WOMEN'S STUDIES SPRING SERIES

Mark your calendars!

The series this semester is based on student needs and inputs. Student's work and concerns are highlighted as the subject of the series. We have scheduled 2 events early in the semester, leaving room for an additional meeting in April.

Students Work In Progress
Tuesday, February 23, 1988 7:30-9:30 p.m. Campus Center 917

Women's Studies students will discuss their research for honors theses and special projects.

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Women's Studies Classroom Issues
Wednesday, March 30, 1988 7:30-9:30 p.m. Campus Center 917

This program will explore the dynamics of Women's Studies classes including student/professor relationships, majors and non-majors in classes together, and how difference is handled in the classroom.

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End of Semester Open House
Friday, May 13, 1988 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Women's Studies Office 208 Bartlett Hall

Women's Studies continues the new tradition of providing a study break with refreshments and good company at the end of classes. Stop by and join in.

Further details were not available at press time. Watch for posters and announcements. Refreshments served at both events, and babysitting assistance is available. Contact the office for more information.

SATELLITE OFFICE FOR PLACEMENT

The University Placement Office and Women's Studies will again be offering a satellite office for placement in the Women's Studies office. Ginger Goldsbury, Assistant Director of the Placement Office will be in the women's Studies office 1 day each week. Ginger will see students on a walk-in basis for short term career/placement assistance. Help with resumes, interviews, ideas for job search, etc. available—no appointment necessary. The tentative time for this service is Thursday afternoons. Check with the office to make sure. This service is available to all—you don't have to be a Women's Studies student to take advantage of it.
Leila Ahmed gave a talk entitled "Cinnamon, Myrrh and Cyclamen: Female Sexuality, Birth and Abortion in Medieval Islam" at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa in October. The talk was part of a conference "Reading and Writing the Female Body." Leila also spoke at the Middle East Studies Association Annual meeting as part of a panel on issues in Middle Eastern Women's Studies. Several articles are forthcoming including a review essay for the Women's Review of Books, and a piece entitled "Autobiography of an Egyptian Feminist: Between Two Cultures" in Lifelines: Women's Autobiographies a book by Cornell University Press due out shortly.

Arlene Avakian's doctoral dissertation, "Culture and Feminist Theory: An Armenian-American Woman's Perspective" has been accepted for publication by the Feminist Press. An autobiography focussing on the impact of gender, ethnicity, race and class on one woman's consciousness, the book presents a challenge to feminist theory. Arlene is desperate for a title and would welcome any suggestions. Arlene, Paulla Ebron, Irma McClurin-Allen and Sara Lennox are doing a panel called "Reading and Writing Women's Lives: Biography, Autobiography, and Life History at the National Association for Ethnic Studies Annual Meeting in March. Arlene will also be joining with two other Armenian colleagues in another presentation, "Armenian-American Women: The First Word." Following on this theme, Arlene will be doing two day-long seminars for the Zoryan Institute in Boston and New York on "The Continuity of Armenian-American Culture and the Status of Women: Dilemma or Opportunity?"

Lee Edwards is busily preparing the Regents Review and she hardly remembers thinking in that other academic-type way. On the other hand... The Authority of Experience: Essays in Feminist Criticism, co-edited by Arlyn Diamond, first published in 1978, will have a new incarnation as a University Press paperback this spring. In early March, Lee and Margo Culley are off to the University of Connecticut to talk about feminist pedagogy. In early April Lee will give a paper on schizophrenic narratives at the International Conference on Narrative. Lee also continues speaking on books—from crime fiction to autobiographies—at public libraries in Western Massachusetts.

Karen Lederer is enjoying the start of her second year in Women's Studies. This fall Karen gave a few guest lectures in Women's Studies classes on the Massachusetts Foster Care Placement Policy, and other human services issues. In addition to her duties in the office, teaching the Career Planning course, and various events and projects, Karen is singing in the University Choral Union. After work, Karen usually spends some hours each week pouring over landlord's financial records for her work on the Amherst Housing Review Board.

