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Everywoman's Center  
&  
Women's Studies  
Present  

WOMEN ACTIVISTS REUNION  
SEPTEMBER 26-27, 1997  
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS  

This will be one of the most exciting events at the University in the last 25 years! We are calling together all women who worked for the various EWC programs, graduates of Women's Studies (majors and minors), current and former faculty and instructors, and everyone who has been involved with Women's issues at UMass since 1972 and before! The weekend will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Women’s Studies and Everywoman’s Center. Current plans include well-known entertainers, speakers and thinkers as well as networking opportunities, workshops, receptions, and ample time to catch up with old friends and colleagues, and meet current students and new friends.

We are still looking for committee members to help plan the reunion. In addition we want you to call in the names and addresses of your old friends and comrades so that they are invited to this festive event. We are looking for folks who were involved with Women’s Studies [students, teaching assistants, staff, instructors, faculty, friends], Everywoman’s Center [staff, volunteers, interns, projects], or the following groups [we know, we might have missed a few]:

- SCERA
- POWER
- Collegian (Women’s Issues or before)
- Women’s Media Project
- Peer Sexuality Educators
- RIOT Grrls
- SGA and SGA Women’s Caucus
- International Women’s Week Committees or International Women’s Day Committees
- CERRF Committee for Equal Rights and Reproductive Freedom
- Valley Women’s Voice
- Lesbian, Bisexual Women’s Union
- WMUA Women’s Affairs
- Student Health Advisory Board
- Peer Health Educators
- Student NOW
- Women’s Leadership Project
- Lesbian Union
- IWE Committee
- SASH Students Against Sexual Harassment
- WOR Women Against Racism

Please spread the word about the reunion, and save that weekend NOW! To volunteer, give names, or find out more, call Michelle Girard-Basora at 1-800-456-UMAS or email her at mgb@admin.umass.edu.
Happy Spring, Women’s Studies Friends!

It has been another whirlwind semester in Women’s Studies. During this fall our wonderful and hardworking Executive Committee continued to lay the groundwork for growth in Women’s Studies by ratifying a clear governance document [an onerous but necessary task!]. We sponsored a range of exciting programs such as a theatre piece by Palestinian storyteller Emily Shihadeh. This fall with the help of the Graduate School and to publicize our new graduate certificate program in Women’s Studies we were able to sponsor three nationally known speakers: Diane Bell, anthropologist, Shulamith Reinharz, sociologist and Sandra Harding, philosopher, all speaking on feminist research methods. The Women’s Studies Graduate Certificate is finally becoming a reality thanks to the hard work of the graduate studies committee [Marta Calas, chair, Jan Raymond, Joyce Berkman and Julie Graham] and the T.A. for the committee, Nancy Patteson. We are inaugurating our proseminar series this semester and will be accepting applications to the program. See articles about both later in this newsletter.

This fall the lounge was staffed by several dedicated staffers under the able leadership of Gina Govoni. Two new student reps joined the executive committee, Deb Rose and Amanda Spadaccini. The program has increased our numbers of new majors and minors, and many more students are studying abroad, doing community internships or projects, or innovative honors research. I look forward to more vital student action and activism in the program and the world.

I had many opportunities to learn more about Women’s Studies worldwide this fall. I was invited to speak at Women’s Studies conferences in both China and Korea. It was an eye opening and exciting experience. Women’s Studies-related Chinese scholars are anxious to learn about feminism and Women’s Studies in the West. Their more collective culture and experience with popular revolution has much to teach the West. We hope in the future to facilitate faculty and even student exchanges to Women’s Studies programs in Tianjin, China and Seoul, South Korea. A Chinese scholar I met there, Professor Du Fangjin, professor of women’s ancient history, will be coming to visit us this spring as a speaker in our Spring lunch time lecture series!! For more information, see the article on the lecture series. South Korea is also a fascinating country with a sophisticated Asian Center for Women’s Studies and a Ph.D. program in Women’s Studies at Ewha Women’s University in Seoul. For more details, come to the talk I will be giving Wednesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m. on Women’s Studies in China and South Korea at the Five College Women’s Studies Research Center at Mt. Holyoke College.

