

women's studies *News*

Colgate University Women's Studies Program

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From the Director...

The Women's Studies Program is growing and branching out in new directions! Our goal is to encourage a broad dialogue on gender issues throughout the entire Colgate community. All of us need to think about and understand more deeply the enormous changes occurring to women and men in our society. We reject the notion that there is only one way to be a woman, or a man, or a feminist. To promote an open and free dialogue on these issues, we will be offering more courses in Women's Studies, and creating opportunities outside the classroom where all members of the Colgate community can challenge, learn from, and educate each other.

The most important of our new departures this year is the creation of the **Center for Women's Studies**. President Neil Grabois provided generous funding which has allowed us to remodel and furnish the Center on the first floor of Dodge (KED). We will formally open on October 24 (see the back page of this newsletter), but the Center is already bustling with activity. In addition, by mid-October, renovations will allow us to make full use of the Women's Studies Classroom located right next door to the Center.

I want to take this opportunity to introduce Kelley Katzner. Kelley is serving this year as the first Women's Studies Program Assistant. She brings to the program many talents, as well as the experience of working at Brown University's Women's Center. Among her other duties here at Colgate, Kelley is responsible for the day to day running of the

Center's programs. We have wonderful meeting space which can be scheduled by groups of students, staff and/or faculty interested in gender issues. Everyone is encouraged to stop by our reading room, look at our books, magazines, and other resources, and participate in our varied programs and workshops.

Come learn about us and help us to learn about you!

Joan D. Mandle, Director

Brown Bags for Everyone

The first and third Wednesday of every month will feature **Brown Bag Lunch** at the Center for Women's Studies. All students, faculty and staff are invited to bring lunch to the Center and participate in discussions on topics of wide-ranging interest. Occasionally, the Center will show a short film at the beginning of the lunch hour as a means of providing a framework for discussion. Please join us twice a month at noon for good conversation in our comfortable new surroundings. You bring the lunch and your ideas; we'll provide the coffee.

Post-Graduate Opportunities

For information on several educational and career opportunities, stop by the Center for Women's Studies on the first floor of Dodge in K.E.D., or call ext. 7156.

Students Staff Reading Room

The Center for Women's Studies houses a Reading Room which boasts a library of books, scholarly periodicals, popular magazines, and newsletters concerning all aspects of Women's Studies. Thirteen Student Assistants staff the Center during regular afternoon hours and in the evenings (see below). All members of the Colgate community are welcome to use these resources, and to take advantage of the Reading Room as a quiet place to study.

In addition to monitoring the collection, Student Assistants also contribute significantly to the functioning of the Center. Assistants are presently working on cataloging the resources in the Reading Room. They will soon begin work on the establishment of a Professional Services Referral System. This referral system will provide information to people specifically seeking the services of women professionals or services relating to women's concerns. Student Assistants will do research on local and nearby services, organize the information, and transform it into a working phone-in system.

Center for Women's Studies Hours:

Monday-Friday,
9am-5pm

Sunday-Thursday,
8-10pm

Women's Studies Calendar, Fall 1991

September

South African Mail exhibit
Co-sponsor

17 Tuesday.

Faculty/Staff Feminist Reading Group
Facilitator: Jean Bethke Elshtain
Center for Women's Studies, 11am

18 Wednesday.

Reception for Women's Studies students
Center for Women's Studies, 4-6pm

25 Wednesday.

Lindiwe Mabuza - Chief Representative from the National African Congress to the USA
"Women and Politics in South Africa Today"
Alumni 110, 4pm
(Co-sponsor)

26 Thursday.

Reception for New Faculty and Staff
Home of Mary Moran and Jordan Kerber, 4-6pm

27 Friday.

Collaborative meeting of area Women's Studies Programs
LeMoyne College, 3pm

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October

2 Wednesday.

Brown Bag Lunch
Film: *Women's Voices: The Gender Gap Movie*
Center for Women's Studies, noon

2 Wednesday.

Deborah Pokinski - Associate Professor of Art History and Associate Dean of the Faculty, Hamilton College
"The Domestic Arena, Images of Women at the Turn of the Century in American Painting"
Ryan Rehearsal Room, 4:30pm
(Co-sponsor)

2 Wednesday.

Student Discussion Group
"Multi-Cultural Issues and Women's Lives."
Center for Women's Studies, 7pm

4 Friday.

Social Service Project
Emmaus House, 1pm
Meet at Center for Women's Studies

9 Wednesday.

Women's Spiritual Group
Center for Women's Studies, 7pm

16 Wednesday.

Brown Bag Lunch
Open Discussion
Center for Women's Studies, noon

17 Thursday-20 Sunday.

Colgate Fall Break.

