

women's studies

News

Colgate University Women's Studies Program

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From the Director...

Welcome back! The Women's Studies Program is planning an exciting Fall of lectures, films, events, and programming. We hope you will join us in exploring the way gender affects all of our lives.

Leah Grossman, recently graduated from SUNY Geneseo in History and Anthropology, is this year's Women's Studies Intern. Leah is in her office at the Center for Women's Studies every day and welcomes new ideas from students, faculty and staff. I hope you will stop by the Center, enjoy our free coffee, and meet Leah.

This summer, as I was watching the Olympics like many of you, I was repeatedly struck by the ambiguous nature of women's changing lives - by the juxtaposition of both significant changes and persistent problems.

On the one hand, change seems everywhere. As we all know, the media dubbed this year's event the "Women's Olympics." And women's stunning accomplishments were indeed given more attention by the press than ever before. Furthermore, opportunities for women to play as professionals seem to be increasing, especially in the United States with the organization of women's basketball leagues.

Olympic participation by accomplished female athletes from all over the world not only was impressive, but also attested to the global nature of change. Even countries which have resisted demands for gender equality seemed proud of their female athletes. Not only do these skilled athletes themselves represent change, but it is also possible that their public feats may provide a wedge for other women in their countries to claim equal rights.

On the other hand, despite women's

success at the Olympics, I could not help reflecting on the continuing second class status of most collegiate and professional women athletes, even in the United States. Here, media coverage of women's events is still swamped by attention to male athletes; women in sports are often subjected to cruel negative stereotyping concerning their sexuality and femininity; and despite Title IX which mandates equality of athletic opportunity, many of today's female athletes are not encouraged or are short-changed compared to their brothers.

Equity - in sports and elsewhere - does not occur when or because the media declares it has been accomplished. On the contrary, it happens when each of us accepts our responsibility first to treat each other fairly and with respect, and second, to work together to change the rules and institutions which deny equal opportunity to all.

Joan D. Mandle


More Food for Your Thought AND More Thought For Your Food

The Brown Bag Lunch Series at the Center for Women's Studies this year begins at 11:00 and continue until 12:30. This extended time period allows for more in-depth conversation for those who wish to pursue discussion with our fascinating presenters. The longer time allotted also allows those who participate in the lunches to eat more of the FREE lunch that is provided at the Brown Bags! Continuing this popular trend from last year, we will have sandwiches of several varieties (including a

vegetarian option), drinks, and desserts at each of the Tuesday lunches. Check the calendar for a listing of topics at the Center for Women's Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series.

Women's Studies Library

The Center for Women's Studies is home to the Women's Studies Library. Reserves for many Women's Studies classes are located on the library's reserve shelves. Books in the library are shelved by topic: Reference, Poetry, Fiction, and Non-Fiction. The library also holds journals and magazines relating to women and gender, a vertical file with information filed by topic, and a newly organized career and internship corner. Throughout the year different displays will be organized in the library, and our "Women in the News" bulletin board of newspaper clippings is updated weekly. To sign out books from the Women's Studies Library, ask the program assistant or one of the student assistants for help. The library is open during Center hours, from 8:30 am until 7:30 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 8:30 am until 5:30 pm on Fridays. Come check out our new additions!



Center for Women's
Studies Hours:
Monday - Thursday
8:30am-7:30pm
Friday: 8:30am-5:30pm

Fall 1996 Calendar

September

5 Thursday

The "F-Word": Defining
Feminism Today
7:30 pm
the Clark Room

6 Friday

Free Film Series
Dead Man Walking
7:30 pm
Center for Women's Studies

10 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Jane Balin
"Women and AIDS"
11:00 am
Center for Women's Studies

13 Friday

Free Film Series
Go Fish
7:30 pm
Center for Women's Studies

17 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Kay Johnston
"Cheating: Whose
Responsibility is it?"
11:00 am
Center for Women's Studies

18 Wednesday

Women's Studies Program
New Faculty Reception
4:30 pm
Home of
Mary Moran and Jordan Kerber
19 West Pleasant St.

20 Friday

Free Film Series
The Scarlet Letter
7:30 pm
Center for Women's Studies

24 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Lee Svete of Career Services
"Women's Career Opportunities"
11:00 am
Center for Women's Studies

27 Friday

Free Film Series
Sense and Sensibility
7:30 pm
Center for Women's Studies

October

1 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Katherine Bissell of "Peace
Brigades International"
"Women's Human Rights in
Guatemala"
11:00 am
Center for Women's Studies

2 Wednesday

Anita Perez Ferguson, President of
the National Women's Political
Caucus
"Women in the Political Arena"
7:30 pm
Cultural Center

5 Saturday

Reception for Family Weekend
Professor Joan Mandel,
Director of Women's Studies
"What can you do
with Women's Studies?"
9:30-10:30 am
Center for Women's Studies

Women's Hall of Fame Inductions
Women's Hall of Fame
Seneca Falls

8 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Fred Luciani
"'Autobiography' in Sor Juana's
Response to Sister Philotea: A
Reconsideration"
11:00 am
Center for Women's Studies

10 Thursday

Yvonne Haddad, University of
Massachusetts at Amherst
Women in Islamic Societies"
4:00 pm
Center for Women's Studies

18 Friday

Free Film Series
Welcome to the Dollhouse
7:30 pm
Center for Women's Studies
Violence Against Women"
Conference at New Paltz and Vassar

