

# Women's Studies Newsletter



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This issue of the Women's Studies Newsletter is dedicated to our alumnae majors. They have used their educations in a variety of pursuits, providing services, developing skills, earning graduate and professional degrees, teaching, writing, planning, dancing, organizing, counseling, and much more. We are proud of their accomplishments and measure the success of the Program's first ten years, to a great degree, by their success. We are pleased that we are all doing so well. Thanks.

We especially enjoy receiving letters like the one Liz Bennett sent to all members of the Women's Studies staff. She writes (with her permission to quote), "I carry Women's Studies with me; I'm reminded almost on a daily level of what it (has) given me--strength, direction, and confidence--in my political beliefs and in my self as a woman trying to live in this world. But the important thing is that you didn't bring me there. You somehow put out those options and they laid in my hands and I knew it was up to me to choose what I wanted to do with those options, with my life. It was up to me. . . . that is all so important--to plan; to form realistic goals and objectives; to devise and carry out one's plan of study--and to have to be held accountable for following through. . . I am now amazed at how perfectly Women's Studies prepared me for my work today."

The following is a list, based on fact, rumor, and innuendo, of some of the activities of some of our graduates. We have been limited by a lack of contact with majors and the loss of our file on graduates. So we would very much appreciate corrections and additions. We are also interested in information on the whereabouts and activities of former certificate students. We want to be able to contact everyone for a a reunion to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Women's Studies Program in 1983-1984.

Keep those cards and letters coming folks.

JANET AALFS, a black belt in Karate is co-founder of & teacher at Valley Women's Martial Arts, Inc., now located in Thorne's Market. She has long dedicated herself to self defense for women and poetry.

LIZ BENNETT is back in her home town as Co-ordinator of the community education Rape Crisis Project, at the New Bedford Women's Center. She also can be found in print in August, 83 issue of BICYCLING in an article entitled "Passes - Of Mountain & Of Men: Two Women Tour Italy, Greece, & Yugoslavia."

JENNIFER CASTRO is in the political realm as a fundraiser for Conneticut Citizen Action Group in Hartford.

SUSAN CAYLEFF, is an assistant professor at the Institute for The Medical Humanities in Galveston, Texas. She says that her Women's Studies education is invaluable in her teaching. Susan also received a Ph.D. in American Studies from Brown University.

CHRISTA COOGAN, now dancing with the Zells-worth Dancers in Cambridge, MA, added a BA from the Julliard School of Dance to her Women's Studies degree.

ANDREA FOX works in Springfield as an Emergency Medical Technician.

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DIANE FIELD has just started working in Computer Software at Amherst Associates after doing computer work for Milton Bradley.

Running a typesetting business with other people in the Valley is LESLIE FRASER. She is also finishing her masters in Labor Studies at UMass.

HOLLY CORMIER HENDRICKS is busy as financial manager of Spring Hill of Ashby which sponsors "Opening The Heart" workshops, as a member of On the Wings of a Song, and as an M.Ed. candidate at Smith College.

CYNTHIA HOLMES works with women as a abortion counselor with Hampden Gynecological Associates in Springfield & lives in Amherst.

PEGGY HUGHES (nee Best, ex-Laing), lives in South Hadley & is a graduate student in Educational Psychology while working as a nurse in a mental health agency & as a nurse therapist in private practice.

MARTHA KEGELES is using her Women's Studies background in the Soloman Islands as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

DENISE KENDALL is working on the side of the law as a research associate in the District Attorney's office in San Francisco.

ELLEN LAFLECHE reports the news in the Amherst Record. Look for her articles.

Local residents looking for food for the mind can talk to JULIET LANGLEY who is assistant manager of Food for Thought Bookstore.

Local residents searching for food for the body should look up JUDY LEBOLD who is manager of the dairy section of Bread & Circus Natural Food Supermarket.

JEANINE MALAND is working as a Counselor for Planned Parenthood in Amherst.

DIANE MARTELL is working toward an MSW at the University of Connecticut.

JULIE MELROSE is a feature writer for Amherst Bulletin & is the Departmental Assistant for the Field-Based Doctoral Program for Community College Personnel at U.Mass.

PAMELA MESERVY plans to be a minister & is a Master's candidate at Drew School of Divinity.

The Amherst Housing Authority has the benefit of MARY MILAY'S expertise.

KATHLEEN MIRABILE is a marketing analyst at Thermoelectron in the Boston area and is eager to help out women interested in her field.

DEBRA MCCULLOCH works at keeping Merchant Marines in shape as a Physical Education instructor at the Merchant Marine Academy in Groton, Conn.

BONNIE MCKEE, working for battered women & their families, is internship coordinator at Necessities.

Those of us interested in the Rocky Mountains, would do well to contact NANCY ORIOLA who is reservation manager for Rocky Mountain Tours in Sante Fe, New Mexico.

Another WOST journalist is TINKER READY who is a reporter for the Valley Advocate.

NANCY RICHARD is a graduate student in Simmons College in Boston in Library Science.

BECKY ROBINS is also a typesetter working in Amherst.

JUDITH ROWLAND is in charge of the Weatherization Project in Cambridge. The Project deals in low-cost installation of winterization materials, fuel assistance, and other heating related projects. Judy reports that she would be very happy to have WOST interns working with her.

PAULA SAYWORD works as a staff member for the Amherst Housing Authority.

CHERYL SCHAEFFER is a district organizer for SIEU, Service Industry Employees Union.

At the University of Wisconsin, LESLIE SCHWALM is a Ph.D. candidate in History.

The Lawrence Women's Center has the benefit of KAREN SHACK as a staffperson.

ANNE THORKELOSON has graduated from Antioch law school.

