



Mary Keys

Spotlight on the Staff

Mary Smith Keys is Secretary for the Women's Studies and Africana and Latin American Studies Programs. A lifelong resident of the Hamilton area, she joined the Colgate staff in 1977, the third generation of her family to work here. She has been with the Women's Studies Program from its inception in 1981 and has seen many changes in the Program. "It has been very

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Promoting Women's Rights

We are having an impact on legislation and political decisions that affect women's equal rights and treatment! Colgate voices are being heard on the national and international political scene as a direct result of letter writing campaigns and petition signing parties initiated by the Center for Women's Studies. Students and other community members are standing up for their beliefs and letting their elected

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From the Director...

The Center for Women's Studies will begin its third year next Fall! Since its inception, some of the most creative and exciting work of the Center has involved student volunteers and Student Assistants. I want to take this time especially to thank the following Seniors who have demonstrated their deep commitment to Colgate's Women's Studies through their participation in the Center.

Jennifer Fuld (SoAn) has been an important activist since the Center's opening. Last semester, she initiated and coordinated a full week of education and fundraising activities relating to AIDS education. The events culminated in the Center's contributing over \$1,000 to AIDS support organizations in Central New York.

Jessica Schlather (Economics) is the Coordinator of the Spring '93 Leadership Conference. She is responsible for all aspects of the Conference which will involve more than 90 Colgate students recommended as leaders in our community.

Last October, Laura Glasser (PoSci) ran a voter registration drive which succeeded in registering over 300 students to vote in the Presidential election. Laura has also provided on-going monitoring of important Congressional legislation concerning women. She makes this information available to the entire Colgate community through "Legislative Updates."

Alison Seltzberg (PoSci) headed up the Center's Planning Committee for the celebration of International Women's Day held on March 9th at the Cultural Center. This event honored contributions of women to the cause of social justice everywhere.

Perceiving a need for a Women's Alternative Film Series, Amy Hayes (History) initiated this project in the

Spring. "Identifiable Qualities: An Interview with Toni Morrison" and "Eating," a film which examines eating disorders, and other innovative cinema have been shown on Thursday afternoons at 4:00 pm at the Center.

Julia Beck (English) coordinated the Center's contribution to Global Awareness Day last semester. As part of this effort, she created an informative pamphlet outlining the Center's resources on women throughout the world.

Our deepest thanks to all of these Seniors. Working with other Assistants and volunteers, they have made the Center a unique part of the Colgate community.

To continue to be a vibrant part of the University, the Center for Women's Studies needs on-going student involvement. If you have an idea for a project or program, or if you would like to be part of the team working at the Center, fill out the application form on the back page of this newsletter.

Participating in the Center provides a terrific opportunity for students to experiment with ideas, reach out to others, and make an impact. Join us next September for our third year of service to Colgate's staff, faculty, and students.

Joan D. Mandle,
Women's Studies Program

Center for Women's Studies Hours:

Monday-Friday,
9am-5pm and
Sunday-Thursday
8:00-10:00 pm

Legislative Field Trip

On Tuesday, April 20, the Center for Women's Studies is planning a trip to Albany for students to meet with state lawmakers and lobbyists. This is a time to stand up for your beliefs and learn more about women's issues.

The major topics for discussion are reproductive rights, sexual harassment, and homelessness. Students will meet with leaders from the Assembly on each of these issues and learn what they are doing to promote equal rights and treatment for women. In addition, lobbyists from groups such as Coalition for the Homeless and National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) will be present to answer students' questions. There is free time in the schedule for lunch and to explore the Capital area.

Students will be responsible only for the cost of lunch. Transportation for this trip will be provided by the Center. If you are interested in reserving a place on the bus, please fill out the form below and return it to the Center for Women's Studies (Dodge House). Space is limited, so act soon.

Yes! I would like to register for "Legislative Day" sponsored by the Center for Women's Studies.

Name: _____

Box: _____

Phone: _____

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exciting to watch the Women's Studies Program grow. We have lots more courses now, a major and minor concentration, and the Center for Women's Studies has become a focus for the whole campus. It's more work for me but it's worth it!"