Irma McClurin-Allen has completed a book of poems Pearl's Song scheduled for release in March by Lotus Press, one of the oldest Black presses in the country. Irma is one of the participants in the panel at the upcoming Ethnic Studies Conference. Irma is not teaching the writing course this semester, and we will miss her regular presence in the office.

Sandra Morgen's book Women and the Politics of Empowerment (co-edited with Ann Bookman) has just been released from Temple University Press. The book examines the political activism of working class women in the U.S. during the 1970's. In November, Sandra presented a paper on Gender, Cultural Specificity, and Anthropological Theory at the annual meeting of the American Anthropology Association.

Welcome and Auf Wiedersehen to Karin Obermeier. Karin has been a teaching assistant working in the office to release Arlene for her duties in the Faculty Working Group on Racial Diversity. Karin has received a 2 year fellowship in the Federal Republic of Germany to participate in a pre- and post- graduate Humanities Seminar at the University of Siegen. She will complete her dissertation on the German Romantic writer Karoline von Gunderrode. Karin's smiling face will be much missed in the office.
Kathy Peiss is happily living in Washington D.C. and researching the cosmetics industry. After spending months uncovering early entrepreneurship by women and looking at trademarks, Kathy is looking forward to her return to the valley.

While enjoying her year off, Janice Raymond writes that in October, she gave an address at the closing panel of the "International Forum on the New Reproductive Technologies" organized by the Quebec Council on the Status of Women in Montreal. Also in October, she testified against a bill, that would legalize commercial surrogate arrangements, before the House Judiciary Committee in the state of Michigan. Jan will be in Europe during April, May and June doing research on her new book on surrogacy.

Welcome to Valerie Traub, a graduate student in English, finishing up her dissertation "Desire and Anxiety: The Sexuality of Shakespearian Drama." Valerie has lots of experience teaching writing in the Writing Program and the Writing Center, and we are lucky to have her teaching WOST 391W Writing for Women's Studies Majors.

Anna Tsing has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study contrasting understanding of land rights and resource use in the rain forests of South Kalimantan, Indonesia. Anna will be interviewing local people to understand the connection of people and places vs. the interests of the timber companies, new immigrants, state policies, etc. The research will begin the Summer of 1988. Congratulations Anna!

After many frustrating months of dealing with contractors our secretary, Ann Williams and her husband David, moved into their new home in Northfield in August. On September 17, Ann and David had a beautiful baby girl, Allison Mai. Ann said it was definitely the hardest thing she had ever done, but also the most rewarding. While Ann was away Edna McGlynn stepped in to help things run more smoothly in the office. Ann stopped into the office several times during her 6 week leave to show off Allison and to talk with real live adults. She came back to work in November, and Allison went to family day care. This separation was much harder on Ann than on Allison but Women's Studies keeps Ann busy so that she doesn't feel too bad. Even during her working hours, Ann is still a mother and says "It's true what they say about having 2 full time jobs."

Entrances and Exits

Congratulations to Patricia McGarry, a December graduate in Women's Studies. Related congratulations to Yolanda Fernandez who graduated in February of 1987. Minors graduating this December include Joyce Barry and Danny Burgess. Best Wishes to all.

Welcome, welcome, welcome to the majors we accepted into Women's Studies this fall: Deborah Cohen, Susan Crane, Cheryl Donovan, Helene Goncalves, Alice Sheats, Inez Sieben, Laurie Smith and Tracy Welsh. Thanks to the faculty members who served on the admissions committee: Angelika Kratzner from Linguistics and Lisa Saunders from Economics. Welcome also to a new minor, Laura MacKay.