SARAH VAN ARSDALE continues her career as a journalist as a staff reporter for the Springfield Union. Watch for her by line.

## WELCOME BACK

LAURIE WHITING, visiting recently from the west coast, reports that she is happy as a production assistant of Osborne/McGraw Hill in Berkeley, CA.

KATHY WIXON is keeping us & herself in shape at the Center for Fitness East & West as a teacher of aerobic dancing & yoga. She also is a masseuse in private practice.

MARIE YORGAKOPOULOU, catering to our culinary aspect, is part owner of the El Greco Restaurant in Amherst.

Leila Ahmed, assistant professor of Women's Studies in our program, has been away at the National Institute for the Humanities for the past two semesters. She received a fellowship for the spring 1983 semester and chose to stay through the fall to complete the work she was doing on Middle Eastern women. We are happy she will be rejoining us this spring. She will be teaching Foundations, The Mid East: Women, History and Civilization, and the Advanced Seminar.

TALK TALK TALK & OPPORTUNITIES FOR TALK  
Conferences and calls for papers

On January 12-15, a conference entitled "Western Women: Their Land-Their Lives," will be held at the Southwest Institute for Research on Women at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

The Women's Jazz Festival, which will be held March 29-April 1 in Kansas City, Missouri, is holding a combo contest and offering a scholarship. Combos should submit tapes to the Festival. The prize is an opportunity to perform at the Festival. The scholarship is for \$1000 and college students are eligible. The money is to go toward paying for an education in music. For more information on both, send a self-addressed envelope to Women's Jazz Festival, P.O. Box 22321, Kansas City, Missouri 64113. Deadline: 12/15/83

A conference entitled "Women and Work: The State of the Art" will be held April 9-10 at the Hereford Center, the University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas. They are calling for abstracts of papers to be submitted on various aspects of women at work. Submit 300-600 page abstracts (leave your name off of the abstract) to: Women & Work Symposium, Graduate School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Arlington, Box 19129, Arlington, Texas 76019-0129.

"Women's Worlds: Strategies for Empowerment" is the title of the Second International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women to be held this year April 17-21, 1984, in Groningen, the Netherlands. Registration deadline: 1/15/84

The New York State Women's Studies Association Conference will be held on April 27-29 at Brooklyn College as the Brooklyn College Women's Studies Program and Women Center celebrate their tenth anniversaries. The theme of the conference will be "Women, Culture and Change: Bridge to a New Era." They are accepting proposals for papers at this time. Send inquiries and proposals to Conference Program Committee, NYSWA, Women's Studies Program, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York 12210

On October 13-16, 1984, Vassar College will host a conference entitled "The Vision of Eleanor Roosevelt: Past, Present, and Future." Proposals describing the content, sources, methodology, and conclusions of papers should be submitted by February 1, 1984. Papers from scholars and those with practical experience are in government, public policy, the women's movement, etc. are welcome. Write to John F. Sears, Director, Eleanor Roosevelt Centennial Conference, Box 186, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602

Turn-of-the-Century-Women, a new journal devoted to furthering studies in the period 1880-1920. They are interested in receiving articles in original research on lesser known female artists of the period, on British and American literature either by turn of the century women or about women of the period, historical examinations of women's issues and movements of the time, or bibliographic notes of the period. Papers should be no more than 20 pages. Address submissions and inquires to the Editor: Prof. Margaret D. Stetz, Dept of English, Wilson Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

GRADUATE STUDY SCHOLARSHIP IN MOST

The National Women's Studies Association announces the 1984 Pergamon-NWSA Graduate Scholarship in Women's Studies. Students who will be enrolled in a Women's Studies graduate program or will be doing research germane to the interdisciplinary field of Women's Studies in another graduate department in the fall of 1984 will be eligible for the scholarship. Especially acceptable are projects & research relevant to women of color and/or third world women. Applications are due 3/31/84 and should include a nominating letter from a NWSA member of NWSA institution faculty member and a statement from the student. For more information, contact Virginia Cyrus, NWSA National Coordinator, 159 Windsor Ave., Southampton, PA 18966.

THANKS NANCY

Nancy Braxton leaves our faculty after having once again offered her stellar services to the program. She taught Women and Law and Foundations this fall, while serving on the Policy Board and on the Graduate Program committee. We are sorry to see her go and wish her the best of luck as she continues her legal practice and other activities.

The Women's Studies office has information on women's studies courses which were not in the Women's Studies Course Description Guide.

THE MAGICAL WORLD OF SCIENCE

An ongoing program, "Women in Science," is featuring speakers and exhibits throughout the western Massachusetts area. Dr. Anna Jane Harrison, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, will keynote day-long activities which mark the beginning of an exhibit at the Springfield Science Museum. The exhibit, to be opened on January 7, 1984, features the achievements of women scientists of local and national significance and includes a slide show and discussion. Dr. Harrison will speak at 1pm on "Science and Society." A panel discussion will follow at 3pm and there will be an opportunity to meet the scientists at 4pm. There is a \$2.00 charge.

Also on the calendar, in the college lecture series are the following: Dr. Marion Lowe, Professor of Physical Chemistry at Boston University, speaking on "A Feminist's Journey in Physical Chemistry." Hampshire College. 2/22. 7:30pm. Dr. Ann Tullis, structural geologist at Brown University, speaking on "The Personal Evolution of a Structural Geologist." Amherst College. 3/6. 4pm. Dr. Mary Ellen Murphy, RSM, chemist and Academic Dean at St. Joseph's College, former NASA consultant, speaking on "The Moon and Beyond." Elms College. 4/11. 4 pm. All are welcome to all the talks.

For more information, call the Science Museum at 733-1194.

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