24 Thursday.

Gala Grand Opening - Colgate Center for Women's Studies
Featured Guest - Jamaica Kincaid
Food Entertainment
Everyone Welcome!
Center for Women's Studies, 4-6pm

November

3 Sunday.

Brigadista
Production about a North American woman's experience in Nicaragua
Hall of Presidents, 3:00
(Co-sponsor)

6 Wednesday.

Brown Bag Lunch
Film: *Visions of the Spirit: A Portrait of Alice Walker.*
Center for Women's Studies, noon

12 Tuesday.

Eileen Mulhare - Ph.D, Research Associate, SOAN
"Devotadas: A Case Study of Women's Roles in the Religious Cargo System of Rural Mexico"
Center for Women's Studies classroom, 4pm

15 Friday.

Feminist Reading Group
Facilitator: Lorna Simpson - Artist
Dana Gallery, 1:30pm

18 Monday.

Monica Munachonga - University of Zambia, Social Development Studies and Women's Studies
"Women's Studies in Africa"
Center for Women's Studies

20 Wednesday.

Brown Bag Lunch
Open Discussion
Center for Women's Studies, noon

December

4 Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch
Open Discussion
Center for Women's Studies, noon

6 Friday.

Classes end

Spring Women's Studies Courses

The following is a tentative list of the courses that will be offered for credit in the Women's Studies Program during Spring Semester, 1992. Look for these and other Women's Studies courses in the Spring Course Booklet.

The Female Protagonist
(ENGL 305) Sarah Wider

The Female Protagonist
(ENGL 305Y) Deborah Knuth
(London Study Group)

Gender and Culture
(SOAN 315) Mary Moran

Gender in the Economy
(ECON 334) Ulla Grapard

History of Women in Asia
(HIST 370) Janaki Nair

International Perspectives on Women
(UNST 402, Senior Seminar) Joan Mandle

Introduction to Women's Studies
(UNST 202) Joan Mandle

Literature of Medieval Women
(ENGL 408) Lynn Johnson

Nineteenth Century Fiction: Gendered Literary Tradition
(ENGL 448) Constance Harsh

Philosophy and Feminism
(PHIL 360) Marilyn Thie (Latin American Study Group)

Women and Art
(ARTS 3xx) Mary Ann Calo

Women and Religion
(RELG 334) Wanda Warren Berry

Women, Work, the Family
(SOAN 2XX) Mary Moran

Women's Health Issues, Section 1
(GNED 326) Ellen Kraly / Scott Kraly

Women's Health Issues, Section 2
(GNED 326) Vicky McMillan / Betsy Lewis

Women in China
(GNED 214) Gloria Bien

Women's Needs Met

Jennifer Fuld (Colgate junior) has set the wheels in motion for the Center's **Community Service Program**. With the help of Cathy Ross (Colgate senior), Jennifer is setting up projects for Colgate students which will specifically focus on the social service needs of women in local communities. This Center program has been met with enthusiastic support from Colgate students. The Center will be collaborating with

various houses and individual members of the Panhellenic community. The program will provide community service opportunities on an individual as well as a group basis. All Colgate students are invited to participate in these service activities and future programming efforts. Initial programming includes opportunities for day-care at nearby women's shelters, training and experience working on crisis hotlines, and physical projects such as cleaning, painting and fixing up shelters that need repairs.

Get Involved!

The Center for Women's Studies is sponsoring exciting new programs. We want you to get involved! Check off those programs which interest you, detach this portion of the page and return it to the Center for Women's Studies, Dodge (in K.E.D.).

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Box # _____

I want to participate in:

- Alumnae Career Forum.** Bringing women Colgate graduates back to campus to share their work, family and post-graduate academic experiences with current students.
- Community Service.** Projects focusing on women's needs in local communities.
- Women in Sports.** Bringing a female athlete, coach or sports administrator to campus to talk about women and sports and/or run a sports clinic.
- Student Reading / Discussion Group, "Multi-Cultural Issues and Women's Lives."**
- Women's Spiritual Group.** Discussion group focusing on women in religions of the world.
- Women's Leadership Conference.** Committee to organize a leadership conference to take place second semester.
- Women in Science.** Establishing a mentoring system for women planning careers in science.

Additionally, several support groups will soon begin meeting at the Center. If you would like to be a part of one of these groups, start a group yourself, or use meeting space at the Center, call ext. 7156 for more information.

The Center for Women's Studies

Gala Grand Opening

October 24, 4-6pm

at the Center, first floor of Dodge, K.E.D.

Special Honored Guest:

Jamaica Kincaid

Food, Entertainment, Fun

Featuring: The Swinging Gates

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