

# women's studies

# News

Colgate University Women's Studies Program

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Each year, it is the cooperative effort of many people - faculty, staff, volunteers, and student assistants - that makes Colgate's Women's Studies Program vibrant.

Women's Studies faculty continue to create new and exciting courses. Our varied offerings for Fall '96 (listed on p. 1 and 3) represent the largest number of our courses offered in one semester. There will also be two First Year Seminars focused on Women's Studies taught by Jill Tiefenthaler and Anne Pitcher.

The Women's Studies Program over the years has benefitted from many student projects organized out of the Center for Women's Studies, which have educated the Colgate community about gender issues. We are especially lucky this year to have a strong group of Seniors involved at the Center, and I want publically to recognize them for their creative work, leadership, and commitment.

For all four of her years at Colgate, **Cory Frederick** has been active at the Center. Last year, she organized a very successful project with local high school girls from five area schools. This year, Cory and other Colgate students are running bi-weekly discussion groups at a local high school, talking with students about their aspirations, relationships, and self-image.

In the Fall, **Jill Glazer** did great job making the Center for Women's Studies library more user-friendly. This Spring, Jill continues to write important columns on gender issues for the *Maroon News*, she also is organizing programs in which Colgate students, from a variety of different courses, present and discuss their gender-related research projects. (See Student Research Presentations, p. 3.)

**Mindy Marranca** thought that

Colgate should know more about women in politics and current affairs, and so she created the Center for Women's Studies Political Outreach E-Mail Update. Every two weeks,



Mindy's committee sends on-line gender information to over 200 interested individuals. (See p. 4 to sign up.)

**Meaghan McElroy** facilitates Women's Coalition, and in the Fall organized an exciting trip to the Women and Religion Conference in Seneca Falls. This Spring, Meaghan is coordinating students to assist Madison County families who desperately need short-term relief from their childcare responsibilities.

New to the Center this year, **Stacy Weibley** is working on the new gender-related literary publication, *Allegorical Athena*, (see p. 3) and has written a number of *Maroon News* columns. In addition, Stacy is organizing a self-defense workshop (see p. 4 to sign up).

We urge all students who have ideas for gender-related projects to become more involved with the Center for Women's Studies. An ap-

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## FALL 1996: WOMEN'S STUDIES COURSES

**ECON 479, ECONOMICS OF THE FAMILY.** Tiefenthaler. TBA

**EDUC 416, SEMINAR IN MORAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION.** Johnston. MW 3:00-4:50.

**ENGL 305, THE FEMALE PROTAGONIST.** Wider. MW 3:00-4:20.

**GNEC 312, WOMEN AND POPULAR CULTURE.** Harsin. MW 3:00-4:20

**HIST 311, WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY.** Halttunen. TuTh 9:30-10:20.

**HIST 448, WOMEN IN LATE MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN EUROPE, 1300-1700.** Harkness. W 1:30-4:30.

**PEAC 260, WOMEN & PEACE: WAR, RESISTANCE AND JUSTICE.** Meeker. MW 3:00-4:20.

**PHIL 360, PHILOSOPHY AND FEMINISMS.** Thie. MWF 12:30-1:20.

**POSC 316, POLITICS OF SEX AND GENDER.** Fried. TuTh 9:30-10:50.

**RELG 234, WOMEN'S LIVES AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS.** Berry. MWF 1:30-2:20.

**SPAN 226, LATIN AMERICAN and LATINA WOMEN WRITERS.** Rojas. TuTh 1:30-2:50.

**SOAN 311, WOMEN AND SOCIAL CHANGE.** Mandle. MWF 9:30-10:20.

**SOAN 315, GENDER AND CULTURE.** Peletz. MW 1:30-2:50.

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# Spring 1996 Calendar

## MARCH

### 12 Tuesday - 11:30 am

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
"Finding a Job in Social Service"  
Lee Svete, Director Career Services  
Center for Women's Studies