This spring Women’s Studies will continue to grow and change. I look forward experiencing these changes with all of you. And a special thanks to all of the alumni who have sent in donations which allow us to continue our many creative projects!

Ann Ferguson, Director
Women's Studies has been blessed with the generosity of our friends again this fall. Special thanks go to Marcellette Williams, Deputy Chancellor and Marcia Curtis, Deputy Director of the Writing Program for donating used computers to Women's Studies. Because of this gift, we will have 2 computers in the lounge for students to use, with enhanced internet capability.

Thanks to the following people who donated funds to Women's Studies, or who earmarked their telefund donation to the program. These donation enable us to provide events for students, to equip our lounge, and expand our offerings in a variety of ways. Many many thanks.

Pilar Alessandra
Andrea Berman
Susan Brown-Zimmerman
Francis M. Cincotti
Jeanne F. Corneau
Kathleen A. Cote
Jennifer Drumm
Alicia Georgantas
Theodore and Maureen Kennedy
Alina M. Laine
Nicole Levesque
Jacqueline D. Levin
Kathleen Mirabile
Maura P. Morrison
Janice Rayner
Donna Rush
Karen Shack
James and Patricia Sheehy
K. Marilyn Stampa

Fond Farewell to Beberoze Shroff who again taught in the program for the fall semester. Enjoy sunny California Beberoze! Thanks for a job well done to Katie LeBesco who taught our junior year writing course to great acclaim. Welcome to Natalia Lopez, new workstudy student in the office.

Students are coming in droves to inquire about the major and the minor. Welcome to the many folks who officially entered the major in the fall:


Welcome to new minors entering the program:

Kailen Bent, Dia Corbett, Amy Durya, Marcia Hill, Lauri Kolakoski, Susan Kaiser, Zsofia Eva Kosaras, Olga Daisy Navedo, Claudia Ortiz, Courtney Quinn, Jennifer Robson, Caroline Sunshine, Bethany Uhlig, and Melissa Yoblon.

At press time we did not have a listing of December minor graduates. Rest assured your paperwork will be taken care of.

EVENTS

Edwin M. Rossman Alumni Career Forum
Women's Studies Graduates In the World
Wednesday, April 2, 1997 5:00 p.m.
Campus Center 62-175
Panel Discussion and Dinner
Free and Open to All

Women's Studies graduates return to campus to discuss their careers, lives, choices and the realities of the working world. This event never fails to be inspirational. Our graduates are changing the world, living rich lives, and using their Women's Studies education as they do. Come hear about it. Thanks to the co-sponsorship of the University Career Center and the University Alumni Association we are able to combine an informal dinner with the panel event. Mark your calendars now for this very special evening.

Pre-Registration Event
Wednesday, April 16, 1997 4:30 p.m.
Women's Studies Lounge 208 Bartlett Hall

Faculty present their Fall 1997 courses at a relaxed event in the lounge with healthy (and not so healthy!) snacks. Please join us to hear the latest about upcoming courses, and spend a little time with friends, faculty and staff.

Women's Studies Gala Graduation Celebration
Friday, May 23 1997 10:00 a.m.
Solemn T-Shirt Ceremony!
Special Presentations and Toasts!
Music, Food and Surprises!

This annual graduation breakfast is our celebration of the 1997 Women's Studies major and minor graduates and their accomplishments. This is a time for festivities and recognition of each other. Don't miss it! Watch the mail for your invitation.
APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!
Graduate Certificate Program in Advanced Feminist Studies

The new Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies, in its pilot year during 1996-1997, is ready to accept formal admissions to the program for next year. After initial approval by the University in Spring 1990 and several years of planning and development, it is a pleasure to begin active recruitment and program implementation.

Last fall a class in organization and feminist theory, co-taught by Women’s Studies Director Ann Ferguson and Management Professor Marta Calas, kicked off the year with a strong emphasis on theory. In addition, our associated faculty provided a rich balance of course offerings and they continue to provide a diverse and integrated curriculum this spring. A special feature of the graduate program, the Proseminar, is a one credit course offering, that includes a lecture series drawing on feminist research.