According to Mary, the best part of her job is the people she works with and the relationships she develops with them. "The Interdisciplinary Programs are great," she says, "because I have gotten to meet a really wide variety of people from all over Colgate. Also, when Women's Studies brings in outside speakers, it is fun for me to have a chance to meet and talk with them."

But it is the students whom she enjoys the most, and she continues to correspond with many alumni. "I guess every department thinks it has the best students at Colgate," Mary says, "but in Women's Studies I really share so much with the students. Many of them are interested in my life and talk to me about it. Also, lots of them plan to work in human services helping others, and that is something I think is important."

Mary Keys not only thinks helping others is important, she acts on her beliefs. Through the Randallville Baptist Church, she and her husband, Rich, have started a Music Ministry. This group visits nursing homes and adult residences to entertain the people living there. Mary and Rich also spend time calling on shut-ins and other needy people in the Hamilton area. During the holidays and on other special occasions, they help deliver food and gifts to them. They also actively support other church-sponsored projects, including programs for battered women, pregnant women, the homeless, and the poor.

Mary Keys is a very special person, whose active contributions to her community, to Colgate, and to the Women's Studies Program are irreplaceable. But she refuses to accept compliments about her work, simply stating "In my job and in my life I've always wanted to be helpful, even if that means just being there to give someone a smile when they need it."

Fall 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 Fall Semester 1993. Look for these and other Women's Studies Courses in the Fall Course Booklet.

EDUC 416: Seminar on Moral Development and Education; Kay Johnston

ENGL 408: Literature of Medieval Women; Lynn Johnson

ENGL 412: Jane Austen and the Rise of the Woman Novelist; Deborah Knuth

ENGL 448: Gendered Literary Traditions; Constance Harsh

ENGL 433: West Indian Literature: West Indian Women's Writings; Kenneth Ramchand

GNED 312: Women and Popular Culture; Jill Harsin, Jo Anne Pagano, Jane Pinchin

PHIL 360: Philosophy and Feminism; Marian Janack

PHIL 417: Advanced Topics Revisioning Eros: Feminist Philosophy and Political Imagination; Marilyn Thie, James Wetzel

POSC 451: Women in Sub-Saharan Africa; Anne Pitcher

SOAN 315: Gender and Culture; Michael Peletz

SOAN 313: The Sociology of Knowledge; Jane Balin

SPAN 226: Latin American Women Writers; Lourdes Rojas

SPAN 477: Seminar: Women Writing in Latin America; Lourdes Rojas

UNST/WMST 202: Introduction to Women's Studies; Jill Tiefenthaler

These courses can be applied towards a Women's Studies major or minor. Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program which examines the human experience with a special emphasis on the diverse roles of women. The program focuses on the critical place of gender in our understanding of ourselves and our world. For more information on the Women's Studies major or minor, please stop by the Center for Women's Studies.

Spring 1993 Calendar

April

1 Thursday

Standing Up for Your Beliefs

"Spring Leadership Workshop"

3:00-9:00 pm; Center for Women's Studies

2 Friday

Free Film Series

"Shirley Valentine"

7:00 pm; Center for Women's Studies

4 Sunday

Standing Up for Your Beliefs

Community Service Trip

Emmaus House, a temporary shelter for women in transition
2:00-5:00 pm

5 Monday

Support group for survivors of sexual assault

7:00-8:30 pm; Conant House Conference Room. Open to all.

6 Tuesday

"Cross Cultural Workshop for Women"
11:30-12:20 pm; Cultural Center

"AIDS & Women"

Central New York AIDS Task Force
7:00 pm; Center for Women's Studies. Refreshments

7 Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series

"Violence, Representation & Pornography: 1st Amendment Challenges"

John Shuler, Assistant Professor of Library Science
12:00 pm; Center for Women's Studies. Coffee, tea, and dessert provided

Department of Art and Art History Lecture Series

Sadie Benning, Video Artist

4:30 pm; Ryan Studio Rehearsal Room

8 Thursday

Women's Alternative Film Series

"Funny Ladies: A Portrait of Women Cartoonists"

4:00 pm; Center for Women's Studies

12 Monday

Support group for survivors of sexual assault

7:00-8:30 pm; Conant House Conference Room. Open to all.

