Upcoming Events:

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Every Wednesday 12:15-1:30 in the Campus Center. Our ever popular brown bag lunch speaker series continues this spring. There are stimulating speakers on provocative topics with ample opportunity for discussion. Bring your lunch and your friends—all are welcome. One credit available by arrangement. Speaker schedule available from the office. Registration takes place at the first brown bag on Wednesday, February 5, 12:15 in Campus Center 804-808.

Student Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 1992, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Campus Center 804-808. Jami Porter-Lara and Emily Twarog, student reps to the Women’s Studies Policy Board for Fall 1991 will update students on Policy Board, the Working Policy Group, the search and other issues in the program and opportunities for student representation and input. This is an important time for students to come together.

End of Semester Open House: Wednesday, May 13, 1992 11:00-2:00 p.m. Bagels, tea and conversation in Women’s Studies, 208 Bartlett Hall.

Look for the end-of-semester Graduation Celebration

Changes in the Program:

Director’s Search and Working Policy Group

The fall semester was a challenging time for the program and the entire university. The program is continuing our commitment to develop a multi-cultural Women’s Studies and to creatively struggling against racism and (hetero) sexism in academe. We extend our thanks to the ALANA (African, Latina, Asian and Native American) students and other students for their suggestions, comments and constructive criticism. Special thanks to our teaching assistants for their new ideas. Despite the hardship of the GEO strike (the goals of which the department supported), our students continued to put energy into improving the program.

Joy James and Jan Raymond are now acting co-directors of the program for the Spring semester. The on-campus search for a director has been extended and a new search committee has been constituted. The search committee is composed of 2 Women’s Studies faculty, 2 associated faculty, a graduate student rep and an undergraduate student rep. Information regarding the director’s position is available in the office.

We are also in the process of examining and restructuring several aspects of the program. We are revising our structure, curriculum and pedagogies in order to develop a program based on an integrated analysis in which gender is studied in connection to the components which shape it, primarily class, race, ethnicity, and sexuality. To this end, a Working Policy Group has been formed. This group will meet together this spring to recommend changes in the program. The Women’s Studies Policy Board will not meet on a regular basis during this time. In early May the Working Policy Group will submit proposals to an all-program retreat. Major themes to be addressed will be "vision", "curriculum", "pedagogy", and "structure". The group members include all the core faculty present this spring, associated faculty members, undergraduate and graduate reps and the professional staff member. For more information about this group, or to offer ideas or suggestions, contact the office.
Assorted Women’s Studies News:

LEARNING OPTIONS: FIELDWORK and INTERNSHIPS are available through Women’s Studies, see Karen for details. . . Departmental HONORS entails a year long thesis, project or portfolio. See Arlene ASAP if you are interested. Students interested in offering a COLLOQUIUM for other students, or other INDEPENDENT STUDY project see Karen, Arlene, or a faculty member.

OFFICE RESOURCES: In addition to being a site for ADVISING and INFORMATION, the office in 208 Bartlett offers many other things. . . There is a LIBRARY where books can be signed out for a 2 week period. . . BEAUTIFUL T-SHIRTS (Women’s Studies ones) at bargain prices (discounts for bulk purchases). . . Women’s Studies POLICY BOARD MINUTES and STUDENT SURVEYS are available in the office as well as COURSE EVALUATIONS. . . STUDENT PAPERS from the prior semester Women’s Studies classes are kept in the office. Pick up your paper soon--we discard them after one semester.

HELLOS AND GOODBYES: Welcome to new majors: Jennifer Brandel, Greta Cohn, Jean Derderian, Tamara Kupfer, Karen Lowman, Meaghean Murphy, Rebecca Raichle, Margaret Townes, Heather Vova, Carolyn Young; and to new minors: Sean Desilets, Jennifer Dreuissi, Matthew Duffy, John Fisher, Leslie Forster, Kelli Johnson, Lisa Brett Kenefick, Meg Kroeplin, Christina Lillios, Lisa Lucas, Lynn Luria, Megan Noonan, Daisy Roman, Rebecca Short, Corey Tedrow, Alita Woodcock-Parody. . Best wishes to December Women’s Studies graduates: major Binky Feldman and minor Cassie Smart.

THANKS as always to this past summer and fall’s generous donors. People dug deep despite the recession. These donations were more important than ever this year. Our gratitude to: Majorie Farrell, Dr. Suzanne Graver, Debra Grzywacz, Donolyn Hagelberg, Kim Han, Jacqueline Levin, Christine McGinnis, Ann Ready, Nancy Roy, Marilyn Stampa, Mary Tamash, Lois Toko, Deluxe Corporation Foundation and Gillette Company. THANKS ALSO to the dozens of you who returned the newsletter survey. Keep those cards and letters coming. We also appreciate all the people who sent in money to support the cost of producing the newsletter. Welcome "SUBSCRIBERS"!

