University of Massachusetts at 545-5802, by Monday, October 25, to sign up for the faculty seminar.

**Upcoming Workshops**

Future workshops will be held on November 3rd, November 17th and December 1st. Most workshops will occur bi-weekly on Wednesdays in the Campus Center, from 12:00-1:30 P.M. Bring your lunch and your friends. Topics and locations will be announced later. Please join us!

Thanks very much to Ann Ferguson, Faculty member in Philosophy and adjunct Faculty member in Women's Studies, for coordinating this series. For additional questions or information, contact Ann Ferguson through Women's Studies or the Philosophy Department.
UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERYWOMAN'S CENTER OPEN HOUSE
Everywoman's Center will have an Open House on Thursday, September 9th, from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. at Wilder Hall. The Open House is all day to encourage everyone to stop by. Students are particularly welcome to check out internship and workstudy opportunities. The community is invited to learn more about the services of Everywoman's Center and to meet the staff. For additional information contact them 545-0883.

ADVANCES IN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP COLLOQUIA
The Alumni Association of the School of Nursing at UMass/Amherst presents a colloquium series called "Academic Rounds 93-94." The dates are October 6, November 3, February 2, March 2, and April 6, all Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. in the Campus Center. Topics range from "Advanced Practice Nursing: Meeting Health Care Needs in the 90’s" to "Women in Politics."

FIVE COLLEGE WOMEN'S STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER
The Five-College Women's Studies Center is located at Mount Holyoke College. They are offering the following events:

Works in Progress is on Mondays at 4:30 P.M., beginning September 20 and running through December 6th. The seven events range from "Dumb Blonde Jokes: Performance, Power and Solidarity" to "Different Choices, Different Voices: Gendered Concepts of the 'Hindu Nation'."

The Research Associates offer a Colloquia Series Tuesday nights at 7:30 P.M. This year there are 10 Research Associates whose expertise ranges from experimental theater to economic history. The Research Associates are from as close as Holy Cross College and as far away as National Chiao Tung University.

All events are held in the Dickinson House Living Room. For a complete schedule, call the Center at (413) 538-2022 or contact Women's Studies at UMass to look at a flyer or the list of this year's Research Associates.

THE MOUNT HOLYOEK COLLEGE LUCE PROJECT ON GENDER AND SCIENCE
is sponsoring the following lectures:
September 23, 8 PM, in the New York Room, Mary Woolley Hall. Strong Objectivity- A Contribution from Feminism, Sandra Harding, Professor of Philosophy, University of Delaware.

October 7, 8 PM, in the New York Room, Mary Woolley Hall.
Gender and Generations in the Japanese Physics Community, Sharon Traweek, Professor of Anthropology, Rice University and Visiting Luce Professor of Gender and Science, Fall 1993, Mount Holyoke College.

NEW WORLD THEATER SERIES
September 18 - Do the Riot Thing by Chicano Secret Service * September 24 & 25 - Dark Cowgirls and Prairie Queens by Carpetbag Theater * September 25 -Cric Crac, A children's piece by Carpetbag Theater. 2 p.m., Bowker Auditorium * October 15 & 16 -1992 Blood Speaks by Coatlicue las Colorado. 8 p.m., Hampden Theater * November 3-6 & November 9-13, NWT's original production - A Dream of Canaries by Diane Saenz. Co-sponsored with the University of Massachusetts Department of Theater. 8 p.m. Curtain Theater. All events held at 8 p.m. in Bowker Auditorium unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 545-1972.

BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES IN GAY, LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL STUDIES
This year the Brownbag Lecture Series will offer a prominent scholar in the field of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Studies each month. On October 6, Dr. Lillian Faderman, author of Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbians in 20th Century America, will speak on the development of Lesbian literature. She will speak at a Brownbag on October 6, in the Campus Center from 12-1:30 p.m. On the same day there will be a faculty seminar from 4-6 p.m. For more information contact the program for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns, 545-4824.

BREAST HEALTH PROJECT
A new program is being offered by the Breast Health Project entitled "Lesbian Education and Health" (LEAH). This program is designed to meet the specific needs of lesbians, and is for women over the age of 40, and for younger women with a family history or symptoms of breast disease. Medical services are provided in Northampton and Greenfield, and they include comprehensive physical exams by a nurse practitioner, routine lab work, and by referral, mammograms and other medical procedures. All services are FREE for women with no health insurance, and fees are reasonable for women with health insurance. This program also offers community educational events. For more information, call the Breast Health Project at (413) 586-2016 or (800) 750-2016.
WOST COMINGS AND GOINGS

Leila Ahmed is the permanent director of Women's Studies. Her term runs until the school year 1994-95.

Arlene Avakian was awarded tenure.

- Vicki Crawford is on leave. She is teaching at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

- Joy James has received a Rockefeller Scholars Grant. She is a scholar in residence at the University of Rochester for the school year 1993-94.

