

**Women's Leadership  
Conference: A Success**

On Saturday, February 22, over 100 students participated in Colgate's Fifth Annual Women's Leadership Conference, entitled "Women Making Change." Keynote speaker Wendy Kaminer discussed the conflicts and changes in the women's movement, and panel presenters and workshops encouraged student leaders to make change. Lunch-time round-table discussions were a favorite part of the day. Students led discussions on sexuality, diversity and feminism at Colgate. The success of the conference was due to the strong contributions of staff members and volunteers at the Center for Women's Studies. "Women Making Change" was covered by both *the Maroon News* and *The Hamilton Tribune*.

**From the Director...**

In this last newsletter of the year, I want publicly to thank the many people who continue to make the Center for Women's Studies a vital and exciting place for students, faculty, staff and the community to meet, discuss, argue and enjoy one another. This year's graduating Student Assistants have played an especially critical role in the Center's accomplishments.

**Tania Connaughton '97** spearheaded the organization of our many International Women's Day events, commemorating women's ongoing struggle for justice and equality everywhere in the world.

**Arshi Gyani '97** has been a wonderful part of the Center since she was a first year student, and this year she concentrated on pro-

moting internet literacy and on creating our new "Web Page."

**Heather Lindamood '97** also is a long-time Center participant. This year Heather singlehandedly wrote and sent out the weekly e-mail "Women's Center Outreach," informing over 300 Colgate students and faculty of news items, "factoids," and important gender-related events at Colgate and beyond.

**Rachel Lutwick '97** created the idea of volunteer babysitting for needy families in Madison County and has carried through that project with her usual flair and competence.

*Allegorical Athena* - the Center's Literary Magazine - was begun last year by **Joanna Najarian '97**, and now as a Senior, she and **Kristin Parsons '97** are continuing to work on this exciting project.

A new dormitory-based outreach program, AACE (Advice About Colgate Experiences), was run out of the Center this year. **Alysson Pisculli '97** and **Corinne**

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*Wendy Kaminer at the Leadership Conference on February 22, 1997.*



# Spring 1997 Calendar

## **March - Women's History Month, International Women's Month**

### **4 - Tuesday - 11:00 am**

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Professor Natasha Levinson  
"Hannah Arendt"  
Center for Women's Studies

### **7:00 pm**

Visiting Filmmaker, Abigail Child  
Is This What You Were Born For?  
Love Auditorium

### **6 - Thursday - 7:00 pm**

Uma Narayan  
"Feminism and Religious  
Fundamentalism in India"  
ALANA Cultural Center

### **7 - Friday - 7:30 pm**

Free Film Series  
*Terms of Endearment*  
Center for Women's Studies

### **7-8 - Friday & Saturday**

SUNY Morrisville Conference  
"Women and Work"  
SUNY Morrisville

### **8 - Saturday**

*International Women's Day*

### **11 - Tuesday 11:00 am**

Brown Bag Lunch Series

### Invitation to Inspiration

Carol Naughton '82, Deputy General  
Counsel & Director of Non-Profit  
Affairs, Housing Authority of Atlanta  
Center for Women's Studies

### **7:00 pm**

Coalition for a Better World  
Open House for International Women's  
Month  
ALANA Cultural Center

### **7:00 pm**

Alternative Cinema  
Yvonne Rainer, Murder and Murder  
Love Auditorium

### **21-22 - Friday & Saturday**

SUNY Oneonta Student Conference  
"Women Making Meaning"  
SUNY Oneonta

### **\*24-28 - BIGLAD week\***

### **25 - Tuesday - 11:00 am**

Brown Bag Lunch Series

### Invitation to Inspiration

Liz Powell '94, D.C. Lobbyist and  
Grassroots Organizer  
Center for Women's Studies

### **28 - Friday-7:30 pm**

Free Film Series

*Antonia's Line*

Center for Women's Studies

## **\*March 31-April 4: Sexual Violence Awareness Week\***

### **31 - Monday - 7:00 pm**

Self-Defense Demonstration and  
Discussion  
Steve Moore  
Hall of Presidents

### **7:30 pm**

Open Discussion  
"Being Jewish, Being Female"  
Saperstein Center

### **8:00 pm**

Viewing of the film,  
*Dreamworlds*  
Center for Women's Studies

## **April**

### **1 - Tuesday - 11:00 am**

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
"Sexual Assault at Colgate:  
How to Help a Friend"  
Panel Discussion organized  
by SCRC  
Center for Women's Studies

### **2 - Wednesday-8:00 pm**

Sexual Violence Speakout  
Hall of Presidents

### **3 - Thursday - all day**

Clothesline Project  
the Coop

### **4 - Friday - 7:30 pm**

Free Film Series  
*The Piano*  
Center for Women's Studies

### **8 - Tuesday - 11:00 am**

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
film: Teaching about Lesbian,  
Gay and Bisexual Issues in  
Elementary Schools  
Center for Women's Studies

### **8:00 pm**

Speaker  
Marcia Ann Gillespie  
editor of *Ms. Magazine*  
"Racism and Sexism"  
ALANA Cultural Center

### **9 - Wednesday - 11:30 am**

Open House for April Visit Days  
Center for Women's Studies

### **Time and Place TBA**

Take Back the Night  
Candlelight March

### **11-13 - Friday thru Saturday**

National Organization for Women's  
Young Feminist Summit  
Washington, DC

### **15 - Tuesday - 11:00 am**

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Jacinda Mawson  
"Grassroots Organizing and Women's  
Public Health Education"  
Center for Women's Studies

### **21 - Monday -5:30**

Women's Studies Banquet  
Merrill House

## **Fall 1997 Women's Studies Courses:**

ENGL 408, **LITERATURE OF  
MEDIEVAL WOMEN**  
Staley. M, 2:30-5:00.