The Graduate Certificate allows students interested in feminist scholarship the chance to pursue an interdisciplinary and integrated curriculum in the field of Women’s Studies. Also, students have the opportunity to bring a feminist perspective to bear on the practices and ideas of their own discipline, thereby increasing the body of feminist theory and research. The certificate emphasizes the development of feminist theoretical perspectives, and research and analytical skills from an integrative perspective—the interaction of race, class, gender and sexuality in a national and/or global context.

Admission to the certificate program is contingent upon either [1] prior acceptance to the Graduate School of the University into a degree granting program; or [2] the completion of a graduate degree and acceptance as a non-degree student. Courses are offered and coordinated by core and associate graduate faculty of the Women's Studies Program. The deadline for applications is March 1, 1997.

Inquiries are welcome regarding this exciting, new graduate program. For further information contact Nancy Patteson in the Women's Studies Office.

Graduate Lecture Series in Feminist Research and Proseminar

As part of our Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies, we are offering a one credit Proseminar on interdisciplinary issues of feminist research. This seminar includes our spring lecture series. Although the lecture series is open to the public and all are welcome, students accepted into our certificate program will receive credit for participating in this seminar. The series, facilitated this spring by Director of Women's Studies, Ann Ferguson, will provide students with a broad and diverse collection of speakers, many of whom are graduate students. The lecture series meets almost every Wednesday at lunchtime in the Campus Center. Coffee and tea are provided, and people are encouraged to bring their lunch. To register for the Proseminar contact Nancy Patteson, graduate assistant for the graduate program at the office. Applicants for the Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies will receive retroactive credits for the coming year. All are welcome to attend any or all of this wonderful series. See you there!
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PROSEMINAR LECTURE SERIES
SPRING 1997

Women's Studies Graduate Certificate
in Advanced Feminist Studies

All lectures will take place in the UMass Campus Center from 12:15-1:30 on Wednesday unless otherwise noted. Coffee and tea will be available. Feel free to bring a lunch. All lectures are free and open to everyone.

January 29
Campus Center Room #162-175
Proseminar Orientation

February 5
Campus Center Room #162-175
Proseminar Discussion of Readings

February 12 - 11:30 a.m.*
Campus Center Room #805-809
Carmen Diana Deere
Economics Department, UMass
"Rural Women in the Latin American Neo-Liberal Counter-Reforms"

February 19
Campus Center Room #162-175
Gavia Ramos
Center for International Education
"Using Pictures and Storytelling to Know Ourselves and Our Communities Better: Research with Elderly Latino Women"

February 19 - 7:30 p.m.*
Five College Women's Studies Research Center - Dickinson House - Mount Holyoke College
Ann Ferguson, Director of Women’s Studies and Professor of Philosophy - UMass
"Women's Studies in China and South Korea"

February 26
Campus Center Room #162-175
Du Fangqin
Visiting Professor, Chinese Women's Studies historian
Presentation of her research on Women’s Studies in China

March 5
Augustus Savage Gallery, New Africa House
Maria Elena Pineda
Nicaraguan Campesino activist and painter
Presentation of social, political and ecological issues that inform her art

March 12
Campus Center Room #174-176
Alexandina Deschamps
Women's Studies - UMass
"Starting from One’s Experience: Another View of the Epistemology of Insideness in Feminist Social Research"

March 26
Campus Center Room #174-176
Kathy Peiss
History Department - UMass
"Producing a Consumer Culture: Women in the American Beauty Business"

April 2
Campus Center Room #162-175
Lorna McLean, Visiting Canadian Historian
"Gender, Community and Crime in 19th Century Ontario"

April 9 - 3:30 p.m.*
601 Herter Hall
Esther Katz
Margaret Sanger Papers Project
"The Editor as Biographer: The Margaret Sanger Papers Project"

April 16
Campus Center Room #162-175
Catharine Porter
Consumer Studies Department - UMass
"Women in Retailing: Who Are They, What Challenges Do They Face and What Do They Bring to Their Businesses?"

