Feminist Poetics: Legacies of June Jordan
A symposium celebrating the work of feminist poet, scholar and activist June Jordan, and her legacies in contemporary feminist poetics.

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PROGRAM

9:30-10:00 Welcome
10:00-11:30 “Wrong is Not My Name”: Writing Feminist Activism in 2015
Moderator: Arlene Avakian (UMass)
Speakers: Alicia Garza (#BlackLivesMatter), Lisa C. Moore (RedBone Press), Nadia Alahmed (UMass), Samiya Bashir (Poetry for the People), Korina Jocson (UMass)

12:00-1:00 Lunch Discussion
“I train my eyes to see”: Filming Genders and Sexualities
Moderator: Aneeka Henderson (Amherst College)
Films by: Aishah Shahidah Simmons (Williams College), Kai M. Green (Northwestern University)

1:00-2:30 “The Paradox in Rhyme”: Feminist Poetics as Theory and Praxis
Moderator: Mecca Jamilah Sullivan (UMass)
Speakers: Evie Shockley (Rutgers University), Che Gossett (poet and activist), Kevin Quashie (Smith College), Alexis Pauline Gumbs (Mobile Homecoming project)

3:00-5:00 “Inside the Continuum”: The Combahee River Collective and Black Feminist Foundations
Moderator: Paula Giddings (Smith College)
Speakers: Cheryl Clarke (author, Living as a Lesbian), Barbara Smith (author, Writings on Race, Gender and Freedom), Sharon Page Ritchie (San Francisco Arts Council), Akasha Gloria Hull (author, Color, Sex, and Poetry), Margo Okazawa-Rey (Fielding Graduate University)

5:30-7:00 Dinner
7:00 Performance
Sonia Sanchez (author, Shake Loose My Skin), Evelyn Harris (Grammy award winning artist), UMass student performers