FIVE COLLEGE WOMEN’S STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER

The Five College Women’s Studies Research Center opened their beautiful building on the Mount Holyoke campus this past fall. The Center is dedicated to supporting research on all aspects of Women’s Studies including scholars and teachers at all levels of the educational system, and local and international community organizers and political activists. The center offers residency for scholars, seminars and colloquia, conferences and other resources. For more information write them at Dickinson House, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA 01075 (or VIA FIVE COLLEGE MAIL), FAX them at 413 538-2082 or call them at 413 538-2275.

NEW WORLD THEATER

SPRING SERIES for info. call 545-1972

Feb. 5-9 Miss Ida B. Wells 8 p.m.
Hampden Theater (Sat/Sun 2:00 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Feb. 29 The Columbus Follies: An Eco-Cabaret 8 p.m. Bowker Auditorium
March 1 Are You Ready My Sister - Children’s play about the life of Harriet Tubman 2 p.m. Bowker Auditorium
April 16-19, 25-25 Foghorn 8 p.m.
Hampden Theater, (Sun. at 2 p.m.)
CONFERENCES (brochures available in the office; deadlines are soon!)

1992 National Feminist Psychology Conference takes place February 27-March 1 1992 in Long Beach, California. Contact Mary Hayden, Registration Chair, 16 S. Oakland, #212, Pasadena, CA 91101, (818) 792-7823 FAX (818) 793-9181.


New York Women's Studies Association Annual Conference: A Celebration of Diversity; A Dream of a Common Language takes place March 13-15 at Russell Sage College. For information contact the Upton Center for Women's Studies, Russell Sage College, Troy, NY 12180, (518) 270-2306 or (518) 271-4539.

The Sixth Annual Conference on The Fight for Reproductive Freedom will take place at Hampshire College on April 10-12 1992. For more information contact the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program at Hampshire College.

The Eighth Annual Conference on Abuse and Victimization in Life-Span Perspective, Mothers: Victimization, Stigma and Survival takes place April 22-24 in Boston. Contact Harvard Medical School Division of Continuing Education (617) 432-1525 or write P.O. Box 825, Boston, MA 02117.

Eighth Annual Conference on Women and Work will take place May 7-8 in Arlington, Texas. For information call Silvia Lesko at (817) 273-2581 or write Women and Work Conference, University of Texas at Arlington, Division of Continuing Education, Box 19197, Arlington, TX 76019-0197.

Third Women's Policy Research Conference will be held May 15-16 at American University in Washington, DC, sponsored by the Institute for Women's Policy Research. For information contact Heidi Hartmann at (202) 785-5100 or write IWPR, 1400 20th Street, NW, Suite 104, Washington, DC 20036.

National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference "Enlarging the Circle: the Power of Feminist Education" will take place in Austin, Texas June 19-23. For information contact the conference coordinator Goldie Thomas at (908) 846-8812 or contact the National Office at (301) 405-5573, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

JOURNAL: Students at State University of New York at Buffalo school of Law and the University at Buffalo Women's Studies Program have founded a collaborative interdisciplinary journal CIRCLES: The Buffalo Women's Journal of Law and Social Policy. They are seeking submissions of various sorts. For information contact CIRCLES, SUNY/Buffalo, School of Law, O'Brien Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260, (716) 838-0935.

We have received a survey on organizations/individuals working on human rights for psychiatric and homeless survivors as well as survivors of abuse. Stop in to see it.
COURSE GUIDE ADDENDA

There are several changes to the Women’s Studies course offerings for Spring 1992. Contact the office for course descriptions of new courses.

CANCELLED Courses: WOST 201, WOST 201H, WOST 391M and WOST 394B.

New Courses:

WOST 2901 Indigenous Women in Contemporary Struggles for National Liberation
   Wed. 1:00-3:30     Deidre Almeida/Donna Goodleaf

WOST 293D Issues of Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality
   TuTh 9:30-10:45    Vicki Crawford

WOST 294C Women’s Struggles and Visions for Liberation: Five Cultural Perspectives
   Mon./Wed. 4:00-5:15  Donna Goodleaf/Jeanine Maland/Shanta Rao

COURSE CHANGE: WOST 489 Advanced Integrative Seminar: Reproductive Politics, Rights and Technologies by Janice Raymond is cancelled.

NEW SECTION: WOST 489 Advanced Integrative Seminar:
   The Politics of Women’s Studies      Tues. 2:30-5:15    Joy James

WOST 489 Oral History in Reconstructing Women’s Lives, Vicki Crawford, is still being offered.

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