- Laura Sicignano our secretary is leaving to return to the University and finish her degree.

Good luck and congratulations to everyone in their new endeavors.

Congratulations and goodbye to our minor graduates:

Jayne Barnes, Nancy Capron, Laura Chekow, Meaghan Connors, Stan Dunajski, Maura Kimball, Mia Kirschner, Kathleen Kelly, Kristen Lans, Teri Lanza, Lisa Lucas, Tami Monahan, Beth Rosenthal, Rebecca Short, Billie Jo Smith, Pamela Stramese, and Michelle Tavernier.

Best wishes and congratulations to our graduated majors:

Michelle Aubin, Sandra Bosselaers, Anne Clarkin, Susan English, Carrie Ferguson, Jacquelyn Goss, Alisa Inderieden, Kathy LeMay, Sue McHugh, Christine Murphy, Meaghan Murphy, Kathleen O'Connell, Elizabeth Renssenbrink, Meagan Rosser, Rachel Rubin, Margaret Townes, Emily Twarog, and Carolyn Young.

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Andrea Berman has left the U.S. Office for Substance Abuse Prevention in Washington, DC and is moving to Bologna, Italy for a year to teach Italian and eat pasta. She’s also training for her first marathon in Venice. Andrea wrote this to us last summer, so she may even be back in the states now.

Gabriel Carey wrote this spring to report that she delivered a paper on Bharati Mukherjee at the Women’s Studies Conference at Southern Connecticut State University called "Removing the Hyphen: 'O the Wonder, the Wonder!'" She also delivered a paper at a recent graduate student English conference here at the University.

Susan Crane writes from London to say that she’s very busy being the executive Director of her organization, traveling to the States, Ireland, Poland, Amsterdam, and India, primarily working on AIDS prevention projects and attending AIDS conferences. She’s in the midst of writing a book about censorship of family planning information in 10 countries around the world. She and her partner are celebrating their 7th Anniversary, and she has purchased a flat in London.

Kelly Erwin is settling in as business manager of the family business, Warren Graham, DMD, Gentle Dentistry. She adds, "need your teeth cleaned? Come one and all." The practice is located in South Deerfield.

Maureen Hackett formerly Whitman, writes from England to say that she still has her Women’s Studies T-shirt and it brings back fond memories. Maureen was an exchange student here, and she still thinks fondly on her time here in Women’s Studies.

Becky O’Donnell Hauge writes to say that she and her husband have moved to California. He is stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base, north of Santa Barbara. The last time she wrote, she was looking for a job at Women’s Centers, and completing her certification to teach childbirth classes.

Donna Jacques has taken a position as assistant professor, Head of Reference at the Sims Library at Southeastern Louisiana University. She adds "I’m sure adventures will abound".

Debra Kutenplon completed a nurse-midwifery program at Johns Hopkins University. She spent this Fall in Ghana on a project with the World Health Organization working with traditional midwives in rural areas. Currently, she is working for a home health agency with low income/high risk pregnant women in Baltimore. She also volunteers as a health care worker in a shelter for homeless women.

Christina Lillios has been appointed the assistant editor of the Campus Chronicle. The Campus Chronicle is the staff and faculty newspaper at the University of Massachusetts.

Lynley Rappaport stopped in to say that everything is going "amazingly well". She’s teaching in the Somerville Public School’s bilingual program and she loves it.

Patricia Rowe writes that 10 years later, she’s living in Oakland, and has her Masters from UC Berkley. She’s a private practice, clinical social worker, working mostly with women, and lesbian and gay issues. She writes that she’s good friends with Adena Gilbert, another Women’s Studies alum, and that Adena has just passed the bar.

Alisa Sussman writes to say that she presently manages a Native-American craft store in the East village of Manhattan and works as an assistant with Citicorps Employee Assistance Programs. On one of her days off, she volunteers at N.O.W. In the fall, she’s beginning the Masters Degree program in Psychology at Columbia. She says she’s "to embark on a career in psychology focusing on feminist and gender issues".

Thanks very much to all of our Alums for keeping in touch with the program. We appreciate your good news and good wishes for the well-being of Women’s Studies. All our graduates and former friends, keep in touch! We like to hear what you doing. Your excellent examples of important work are an ongoing inspiration for our current students. Alumni news appears in the Fall Women’s Studies newsletter. In order to keep receiving the Newsletter, please keep us up to date with your address. If you want to give the Alumni Office of the University your new address, you can now call a toll free number, 1-800-456-UMAS, or 1-800-456-8627. The number will keep the Alumni Office up to date with where you are, but in order to keep Women’s Studies up to date, send your new address to Women’s Studies, 208 Bartlett Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003.
CONFERENCES

STRATEGIES FOR COMBATING RACISM AND PROMOTING CIVILITY
The University of Massachusetts President’s Office is sponsoring a two-day conference. All members of the campus community are welcome. The topic is combating racism and promoting civility. The course will take place on September 28 & 29 here at the University of Massachusetts. For more information, look for posters and flyers on campus, or contact the President’s Office directly at 18 Tremont Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02108

WOMEN BUILDING COMMUNITY: CROSSING THE BOUNDARIES OF RACE, RELIGION, CLASS AND GENDER is the title of the third Annual Women’s Studies Conference at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Connecticut which will take place on October 2 & 3, 1993. In addition to a variety of session topics and formats, there will be a women’s fair featuring women-owned businesses and women oriented services and groups at this conference. For more information, contact Dr. Rosalyn Amenta, at Women’s Studies, (203) 397-4442, or Dr. Vara Neverow-Turk, English Department, (203) 397-4204, at Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT, 06515.