If you think you are a major or a minor, but you haven't come in and done your paperwork, please come in and get official.
UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Near Eastern Area Studies Lecture Series

The title of this series is "Perspectives on Middle Eastern Women: Twentieth Century Issues of Politics, Gender, and Feminism"

The schedule was not finalized by press time. Check the time and titles of the events with the Near Eastern Studies Office, 68C Bartlett, 545-4735. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- February 11, Layla Abu-Lughod, Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton
- February 22, Aaf Mahfouz, Attorney
- February 29, Miriam Cook, International Studies, Duke University
- March 7, Beth Baron, "Women's Awakening' in Turn of the Century Egypt: Fact or Fiction?"
- April 11, Cynthia Nelson, Bunting Institute, Cambridge

Most of the lectures are on Mondays. All take place at 4:00 in the Thompson 6th Floor Lounge.

STPEC Weekend

The Social Thought and Political Economy program is planning a gala weekend of events including an Alumni Career Forum, and programs open to the public. The weekend is April 8 and 9, contact the STPEC office for more information.

NEW WORLD THEATER SERIES

Several of this season's productions will be of special interest to Women's Studies students. Brochures available in the Women's Studies Office, or for more information and ticket arrangements call the Fine Arts Center Box Office at 545-2511.

*February 26, An Evening with Cicely Tyson, Bowker Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
*March 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10, 11, 12, 13 Nzinga's Children, an original production, Hampden Theater, 8:00 p.m.
*March 30, 31 Performance by SISTERN Muffet Inna All a Wi, Hampden Theater, 8:00 p.m.
*April 14, 15, 16, Tale of Lear, Bowker Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.

BLACK MUSICIAN'S CONFERENCE

*May 3, Makoto Ozone Jazz Trio, Bowker Auditorium, 8:00 p.m. ticket prices TBA
*May 7, Nancy Wilson, Fine Arts Center Concert Hall, ticket prices TBA

PAPERS, Papers, papers

There are still many papers in the Women's Studies office from semesters past. We will only keep papers for one semester following the one the class was in, so come get your papers now.

JOBS AVAILABLE: VOLUNTEER AND PAYING

Necessities/Necesidades

Necessities/Necesidades needs volunteers! Dependable, creative women to staff a 24 hour hotline for battered women and their children in Hampshire County. Volunteers do crisis intervention counseling and advocacy with women who are, or have been, abused. Volunteer training scheduled for the end of February. If you are interested in joining the effort to end violence against women in our community call Nina S.L. Martin, 586-1125, Necessities/Necesidades, 16 Center Street, Northampton, MA 01060. Academic credit can also be arranged.

The National Park Service sent us information on park ranger positions at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, New York. The deadline for summer 1988 has been extended to March, 1988 if you are interested come by the office to look at the materials.

More Jobs.

Sojourn, Inc., a program for adolescent girls is looking for direct care workers. Town of Amherst Leisure Services is looking for instructors, and the Metropolitan District Commission is looking for rangers. The Progressive Group, a national telemarketing fundraising group, is looking for fundraisers to work evening shifts. More information on these positions is available in the office.

ACADEMIC OPTIONS

Women's Studies Honors projects can be arranged for graduation with honors. Internships and field work placements are available in over 60 local and regional agencies. Arlene Avakian is the honors coordinator, and Karen Lederer is the field work coordinator. Make an appointment (545-1922) if you are interested.
Black Women's Studies Position

Women's Studies is in the process of searching for a professor in Black Women's Studies to begin Fall 1988. We are looking for someone to teach large introductory courses, as well as more specialized upper-division courses. A social scientist is preferred. The search committee is reviewing vitae now. Students are encouraged to participate when candidates come to campus to give demonstration talks. The search committee is chaired by Daphne Patai, and includes Leila Ahmed, Arlene Avakian, Celeste Friend and Sandra Morgen.