April 23
Campus Center Room #165-169
Cecilia Rio
Economics Department - UMass
"Doing the Dirty Work: Towards a Marxist Feminist analysis of African-American Domestic Workers, 1900-1960"

April 30
Campus Center Room #165-169
Lois Yachetta
Economist, Mass. Institute for Social and Economic Research (MISER)
"A Feminist Economics Approach to Discrimination"

May 7
Campus Center Room #162-175
Ann Barlow
Art Department - UMass
"The Girl Next Door"

*Note time and/or difference
Feminism for Me — Then and Now

By Linda Hillenbrand

After three years of working in Women’s Studies I’ve come to understand feminism more and it’s much simpler than it might seem to be. I was born and raised right in Amherst. Although, in the past twenty years or so, Amherst has become a sort of a melting pot of cultures and religions, it didn’t start that way. When I graduated from high school, the word “diversity” wasn’t used. Boys were encouraged and girls were discouraged to take shop classes. Girls were encouraged and boys were discouraged to take home economics. Boys that enjoyed “home ec” were considered “pansies” and girls that took shop classes were considered “loose”. Literature, history and social studies classes [from what I can remember] focused on men. Speaking for myself, I was never encouraged to further my education, nor was I ever counseled on anything pertaining to college. I can’t recall ever even knowing when SAT’s were taken, never mind being encouraged as a senior to take them. It’s heartening to know that Amherst High curriculum has changed even if some of the old stereotyping still exists. They now offer classes like “Man and Woman in Literature” and “African American Literature,” among others. Women’s Studies isn’t as much a mystery as it once was.

What feminism meant to me in those years was about wild women protesting, burning bras [it was the 60’s and 70’s], and fighting for “equal rights”. Secretly I applauded them but vocally asking why and where and how was out of the question. Because of my working class and “greaser” status joining them would have been social suicide. What I realize now is that without feminism we wouldn’t be voting or working out of the home and receiving [almost] equal pay for it. All the medical advances that have been made towards breast cancer and other diseases associated with only women would not have been made. More of us would be dying from illegal and unsafe abortions. The list goes on.

Now that I’m in my 30’s feminism has become something more personal for me. Dealing with people that tell bad and demeaning jokes about women has become fun. The funniest part being when the punchline is delivered and I’m not laughing. Recognizing sexism and arguing with someone about it has become interesting and challenging. Changing someone’s mind about welfare and/or single mothers is extremely satisfying, as is convincing stubborn people that violation of a woman’s body, no matter what the situation happens to be, is just that, a violation.

When talking to someone about feminism I like to quote a certain bumper sticker, “Feminism: The Radical Notion That Women are People too”. For me it’s that simple, nothing more, nothing less. It means being awarded the respect that’s due me as a human being, whether I have breasts or not.
WEB PAGE

Expands/Beautifies/Enlightens

If you haven’t checked out our web page in awhile, you need to visit again. We have ever expanding rivers of information [check out the faculty pages], a beautiful new look [complete with custom “buttons” instead of mere text links], and new links to other organizations. The web page is courtesy of resident WEB designer, Linda Hillenbrand. We also have a new easy to remember address: http://www.umass.edu/wost You can also reach us from the UMass home page.

Linda is eager to have feedback on the page. You can click on the page at the appropriate link or you can share your thoughts by writing her at lindah@wost.umass.edu.

LIBRARY NEWS

Something for Everyone!
Notes from Emily Silverman,
Women’s Studies Reference Librarian

Graduate Students and Faculty

Join Emily Silverman for a spring series of workshops on library resources. The sessions will focus on new databases and services available through the Library, explore Web sites, and discuss the kinds of instruction librarians can offer your students. The dates are Feb. 12, Feb. 26, and March 12; all 1:30 - 3:30 in the Instruction Room of the Du Bois Library. RSVP’s are appreciated.

All Friends and Associates of WOST

As of January 1, 1997, Emily Silverman is the selector of Women’s Studies materials for the Library. If you have suggestions for items the Library should purchase, please get in touch with her. The book budget is in good shape, so send bibliographic information for titles to:

Emily Silverman, Reference Dept.
Du Bois Library
545-0995
essilverman@library.umass.edu

Just Lounging’ Around....

The Women’s Studies Lounge, located in 208A Bartlett, is quickly becoming a great resource for all students in the Women’s Studies Program and related majors. Aside from the growing library, a copier, and space for lounging, two new computers were donated in the fall semester of 1996. So the lounge is now available for checking e-mail and cruising around on the Internet.