14 Wednesday

"Subversive Subjects: Multiplying 'the Black Female Self' in Contemporary Art"

Judith Wilson, Ryan Lecturer
4:30 pm; Ryan Rehearsal Room

15 Thursday

"The Political Economy of Position for Women Subcontracted Workers in Quito's Garment Industry"

Vicky Lawson, Professor of Geography, UW Seattle
3:30 pm; Cultural Center

16 Friday

"Student Research Presentations"

Erin Leo, Economics
Kate Sweezy, Economics
4:00 pm; Center for Women's Studies. Refreshments

"West Indian Women Writers"

6:00 pm; Center for Women's Studies

Student Assistant Application Deadline

18 Sunday

Standing Up for Your Beliefs

Community Service Trip
Emmaus House, a temporary shelter for women in transition

19 Monday

Support group for survivors of sexual assault

7:00-8:30 pm; Conant House Conference Room. Open to all.

20 Tuesday

Standing Up for Your Beliefs

"Legislative Day in Albany"

Bus leaves Colgate at 7:15 am, returns at 5:30 pm

23 Friday

Free Film Series

"This is My Life"

Directed by Nora Ephron
7:00 pm; Center for Women's Studies Refreshments

26 Monday

Support group for survivors of sexual assault

7:00-8:30 pm; Conant House Conference Room. Open to all.

28 Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series

"A Word in Edgewise"

12:00 pm; Center for Women's Studies. Coffee, tea, and dessert provided

May

3 Monday

Support group for survivors of sexual assault

7:00-8:30 pm; Conant House Conference Room. Open to all.

4 Tuesday

Annual Women's Studies Faculty and Concentrators Banquet

*Disclaimer: Events included on this calendar, not sponsored by the Center for Women's Studies and the Women's Studies Program, are not necessarily endorsed by the Program.

Student Research

The Center for Women's Studies sponsors Student Research Presentations at the end of each semester.

Our commitment to bringing women's issues into all academic fields of study is demonstrated by the variety of topics covered in this forum.

Last semester, three students,

nominated by their professors, gave presentations on work they are doing in women's or gender issues. Jen Koskinen spoke on the topic *"Is There a Woman's Approach to Architecture?"*, Ana Validic discussed her psychological research with Professor Keating on *"Effects of Gender Physiogamy on Perceived Characteristics,"* and Janet Lopez presented her paper on *"Dowry Deaths."*

On April 16th, we again plan to offer Student Research Presentations. Erin Leo will provide insight on *"Women's Participation in the Labor Force"* from research done for her senior thesis and Kate Sweezy will discuss her analysis of divorce statistics. We invite you to join us at 4:00 pm at the Center for Women's Studies to listen to and ask questions of the work done by these women.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Award for Student Activism

This award is given by the Women's Studies Program to the senior whose career at Colgate is most characterized by activism on issues of concern to women.

Students and faculty are encouraged to nominate students they feel demonstrate a commitment to women's issues through extracurricular activities, work experience, and academic interests. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Nominations should include:

- letter outlining student's activities
- two letters of recommendation from individuals who have supervised or observed student's activities\activism

Nominations must be submitted by **April 9** to **Mary Keys** (429 Alumni Hall)

Questions can be addressed to:

Sarah Wider (313 Lawrence, x7781)
Kay Johnston (3 Lawrence, x7662)
Jill Tiefenthaler (427 Alumni, x7523)

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representatives know how they feel about important issues.

• The NIH Revitalization Act was approved by Congress, allocating money for research on women's health, the codifying of NIH policy on gender equity in research trials, and permanently authorizing the Office of Research on Women's Health.

• More than 40 letters were sent to President Clinton and Food and Drug Administration Commissioner, Dr. David Kessler, expressing opinions on the importation of RU486 following Legislation for Equality Lecture II, "*The Politics of RU486.*"

• Over 50 signatures were collected for the Petition to the UN World Conference on Human Rights proclaiming "*Violence Against Women Violates Human Rights.*"

Join us and be a part of the change! Student Assistant Application Fall 1993

Name: _____ Year: _____

Concentration _____ Phone number: _____ Box number: _____

Why do you want to work for the Center for Women's Studies?

Are you interested in working on a specific project? Yes No (circle one)
If yes, what kind?

How many hours per week could you work?

Please return to: Center for Women's Studies before April 16, 1993