

## Women's Studies Takes a Trip to Cuba

This January 2004, Women's Studies and the International Programs Office of UMass Amherst are sponsoring a trip to Cuba to participate in a Gender Studies Conference at the University of Havana. The theme of the conference is Curriculum Development in Women and Gender Studies. There are 27 members of the delegation, which includes 8 faculty members, 9 graduate students, 9 undergraduates, and 1 senior high school student. Most of the group is from UMass except for 1 faculty member from Smith, 1 student from Mt. Holyoke, and the high school student. The 3 day conference they will be participating in is jointly organized by UMass Women's Studies and the Catedra de la Mujer (Women's Studies) at the University of Havana, and will include Cuban faculty and students. The North American delegation will be visiting a neighborhood in Havana to talk with organizers there about women's issues. They will discuss issues of racism with University specialists as well as US/Cuban relations. They will visit with the Federation of Cuban Women, a woman artist and filmmaker, and various museums in Havana, including a museum of Afro-Cuban culture, before they travel to Matanzas, Trinidad, the Bay of Pigs and Cienfuegos, where they will meet with town officials to discuss sister city connections that Cambridge, MA has with the town, and visit the medical school there.

Members of the group have varied interests, and include participants from the School of Nursing, the School of Public Health, the School of Education, as well as various departments and programs at the University, such as Women's Studies, STPEC, BDIC, Anthropology, and Philosophy. Topics at the conference will include an overview of Gender Studies in Cuba and the US, alternative models of development, the pedagogy of race and gender, domestic and sexual violence, women's health in Cuba and the US, globalization, immigration and women's work, women and community movements, and media images of gender. Student and faculty involved in the trip plan to give a report on their trip to Cuba when they return.

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