In order to provide this resource area, a few good staff members are needed. Lounging is fun and easy, and we all like to do it. However, this semester the lounge needs to have bodies who are willing to give of their brain power as well. Each staff member will be asked to undertake a special project, be it working on the library or organizing an event or a zine. If you are interested in helping the lounge, we are interested in you. Volunteer and one-credit positions are available. For more information on what we do or how you could help, please contact Gina by leaving a note in the mailbox in the Women’s Studies office located in 208 Bartlett or call her at 665-0353.

P.S. To be a success again in the spring semester, the lounge needs a reliable set of staffs by the second week of classes.

EDITORS NOTE: Thanks to Gina Govoni for writing the above item and providing excellent leadership in the lounge in the fall semester.

UNDERGRADUATE INFO

Advising Hours:
Need to Find an Advisor in the Office?

Karen Lederer and Sue Lee enjoy talking with students who drop by the office. Sometimes, however, we aren’t available in the office due to meetings or other commitments. To address this problem, both Karen and Sue will set up hours that are available for advising each week. Students will be able to call the office and sign up with Linda (or anyone who answers the phone) for a slot, or stop by during those times. We hope this new system will increase our availability to students, and ease the process of getting questions answered or forms signed.

Karen’s Advising Hours for Spring 1997 are:

Monday 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.
Thursday afternoons 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Call ahead to guarantee an appointment. Karen and Sue are also available on other days and times.

** As always, we will have mandatory ten minute advising hours during preregistration, April 7-18. Watch your mail for specifics.
New Majors: New Orientation Process/Return of the End-Of-Program Reports

The Executive Committee passed a new procedure for entering majors beginning in Fall 1997. All majors, in addition to completing the application and having it signed by a sponsor, will have to attend an orientation meeting in order to be officially signed into the program. These orientations will be small group meetings of 3-4 students and several faculty and staff. The meetings will be held once per semester. Students will have an opportunity to describe their interests and course of study and get feedback and suggestions from faculty and current students in the program. This innovation was started to give new majors a sense of the spirit of the program, and allow them to make contact with other Women’s Studies students, faculty and staff.

Along with the orientation process, students graduating beginning in Spring 1998 will be required to complete an end-of-program report form. This form will be similar in style to the program application—students will list the courses that count toward their program, and will include comments that evaluate Women’s Studies as well as their own course of study. We hope that this process will provide students with a sense of closure to their undergraduate work.

Both the orientation process and the end-of-program report are designed to give students opportunities to reflect on their course of study, and how it is related to their personal and political lives.

The Undergraduate Studies committee (which proposed the above changes) is made up of students, faculty and staff. The Committee is currently also considering establishing an exit interview process for students. For information contact Alex Deschamps, committee chair.

Conference on Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Public Service Activities

The 3rd Annual University of Massachusetts Undergraduate Research Conference will take place on April 19 in the Campus Center at UMass. All UMass undergrads are eligible to participate. Students can share a poster or oral presentation based on community service, creative work, thesis research, independent study, or study abroad. This is an opportunity to publicly present ideas, gain professional development, and possibly be published. Abstracts are due by March 3 at 3:00 p.m. to the Honors office. For information contact the Honors program at 545-2483, or visit the website at http://www.umass.edu/honorspg/. This conference is just one of the opportunities the Honors Program provides. Contact them, or Karen in the office for more information about other Honors options.

Everywoman’s Center is sponsoring a variety of wonderful events throughout the spring semester. For information call 545-0883.

Forum on Welfare Rights and Regulations
Tuesday, Feb. 25 12-1:30 Campus Center

Bring your questions such as: “Can I Continue to Attend UMass?”, “How Might I be Affected by the Changes in Welfare Regulations?” Patti Prunhuber staff attorney at Western Massachusetts Legal Services, Franklin/Hampshire Office will speak. Bring your lunch. Children welcome.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

The Art and Spirit of Drumming with Ubaka Hill
Campus Center - Date/Time TBA

Mask Making Workshop for Men of Color - Date/Time TBA

“I Am A Man” with Byron Hurt - Date/Time TBA

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S MONTH—MARCH

A Week with Maria Elena Pineda: Campesina Artist from Nicaragua, including an exhibition of works by the Solentiname artists of Nicaragua at the Augusta Savage Gallery in New Africa House. Lectures by and discussions with Ms. Pineda the week of March 3.