19 Saturday

"Violence Against Women"
Conference at New Paltz and Vassar

22 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Amy Bartell,
Syracuse Cultural Workers
"Art with Heart:
Resistance Through Art"
11:00 am
Center for Women's Studies

23 Wednesday

Nancy Spero, Artist
"Woman as Protagonist"
4:30 pm - reception to follow
Brehmer Theater

25 Friday

Free Film Series
Like Water for Chocolate
7:30 pm
Center for Women's Studies

29 Tuesday

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Tim Byrnes
"Abortion in the '96 Election"
11:00 am
Center for Women's Studies

Upcoming:
Student Research Presentations
on Gender and Women's Issues
Contact Leah at 7156
for Submission Information

What's Happening at the Center for Women's Studies

Taking Action!

In order to further our goal of expanding the political vision of the Colgate Community, the Center for Women's Studies is focusing on providing opportunities for everyone to take action for social change. Frequently, students have a desire to change what they do not like about society in order to promote equality, justice and tolerance. Unfortunately, that desire to change does not always have a clear outlet. Colgate students are very aware of their surroundings, yet they may not know where they can find the resources that allow them to take action. The Center for Women's Studies has many of these resources.

There are different approaches to taking action. Educating ourselves is an important first step, and is in fact a way of taking action. In reading about what's going on in the world we are able to react with knowledge to an injustice or a misrepresentation. The *New York Times* is delivered to the Center for Women's Studies daily, and we have a number of other current news sources in our lounge. These provide us with a good way to educate ourselves.

Taking action also involves informing others of aspects of our society that are unjust, degrading, or oppressive. It also means recognizing and celebrating the positive ones. The Center for Women's Studies' programming is a way of educating our community about happenings all over the world.

Action can also be taken in a third way, through influencing decisions. Voting is one way in which each of us has an influence on decisions being made on the local, state and national levels.

The Center for Women's Studies provides opportunities for you to influence decision makers. Petitions, e-mail, and letter writing campaigns are part of the Center's ongoing display, "Taking Action this Week." With an upcoming election at our heels, there's sure to be plenty of voter education going on at

the Center to help us all be informed voters. So stop by the Center for Women's Studies and take action today!

Do You Crawl the Web? Surf the Net?

You may soon be able to find the Center for Women's Studies on the World Wide Web. Student Assistant **Arshi Gyani** will be working on creating a home page for the Center. Any ideas on links? Stop by the Center and let Arshi know.

While you are surfing the internet (or rather: checking your e-mail) you may surf your way into receiving the Center for Women's Studies' on-line OutReach compiled by Student Assistant **Heather Lindamood**. The on-line OutReach informs you of current events, political events, Colgate happenings and Center for Women's Studies events. It's a bi-monthly update on what's going on with regard to gender issues. Send in the clip-out on the back page of the Newsletter if you'd like to receive the on-line OutReach.

Internships and Opportunities

The Center for Women's Studies has been receiving information regarding internships. We have information on the Washington Center for Internships' "Women's Leadership Program," including a "Women in Public Policy" program. Another internship program on which we have information is a "Women in the Law Project." We also have information on study abroad programs, including a "Women and Development" program in Latin America and Southern Africa. Advertisements and information for these and other programs are located on the bulletin boards in the Center for Women's Studies, as well as in the career/internship section of the Women's Studies library. Come see Leah in the Center if you cannot find the information that you are looking for.

A Call for Papers

On March 18, 1997, Pebble Hill School in Syracuse will present a community-wide seminar addressing how gender issues affect young people. In conjunction with this seminar, the school will publish an anthology specifically dealing with gender bias and gender awareness. The school encourages everyone to submit entries. Hopes are that together, the community can use this publication to share and explore, to build awareness, and to foster dialogue. More information is available at the Center for Women's Studies. The deadline is **December 1, 1996**.

Upcoming Conference at New Paltz

Last year the Center for Women's Studies organized a trip to SUNY New Paltz to attend the conference "Feminism: Linking Global and Local Perspectives." This year New Paltz is co-hosting a conference with Vassar College entitled, "Violence Against Women" to take place October 18-19. The conference is divided into two parts. "Shaping a Collective Response" will be the theme on Friday, at Vassar College, and "Taking Back Our Lives at Home and Beyond" will be the theme on Saturday, at SUNY New Paltz. More information is available at the Center for Women's Studies. If you are interested in attending, send in the clip-out on the back page, or call Leah at x7156.

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The Women's Studies Program presents:

Anita Perez Ferguson

President of the National Women's Political Caucus

Tuesday, October 2 at 7:30 pm

Cultural Center

Registration Form for On-Line Outreach
(This e-mail briefing will update you on important events that concern women's rights and gender issues)

Name: _____

Class Year _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please Sign me up for the mailing.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Lindamood at 7156.

Please cut and return this form to:
Heather Lindamood, c/o
The Center for Women's Studies

Join Us for Women's Studies' Trips:
1) *Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls*
2) *"Violence Against Women" Conference*

I am interested in attending the **Women's Hall of Fame Inductions** on October 5th

I am interested in visiting **Seneca Falls** at another time

I am interested in attending the **"Violence Against Women Conference"** at New Paltz and Vassar, October 18-19

Name: _____

Box #: _____

Phone: _____

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