REGENT'S REVIEW

Each program at the University must be reviewed by an external and internal review process every few years. A good review is essential for the future of the program. April 4 and 5 are the dates that Women's Studies will be reviewed. The review team consists of:

Catharine Stimpson (Dean of the Graduate School, Rutgers), Chair
Sara Evans (Director, Center for Advanced Feminist Studies, University of Minnesota)
Patricia Hill-Collins (Associate Professor, Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Cincinnati)

The program has prepared written records for the review. The reviewers will come to campus in April and observe the program and interview students, faculty and staff. Keep your eyes and ears open for an opportunity to give your input.

WOMEN'S STUDIES POLICY BOARD

(Stay tuned for article from Celeste)

The Women's Studies Policy Board is the main decision making body for the program. The Board meets monthly, and has 2 student positions, one for a major, and one for a minor. Elections will take place for the student reps this spring in the core Women's Studies classes, and by mail. If you are interested in serving, stop by the office for more information, or talk to Celeste Friend, the current student representative on the Board.

Library Acquisitions

Thanks to Donors

Thanks as always to our generous donors. This money allows the program to provide special events and services we couldn't otherwise afford. From June to December 1987 we received donations from: Louise Bryan, Andrea Berman, Joan Brinton, Mary Comi, Christine DiStefano, Jill Fenner, Donolyn Hagelberg, Cynthia Holmes, Ruth Goldman, Donna Jacques, Dale Jones, Nancy Kaplan, Beth Kaplowitt, Susan Karlson, Deirdre Ling, Arlene Lieberman, Margaret McGuiggan, Susan Manning, Andrea Nash, Mary Reilly, Margo Robbins, United Technologies, Cynthia Warren, and Mary Werowinski.

Sponsored Events

This fall Women's Studies co-sponsored several events of broad interest to the campus community. These co-sponsorships are made possible in part by the gifts of our donors. The fall 1987 events included:

-Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz spoke in December
-The Afro-American Women and the Vote Conference, November
-The Five College Women's Studies Conference on Feminism and Activism, October
-Elvia Alvarado spoke in October
-Donna Henes spoke at Mt. Holyoke College in October

Stay tuned this semester for new events including a talk by Irena Klepfisz and a conference on Edward Bellamy.

Call for Papers

Papers are wanted for a collection of essays on women and violence in literature to be published by Garland Publishing, Inc. Papers welcome on any genre, any period, and any aspect of the topic. Manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced, and previously unpublished. Send inquiry or manuscript to Dr. Katherine A. Ackley, English Department, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Final deadline August 31, 1988.

National Women's Studies Association Quarterly Journal

Previously unpublished scholarly articles and reviews are being sought for the NWSA journal, a new interdisciplinary, multicultural feminist journal. Some art work, including photography, poetry and short fiction will be considered when relevant. Details of format for submission are available in the Women's Studies office. For more information, contact MaryJo Wagner, Editor, NWSA Quarterly Journal, Center for Women's Studies, 207 Dulle Hall, 230 West 17th Avenue, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210, 614 292-7014, 614 292-1021.

Fellowship on Women and Public Policy

Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI) is offering a fellowship in Public Policy. The Fellowships are designed to train women as potential leaders in public policy formation. Fellow works 30 hours per week in a Congressional office, and meet weekly in seminars. Stipend is $9000 for 9 months plus a tuition contribution. Any student in a graduate program in the U.S. is eligible. Deadline is February 19, 1988. For more information contact Alison Dineen, Fellowship Director, Women's Research and Education Institute, 1700 18th St., NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20009, 202 328-7070.

Seminar in Europe in Comparative Women's Studies

Antioch University is sponsoring several European programs in Women's Studies including a seminar mid-June to late July 1988, a fall term, and a faculty seminar. Participants will meet with European feminist scholars and activists from the Netherlands, West Germany, Yugoslavia, and England. For more information contact Antioch University, Yellow Springs, OH 45387, for 1988 Women's Studies Faculty Seminar in Europe call 513 767-2661, for Comparative Women's Studies Term in Europe call 513 767-1031.
Five College Women's Studies

The Five College Women's Studies project is planning 2 programs - "Women's Health in the Local Community" and "Profession and Politics in the University." These programs will be open to the public. To get on the mailing list, call Meryl Fingrutz at Amherst College 542-2193, or Joan Landes at Hampshire College, 549-4600 x 507.