Something Every Friday/Sistersong 1997
March 7, 1997

Sistersong 1997—Semenya McCord and Friends in celebration of International Women’s Day will perform at 8:00 p.m. at the Bluewall Cafe. Semenya McCord studied music at UMass and is an award-winning jazz and blues vocalist. Don’t miss this excellent show. Free. This is part of the Something Every Friday series which runs from Friday February 7 to Friday May 9th and includes music, poetry, film, and comedy. In addition to calling Everywoman’s Center, you can also contact Campus Activities at 545-3600, or their worldwide website: http://www.umass.edu/campact/events/calendar.htm.

APRIL EVENTS

Women of Color Institute in collaboration with Zeta Sorority, Campus Activities, & ALANA Graduate Organization. Tentatively scheduled for early April.

Take Back the Night March

Sexual Assault Awareness Days
EVERYWOMAN’S CENTER SUPPORT GROUPS

Everywoman’s Center offers several support groups which are free and open to campus and community women. Pre-registration required. Call 545-0883.

Eco-Psychology for Women: The Sacred, The Psyche and the Wild
First meeting is Tuesday, 3/4, noon to 1:30pm, location TBA.

Healthy Relationships for Undergraduate Women
First meeting is Tuesday, 3/4, 6:30 to 8pm, Wilder Hall.

Latina Women’s Group
First meeting is Tuesday, 3/4, 4:15 to 6:15pm, Wilder Hall.

Lesbians in Relationships—For Singles and Couples
First meeting is Thursday, 3/6, 6:30 to 8:30pm, Wilder Hall.

Re-Entry Women’s Group:
Confronting Challenges for Women Re-Entering College
First meeting is Tuesday, 3/4, 9:30 to 11am, Wilder Hall.

Self-Esteem: Exploration through Expressive Arts
First meeting is Wednesday, 3/5, 4 to 5:30pm, Campus Center.

The Sky’s the Limit -
Reclaiming Our Power, Our Passion, Our Lives
First meeting is Wednesday, 3/5, 7 to 9pm, Wilder Hall.

Child Sexual Assault Survivors Support Group
Thursdays, 7 to 9pm.

Rape Survivors Support Group, Wednesdays, 6 to 8pm.

Everywoman’s Center News: Grants and Recognition

Everywoman’s Center was awarded $30,000 by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to offer one of four pilot projects in the state doing preventive education targeting adolescent males around issues of violence against women. Patricia Mota Guedes, Coordinator of the Educator/Advocate Program will coordinate it and EWC is working collaboratively with the Men’s Resource Center. One of the primary components of the project will be to train college and high school males to do preventative education with middle and junior high school males. They will work with selected schools in Hampshire County. EWC has also received several other grants including funds to improve sexual assault medical-advocacy related services, moneys to install and maintain an 800-number and money to enhance sexual assault prevention services for adolescent males, diverse cultural/linguistic populations, older women and people with disabilities. Keep up the excellent work!

These events take place at the Five College Women’s Studies Research Center, in the Dickinson House Living Room at Mount Holyoke College. Call 538-2275 for information, or email: fcwsrc@hampshire.persephone.edu or http://persephone.hampshire.edu/~fcwsrc

Events are free and open to all

COLLOQUIA: TUESDAYS, 7:30 P.M.

February 18
Deborah L. Owen, Research Associate
College of William & Mary [American Studies]
"Old" New England in the Age of Literary Reproduction

February 25
Yamila Azize-Vargas, Ford Associate
Cayey University, Puerto Rico
[Public Health & Women’s Studies]
Abortion in Puerto Rico and Chile: Extreme Legalities, Close Realities

March 11
Laura Elise Schwendinger, Research Associate
San Francisco Conservatory of Music [Music Composition]
Songs of Heaven and Earth

April 1
Aorewa McLeod, Research Associate
University of Auckland, New Zealand [Literature]
Silenced Narratives: Why New Zealand Women Stopped Writing

April 15
Sylvia Marcos, Ford Associate
Center for Psychoethnological Research [Psychology]
Muted Voices: Contributions of Indigenous Medical Practices to Health in Latin America

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS TALKS
Mondays at 4:30pm

February 10
Janie Vanpe
Smith College [French]
A Proto-Feminist Critique of the 1789 “Declaration of the Rights of Man”