3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUS
The Sexual Assault on Campus Conference will take place October 7-9, 1993 in Nashville, Tennessee. For more information, write to the Sexual Assault Conference, PO Box 1338, Holmes Beach, FL, 34218-1338.

WOMEN IN 19TH CENTURY RURAL AMERICA
There will be an interdisciplinary symposium on Women in 19th Century Rural America on October 8-9, 1993 in Florence, Kentucky. For more information contact the Symposium Committee, The Dinsmore Homestead Foundation, PO Box 453, Burlington, KY, 41005, (606) 586-6127.

WITH WOMEN’S HEALTH IN MIND
The third annual conference on women’s health will take place October 15, 1993 at the World Trade Center in Boston. For more information, contact The Center for Women’s Development, at the HRI Hospital, 227 Babcock Street, Brookline, MA 02146, (617) 731-4917.

BLACK WOMEN IN THE ACADEMY: DEFENDING OUR NAME: 1894-1994
This national conference will take place January 13-15 1994, at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. For more information, contact Professor Robin Kilson or Professor Evelyn Hammonds, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Women’s Studies Program, 14E-316, Cambridge, MA 02139-4307. The phone number is (617) 253-8844 or FAX (617) 253-9406.

FEMINIST THEORY AND TECHNOCULTURE
There will be a panel at the Northeast Modern Language Association on feminist theory and technoculture. The conference takes place April 8-9, 1994 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For information write to Professor Lila Hanf, Dept. of English, 11112 Bellflower Road, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH 44106-7117.


CALL FOR PAPERS

TEXAS JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW
Texas Journal of Women and the Law seeks scholarly legal articles as well as social science papers that deal with issues relating to Women and the Law. They also accept student notes, books reviews, essays and creative writings. Issue one will be devoted to the topic of women and health. Deadline for submissions is October 1, 1993. Issue two is on all topics dealing with women and the law. The deadline is January 15, 1994, but there is a rolling acceptance process. For more information contact Submission Editor, Texas Journal of Women and the Law, University of Texas School of Law, 727 East 26th St., Austin, TX 78705, (512) 471-3227.

SENSUALITIES, REPRODUCTION, and the POLITICS OF COALITION
Critical Matrix: The Princeton Journal of Women, Gender and Culture is looking for submissions for an upcoming special issue on sexualities, reproduction and the politics of coalition, redefining the terms of debate and the goals for action in a neo-liberal era. The deadline for submissions is December 15, 1993. For more information, write to Critical Matrix, Program in Women’s Studies, Princeton University, 113 Dickinson Hall, Princeton, NJ 08544. Phone: (609) 258-5430 FAX: (609) 258-1833.
ADDITIONS

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES IN WOMEN'S STUDIES - WOST 291C
MW 3:35-4:40
Leila Ahmed

Introduction to the fundamental questions and concepts of feminist thought and to the basic intellectual tools of analysis by which women's experience may be reviewed and analyzed across race, class, and sexuality and within the structures of contemporary global power and in the context of North American domination and the "new world order."

WITCHES: MYTH/REALITY (ID) GERM 190A
MWF 2:30-3:20
Elizabeth Ambrose

THE FAMILY - SOC 222
TuTh 11:15, plus discussion
Valerie Moore and Janet Lohmann

SOCIOLOGY OF SEX ROLES -SOC 383
TuTh 2:30-3:45
Alice Julier & Kathleen Johnson

CANCELLATIONS

WOMEN'S STUDIES COLLOQUIUM - WOST 191A
Wed 12:15-1:30
Staff

BLACK WOMEN IN 20TH CENTURY POLITICAL MOVEMENTS - WOST 291M
MW 3:35-4:50
Joy James

TOPICS IN BLACK WOMEN'S HISTORY - WOST 292B
TuTh 11:15-12:30
Vicki Crawford

WOMANIST BLACK FEMINIST THOUGHT - WOST 591A/AFROAM 491
Mon 6-8:30
Joy James

The schedule for the Fall was not completed at press time. Check with Women's Studies for final details about courses.
WOMEN'S STUDIES FALL 1993 NEWSLETTER

Inside:
- News about the brand new curriculum in Women's Studies
- News about graduates
- Academic Conferences
- Changes to Fall 1993 Courses

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