GNED 312, **WOMEN &  
POPULAR CULTURE**  
Pagano. F, 1:00

HIST 480, **WOMEN'S HISTORY  
IN COMPARATIVE CONTEXT**  
Townsend. W, 3:00-6:00.

PHIL 360, **PHILOSOPHY AND  
FEMINISM**  
Thie. MWF, 1:00-1:50.

RELG 234, **WOMEN'S LIVES &  
RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS**  
Frank. MWF, 11:30-12:20.

WMST 202, **INTRODUCTION  
TO WOMEN'S STUDIES**  
Tiefenthaler. MWF, 10:30-11:20.

WMST 302, **WOMEN'S LIVES  
IN BIOGRAPHY &  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY**  
Wider. MW, 2:30-3:50.

NAST 301Y, **NATIVE  
AMERICAN WOMEN**  
Moran. Santa Fe Study Group.

WMST 302Y, **WOMEN'S LIVES  
IN BIOGRAPHY &  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY**  
Darby. Manchester Study Group.

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

### Ms. Magazine Editor to Visit Colgate

Marcia Ann Gillespie, Editor-In-Chief of Ms. Magazine, will visit Colgate on Tuesday, April 8th. Ms. Gillespie will be talking about "Racism and Sexism" at 8:00 pm in the ALANA Cultural Center. A life long activist in the struggle for many social reforms, Gillespie has sought to incorporate her activism into her writing and publications. As Editor-In-Chief of Ms., Gillespie provides direction and leadership to a magazine which is considered to be the major feminist publication in the country and is the most widely read publication of its kind in the world. It maintains an advertising-free format so as not to be constrained by the limits of corporate sponsorship. Ms. Gillespie is an African-American feminist who believes that feminism means a willingness to grapple with issues of race, class, disability, age and sexual difference, both within and outside the movement.

### Who's Your Favorite International Woman Leader?

Students who helped celebrate International Women's Day at a Center for Women's Studies brunch on Saturday, March 8th, learned about women leaders from all over the world. The celebration was marked by food, presentations, a trivia game, and a soul-rousing performance by Sojourners. Other events in celebration of International Women's Day were a viewing of the film, "Beyond Beijing," a lecture on Colonialization and Third World Feminists by Vassar College Professor of Philosophy Uma Narayan, an Open House at the ALANA Cultural Center organized by Coalition

for a Better World, and speaker Karen Kampwirth from Knox College, who spoke on "Gender Inequality and the Zapatista Rebellion." The successful, informative celebration was coordinated by **Tania Connaughton '97** and a committee of students.

### It's Allegorical!

The Center for Women's Studies' Literary Magazine, *Allegorical Athena* will be available on or around April 9th. Look for this magazine in the Center for Women's Studies, the library, the Coop and other spots around campus. Original student artwork, poetry and prose are included in this spectacular student publication.

### Where'd You Get That Great Shirt?

This phrase has recently been heard around campus in response to the eye-catching and creative Women's Leadership Conference T-Shirts. Gray long-sleeve T-shirts with Maroon design and lettering are on sale in the Center for Women's Studies. These shirts commemorate the 5th Annual Colgate Women's Leadership Conference, "Women Making Change." T-shirts are \$12 and come in medium, large and extra large sizes. Checks can be made out to Colgate University - Women's Studies (cash is also accepted). See Leah in the Center for Women's Studies to purchase your shirt before they're all gone! Also available are Buttons celebrating International Women. Buttons are \$1 and can also be purchased at the Center for Women's Studies

### Meet Us at the Summit!

The National Organization For Women (NOW) is organizing a summit for young feminists in Washington, DC. "New Voices, New Visions: Young Feminists Taking Action for the 21st Century," will bring young feminists from all over the country to DC from April 11 through the 13. The conference will offer skills-building workshops to address issues of violence, race and class, lesbian/gay rights, reproductive rights, women in sports, and more. **Jen Young '97** and **Alisa Herrin '98** will be coordinating a trip to the conference. For more information on how to join us on our adventures in DC, contact either of the coordinators (email them at JJYOUNG or AHERRIN), or call Leah at the Center for Women's Studies at x7156.

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**Ribble '97** originated and implemented these student discussions on relationships, safe sex, and women's health care on campus.

Finally, **Kate Simmons '97**, has been organizing a Women in Science Week to be held next Fall. We hope Kate will be able to return to see the fruits of her labor.

These graduating seniors have been leaders, mentors, and role models. Along with Leah Grossman, our Intern, they have contributed enormous energy, intelligence, and enthusiasm to the Center for Women's Studies and the Women's Studies Program.

It has been a great pleasure for me to work with these talented young women, and I want to thank them for their contributions and wish them all the best in their lives after Colgate.

Joan D. Mandle

*The Women's Studies Program Presents:*



# **Marcia Ann Gillespie**

Editor-In-Chief of *Ms.* Magazine

Lecturing on ***“Racism and  
Sexism”***

**Tuesday, April 8 • 8:00 pm**

**The ALANA Cultural Center**

## **Application for Student Assistants Center for Women's Studies Fall 1997**

*Get involved at Colgate!*

*Participate in Making Social Change!*

*Improve the Lives of Women at Colgate and Beyond!*

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

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

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

Please Return to the Center for Women's Studies by Wednesday, April 2.