February 24
Karen O’Meara Pullen, Community Associate
Wilbraham & Monson Academy, Wilbraham, MA
[Education]
Gender Equity Network: Creating Advocacy for the Education of Young Women
March 3
Elizabeth Foulon, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
[Communications]
Narrativity in the Representation of Filipino Women

March 10
Judith C. Harper
Community Associate Technical High School, Turners Falls, MA  [Family Therapy & Human Development]
The Impact of Welfare Reform on Teen Parents in Rural Communities

March 24
Karen Remmler, Mount Holyoke College
[German Studies & Women’s Studies]
Remembering and Displacing The Holocaust. The Work of Barbara Honigmann

March 31
Tanagra Melgarejo, Community Associate, Housing Discrimination Project, Holyoke, MA
[Social Thought & Political Economy]
Latinas In Their Own Voices: Living with Housing Segregation in the Pioneer Valley

April 7
Ayesha Shariff, Smith College & University of Wisconsin
[American Studies & Women’s Studies]
Pitching Gender: Representations of Femininity and Masculinity in Twentieth-Century American Baseball Fiction

April 14
Joan Cocks, Mount Holyoke College
[Politics & Critical Social Thought]
From Feminism to Nationalism

April 28
Demie Kurz, University of Pennsylvania
[Women’s Studies]
Family Values Rebutted: Divorce, Single Parenthood, and the State of the American Family

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, 19 February, 7:30 pm
Ann Ferguson, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
[Women’s Studies and Philosophy]
“Women’s Studies in China and South Korea”

Wednesday, 2 April, 7:30 p.m.
Arlene Voski Avakian
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
[Women’s Studies] and area contributors
Through the Kitchen Window: Women on the Intimate Meanings of Food and Cooking reading, booksigning, and reception

STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS

The Spring 1997 lecture series is a weekly “brown bag” seminar which meets on Thursdays at 12:30 in the Campus Center. The series is co-sponsored by The Stonewall Center, GLB GSO, Women’s Studies and the Chancellor’s Task Force on GLBT Matters. For more information 413-545-4824 or 54-LAMDA or http://www.umass.edu/stonewall

February 6

February 13
Louise Rice, Director of Education/AIDS Action Committee, Boston.
“Is the AIDS Epidemic Over or Has it Just Changed Direction?”
Updates on current treatment research.

February 20
Dr. Vera Whisman, Sociology and Women’s Studies, Hobart and William Smith College, author, Queer by Choice. “The Question of Choice”

February 27
Raphael Campo teaches and practices medicine at the Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Hospital. Reading and discussion of his book:
Poetry of Healing: A Doctor’s Education in Empathy, Identity, and Desire.
Co-sponsored by Food for Thought Books.

March 6
Barbara Rheinhold, Director, Career Development Office, Smith College.
“Out in the Work-place: To be or not to be?”

March 13
Sarah Wilcox, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.
“Constructing and Deconstructing Identity in the Politics of Lesbian Health”

March 27
Rodney Wilson, founder of Gay and Lesbian History Month and a history teacher in St. Louis.
“State of the Union:
Religion, Education, Marriage & Queers”

April 3
Clare Hemmings, Ph.D in Women’s Studies, co-editor of The Bisexual Imaginary: Bisexuality & Representation.
“Reading Bodies: Transexual & Bisexual Photographic Representations”
April 10
Gary Lehring, Professor of Government, Smith College.
“Exportation of Lesbian & Gay Culture”

April 17
Ed Stein, Philosophy Department, Yale.
“What’s Wrong with Scientific Research on Sexual Orientation?”

April 24
Arthur Lipkin, Education School, Harvard University.
“School Change: Gay & Lesbian Curriculum, K-12”

May 1
Deb Carlin, Associate Professor of English, UMass.
“How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?: Lesbian Desires, Queer Reading, & The Sound of Music”

May 8
Lecture TBA

ADDITIONAL STONEWALL CENTER EVENTS

Thursday, February 6
Keith Boykin, author of One More River to Cross: Black and Gay in America, graduate of Harvard Law School and Executive Director of the National Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum, will speak at 8pm, location TBA.
Boykin’s book will be on sale at the evening event.