### 12 Tuesday - 7:00 pm

Coalition for a Better World  
Celebration of Women  
Center for Women's Studies

### 14 Thursday - 7:00 pm

Celebration of International  
Women's Day  
"Home is a Struggle"  
Mireya Cruz  
Film and Discussion  
Cultural Center

### 15 Friday - 8:00 pm

Free Film Series  
*Kramer vs Kramer*  
Center for Women's Studies

### 18 Monday - 7:30 pm

"Promoting Consent, Preventing  
Coercion: Men's and Women's Roles  
in Reducing Sexual Assault on  
Campus"  
Dr. Alan Berkowitz, Hobart and  
William Smith Colleges  
Persson Auditorium

### 19 Tuesday - 11:30 am

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
"Sexual Communication and  
Acquaintance Rape"  
Interactive Theater Presentation  
Center for Women's Studies

### 20 Wednesday - 8:00 pm

Speak Out  
Hall of Presidents

### 22 Friday - 8:00 pm

Free Film Series  
*A League of Their Own*  
Center for Women's Studies

### 26 Tuesday - 11:30 am

In Celebration of BE GLAD Week  
Brown Bag Lunch Series  
"Issues and Opportunities"  
Linda Murphy and Donna  
Swartwout  
Center for Women's Studies

### 26 Tuesday - 7:00pm

*Jane: An Abortion Service*  
by Kate Kutz and Nell Lundy  
Love Auditorium, Olin Hall

### 27 Wednesday - 9:00 pm

Take Back the Night March  
A Candlelight Vigil  
Reception and Discussion Following  
at Gender Issues House

### 28 Thursday - 4:30 pm

Student Research Presentations  
Lara Heyer and Suzanne McElligott  
Center for Women's Studies

### 29 Friday - 8:00 pm

Free Film Series  
*Children of a Lesser God*  
Center for Women's Studies

## APRIL

### 2 Tuesday - 11:30 am

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
"Abortion Issues in the '96 Election"  
Professor Tim Byrnes  
Center for Women's Studies

### 3 Wednesday - 4:30 pm

Student Research Presentations  
Ali Spada and Kristin Cuppek  
Center for Women's Studies

### 4 Thursday - 7:00 pm

Film and Discussion  
*Dreamworlds*  
300 Olin

### 5 Friday - 8:00 pm

Free Film Series  
*Angie*  
Center for Women's Studies

### 9 Tuesday - 11:30 am

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
"Japanese Feminisms of the 20th  
Century"  
Professor Leila Philip and  
Professor Dina Lowy  
Center for Women's Studies

### 11 Thursday - 4:00 pm

"Marching on the English  
Department While the Right Took the  
White House"  
Tod Gitlin, New York University  
Persson Auditorium

### 12 Friday - 8:00 pm

Free Film Series  
*Not Without My Daughter*  
Center for Women's Studies

### 16 Tuesday - 11:30 am

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Center for Women's Studies

### 18 Thursday - 4:30 pm

"Foucault and Feminism"  
Professor Sewike, Williams College  
Center for Women's Studies

### 23 April - 11:30 am

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Center for Women's Studies

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# What's Happening in Women's Studies

## NEW CENTER PROJECTS

### • Allegorical Athena

A new literary magazine is being published which will include poetry, photographs, commentaries, artwork, and short stories pertaining to gender issues. Look for the first issue which will appear in mid-April.

### • Student Research Presentations

Students who have completed particularly noteworthy papers or research projects will present their work at informal gatherings in the Center for Women's Studies. These gatherings will be a great way to learn about and discuss other students' work in Women's Studies classes. See the calendar for more details about dates and times.

### • International Women's Day

Mireya Cruz will be visiting Colgate to discuss the video, "Home is a Struggle," which tells the story of four Latin American women and their decision to leave their home countries. Mireya Cruz is one of the women depicted in the film. Please join us in the Cultural Center on March 14 at 7:00 pm as we celebrate International Women's Day.