Faculty Seminar: Women in Developing Countries

The Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, and Five Colleges Inc. are co-sponsoring a faculty seminar led by Christie Achebe on Women in Developing countries. The presenters include: Jean Grossholtz, Ralph Paulkington, Chinua Achebe and Miriam Goheen. Preregistration is required. A faculty mailing list is on the way. For more information contact the Institute at 5-2029 or 5-0407.

5th Annual Graduate Women's Studies Conference

The 5th Annual Graduate Women's Studies Conference is entitled "Hearts, Hands, and Minds: Feminism in Thought and Action" and will take place March 12 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. This conference will bring together feminist activists, students, and artists in a forum for connecting feminist political, intellectual, and cultural activities. For more information call or write 5th Annual Graduate Women's Studies, c/o Women's Studies, Rutgers University, Voorhees Chapel, Lower Level, New Brunswick, NJ 08903 or call 201 932-9719.

Women's History Conference

Lowell National Historic Park is sponsoring a Women's History Conference on March 31 at the Lowell Hilton. For more information stop by the WOST Office, or call 617 459-1043.

Looking Backward

A conference entitled "Looking Backward, One Hundred Years Later, A Conference Celebrating the Centennial of Edward Bellamy's Looking Backward" will take place April 7-9 at the University. The conference includes a roundtable on Bellamy and the future of utopianism. For more information contact Kerry Buckley, Office of the Humanities Programs, Division of Continuing Education, 608 Goodell Building, University of Massachusetts, or call 5-2486.

Conference: The Fight for Reproductive Freedom

The Second Annual Conference for Student Activists "The Fight for Reproductive Freedom" will be held April 8-10 1988 at Hampshire College. The conference is sponsored by the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program at Hampshire College. For more information call 549-4600 ext. 645, 719, or 345.

First International Conference on Women Writers of the English-speaking Caribbean

The Black Studies Department of Wellesley College presents the first international gathering of women writers from the English-speaking Caribbean and their critics at Wellesley College, in Wellesley, MA on April 8-10, 1988. The writers and critics will discuss their work and its implications for the future. Registration is $29.50, $21.50 for students. For more information contact Selwyn R. Cudjoe, Coordinator, Caribbean Women Writers Conference, Black Studies Department, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02181. 617 235-0320, ext. 2563.

MELUS conference

The Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States will be holding a National Conference on April 16 and 17 at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Conference sessions will include academic panels with a comparatist framework and an equal number of meetings with artists reading their work. Tentative topics include: Ethnicity and the Avant-Garde, The Image of the Diaspora in America, Ethnic Biography and Autobiography, Ethnic Women: New Families, Traditional Images. For more information contact Arlene Avakian, Margo Culley or Joe Skerret in English. To join MELUS write Curtis C. Smith, Treasurer, MELUS, Humanities, University of Houston Clear Lake, Houston, Texas, 77058-1058.
This Newsletter

This newsletter is written and edited by Karen Lederer. Thanks to Arlene Avakian, Lee Edwards, Karin Obermeier and Ann Williams for their assistance. Send your ideas and submissions to: Women's Studies Newsletter, 208 Bartlett Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. The next newsletter will be out in late spring or early summer. Special Thanks to Vicky Stampa for her last-minute help with the newsletter.

If you move, and wish to keep receiving the newsletter, send the office your new address. Be sure to include your old address, and let us know if your name changes. We don't always get forwarding orders, so contacting us directly is the best way to ensure your address is correct.

Send news of what you are doing to the office. The next issue of the newsletter will have a section on Alumnae news. Keep those cards and letters coming.