Friday, February 14
Love Makes a Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families [a photograph-text exhibit] opens at the University of Massachusetts with a special Valentine’s Day Reception
The reception will be held in the UMass Campus Center Graduate Lounge from 7pm - 9pm.
The exhibit will remain in the Graduate Lounge from February 14-29. The exhibit is co-sponsored by The Everywoman’s Center and the UMass Arts Council and is provided by Family Diversity Projects, Inc.

Tuesday, February 18
Students of Color Panel & Film: “Black Is, Black Ain’t,” by Marlon Riggs. This event will be held at 6pm in the New Africa House at UMass.

Wednesday, February 26
Craig Hickman performs “Portraits of a Black Queen.”
This performance will begin at 8pm in Hampden Theater.
This is a part of the GLBT Cafe Series and is co-sponsored by The UMass Arts Council. Donations requested.

For show info call 545-1972, box office - 545-2511
Tickets $8.00 and $5.00 unless otherwise noted.

“A Laying Of Hands”
by Michele Maureen Verhoosky,
performed by Onyx Theater
Saturday February 22, 1997 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm
Bowker Auditorium

Onyx Theater is the first American deaf theater company devoted to actors of color. This award-winning play, performed by speaking and signing actors is set in a segregated Georgia town during the depression. A woman is suddenly able to cure people of illnesses and prejudices after a family member is lynched by the KKK.

“13 Dias/13 Days” San Francisco Mime Troupe
Friday & Saturday, March 7/8 1997 8:00 p.m.
Bowker Auditorium

Tony Award winning troupe. An epic satirical multi-media musical theater piece dramatizing the 1994 uprising of a peasant army in opposition to governmental injustices against the people of Chiapas. Tickets for this show: $15, $10, $5

A related symposium addressing indigenous culture and resistance will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2:00-5:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall.

“Unmerciful Good Fortune” by Edwin Sanchez
Wednesday-Saturday April 9-11 at 8:00 p.m.
April 12 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Hampden Theater

This original production captures 2 women coming together in a constantly shifting exploration of power. Commenting on contemporary class dynamics, race relations, the power of psychic insight and the controversial issue of euthanasia, this play is an unexpected and uncompromising love story of the 90’s.

“Laughter from the Children of War” written and performed by Club O’Noodles
Wednesday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m.
Bowker Auditorium

A journey from Vietnam to America, from innocence to harsh reality, and from pain to laughter blending Vietnamese satire, traditional lullabies, and folk dance, with American humor, jazz and modern dance. Club O’Noodles is the first Vietnamese-American Theater in the United States.
DAY CORRECTIONS

WOSt 391H
Women and Human Rights: International
Issues and Instruments (4 credits, Honors)
Tuesday only 4:00-6:30 p.m.
Jan Raymond

PHIL 394G
Philosophy of Gender and Sex
Tuesday, Thursday 1:00-2:15
Ann Ferguson

CANCELLATION

STPEC 394A
Women and Economic Development
in the Third World
Kanthie Athukorala

NEW DEPARTMENTAL COURSES

ED 395Z
Talking Across Differences
(previously listed as component course)

NUTR 397
Eating Disorders - An
Interdisciplinary Perspective
(previously listed as component)

Violence Against Women Colloquium – Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. 1208 Washington Tower
This one credit colloquium aims to address the personal attitudes, societal values and institutional structures that reinforce and perpetuate violence against women, and to offer information and resources for building healthy relationships and healthy communities. Topics will include: gender roles/sexism, abuse in relationships, media images, pornography, sexual harassment, rape awareness, safety strategies, empowerment/self-esteem, and community organizing. Sessions will be interactive, utilizing campus and community resources. Register at the 1st meeting on February 5. Contact Joanne Land-Kazlauskas 545-5831 for more information.

WOSt 296Q – Women’s Studies Research – Wednesday 4:00-4:50 p.m. – Emily Silverman, Women’s Studies Librarian
Writing in Women’s Studies? Researching in Women’s Studies? Seeking one credit in Women’s Studies? Sign up for this course and we’ll explore key resources in Women’s Studies, from Web sites to archives, from CD-ROMs to microfilm. Most sessions will be in the Instruction Room of the Du Bois Library, which has 15 PCs for student use.

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