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plication form for '96-'97 is included on p. 4 of this newsletter.

In this last newsletter of the year, I want to thank Laura Leith, our Program Assistant, for the terrific work she has done. Laura has been an asset not just to the Women's Studies Program but to the entire Colgate Community. I know that others join me in wishing her well as she moves on to a career in social service work.

Joan D. Mandel

## WELFARE AWARENESS WEEK

The entire staff at the Center for Women's Studies is busy organizing a Welfare Awareness Week, April 8-12. The purpose of this week is to educate the Colgate Community about welfare and poverty issues, and to raise awareness about how these problems affect women.

Welfare Awareness Week will include many components. There will be a "Teach - In for Welfare" with faculty members from various departments and students speaking as well. Panelists will discuss different aspects of welfare and welfare reform. Emphasis will be on solutions for combating the problem of poverty in the United States.

Welfare Week will also feature informational posters displayed throughout the campus. These posters will include facts on welfare, outlining who is on welfare and how long the average welfare recipient collects benefits. In addition, the posters will present information exposing common myths about welfare.

Every day of the awareness week, students from the Center will set up tables in the Coop with educational materials, petitions, and a display of how much food one week's worth of food stamps can buy.

Students will also be traveling to Albany, NY on March 27 to lobby state legislators about welfare reform. (See p. 4 to sign up.)

Please look for more information about Welfare Awareness Week as April approaches. With the '96 election around the corner, it is important to educate ourselves about welfare reform and the growing numbers of women and their children in poverty.

## CONFERENCES ON WOMEN

The Women's Studies Program is committed to facilitating faculty and students' attendance at important conferences on women. For more information, contact Laura at the Center for Women's Studies x7156.

1.) "The Fight for Abortion Rights and Reproductive Freedom," Tenth Annual Conference for Student and Community Activists. Hampshire College Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program, Amherst, MA. March 29-31. *No registration fee.* Call (413) 582-5645.

2.) "AAUW Making Waves," New York State Convention. Keynote Address, "Changing the Tide: The Power of the Women's Vote." Syracuse, NY. April 12-14. *\$35 registration fee.* Sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

3.) "Fight the Right March." San Francisco, CA. April 14, 1996. Sponsored by the National Organization for Women. Call 415-436-9390 or 202-331-0066.

4.) Annual National Women's Studies Association Conference. Saratoga Springs, NY. June 15-16.

5.) "Women Leading: Today and Tomorrow." National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Washington, D.C. June 6-8. Call 202-659-9330.

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## FALL 1996: WOMEN'S STUDIES COURSES

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SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY.

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WMST 202, INTRODUCTION TO  
WOMEN'S STUDIES. Tiefertaler.

TuTh 9:30-10:50.

WMST 302, WOMEN'S LIVES IN  
BIOGRAPHY & AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

Darby. MW 3:00-4:20.

# SIGN UP TO GET INVOLVED

## SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOPS TUESDAY EVENINGS: 3/19, 3/26, 4/2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Box Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The registration fee is \$5. You **MUST** pay the fee on the first day in order to be admitted into the class.

Please return this form to the Center for Women's Studies by Friday, March 15.

## ALBANY LOBBY DAY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1996

Join students and faculty as we lobby officials at the NY State Legislature in Albany about women's issues and welfare reform.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Box Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to Laura Leith at the Center for Women's Studies by Monday, March 18.

## POLITICAL OUTREACH E-MAIL UPDATE

Register to receive timely information on women, politics, and current events.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, call x7156.

Please return this form to the Center for Women's Studies by March 20.

## JOIN THE CENTER FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES / FALL 1996 APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Box Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in volunteering at the Center for Women's Studies.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in applying for a Student Assistant Position at the Center for Women's Studies.

Return this form to Laura Leith at the Center for Women's Studies by March 25.