

# women's studies News

Colgate University Women's Studies Program

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## From the Directors

It was three years ago that the Faculty Development Council sponsored a colloquium for students and faculty on the Intellectual Life of Students at Colgate. That was a memorable experience because students and faculty discussed together what was exciting and frustrating about claiming that a student at Colgate had an intellectual life. All the students there felt that their classes were usually exciting and interesting, but many felt that outside of class it was difficult to declare oneself interested in thinking about things not specifically assigned to class. People talked about where they felt it was acceptable to claim their interests and where it felt like they were taking too much of a risk of being an outsider. People talked about how the dichotomy of the "work hard, play hard" saying often heard here is disturbing and doesn't represent the way they would like to live their lives.

That discussion was important because it gave students a chance to see what other people felt outside of the main social scene on campus and it gave the faculty a chance to hear about student feelings on this topic. Do you ever feel like there isn't a chance to talk to like-minded people on campus or that it simply is not okay to show an interest in ideas? Maybe you do or maybe you have been lucky enough to find the places where you can be your whole self - having fun and being smart without feeling they are two distinctly separate parts of you.

We thought we would write about this so that we can call your attention to several places where you will be able to "think in public" this term. Of course, there are many lectures given by scholars on this faculty and those brought in for special events. We urge you to read Colgate This Week and the Colgate Sampler and think about what issues and ideas interest you. In addition to your own choices and to talks assigned for your classes, we would like you to know about three lectures

### Center for Women's Studies

#### Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

#### Evening Library Hours:

Sunday-Thursday

7 p.m.-10 p.m.

and a new initiative called "On The Table" which are particularly interesting to us because of their connections to Women's Studies. First Ami Lynch the Women's Studies Intern for this year has initiated "On The Table"; a place to come and talk about current political issues. See information in this Newsletter. On February 12 William Julius Wilson will inaugurate the W.E.B. and Shirley DuBois Lecture Series. Wilson's work is necessary reading for people (continued on page 4)

Did you go to the Silent Witness Initiative March with us? Check out your pic on our web page!

## ON THE TABLE

A new feature to the Center for Women's Studies is a series of open forum discussions that deal with various topics. The title of the series is "On the Table." The first issue "On The Table" will be abortion. Spurred on by the 25th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and the Brown Bag Lunch entitled "The 25th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade: Where are We Now?" featuring Kay Johnston, Ami Lynch, Merrill Miller, and Marilyn Thie, this forum is an opportunity for people with a spectrum of views on abortion to come together and share their opinions. Students, faculty, administration and staff are encouraged to come to these political discussions and learn what Colgate's climate is for hot button issues.

Other topics "On The Table" will be "Race and Colgate" and "The Promise Keepers." Keep an eye out for dates at times. The location will be the lobby of the Center for Women's Studies.

So whether you support women's freedom of choice or not, come and voice your views. After all, if you don't know your opponents argument then you don't truly know your own.





# Spring 1998 Schedule

## January

27 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series "The 25th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade: Where are we now?" Professor Kay Johnston, Ami Lynch, Dr. Merrill Miller, Professor Marilyn Thie. Center for Women's Studies.

## February

2 Monday - 8 p.m. On The Table Series. Issue on the table is Abortion. Center for Women's Studies.

3 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series, Invitation to Inspiration: "Sports, Fitness and the New Direction of Women's Magazines" Joey Bartolomeo '95, Assistant to the Editor-in-Chief. Center for Women's Studies.

5 Thursday - 7:30 p.m. Peace Studies Film Series, bell hooks "Cultural Criticism and Transformation" ALANA Cultural Center.

10 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series "Womanist Spirituality" Professor Clarice Martin. Center for Women's Studies.

10 Tuesday - 8 p.m. On the Table. Issue on the table is "Race and Colgate". Center for Women's Studies.

17 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series "The Enigma of Yoruba Womanism" Professor Peyi Soyinka-Airewele. Center for Women's Studies.

19 Thursday - 7 p.m. Molly Picon Film. Center for Women's Studies.

20 Friday - 8 p.m. Women of Color Film Series "Girlfriends". Center for Women's Studies.

23 Monday - 8 p.m. Eleanor Smeal President of the Feminist Majority Foundation. Hall of Presidents.

24 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series Campus Field Representatives from the Feminist Majority Foundation. Center for Women's Studies.

## March

### Africana Women's Week

March 1-7

1 Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Brunch at the Cultural Center.

2 Monday - 7:30 p.m. Movie Clips depicting Africana Women. Center for Women's Studies.

3 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series. Traci Peterson, African Dance Choreographer. Center for Women's Studies.

5 Thursday - 8 p.m. Traci Peterson and Dancers performance. Hall of Presidents.

7 Saturday - 6:30 p.m. Phenomenal Women Banquet. The Commons. Keynote: Professor Clarice Martin. Email KAUSTIN for details.

9 Monday - 4:30 p.m. International Student Panel. Center for Women's Studies.

9 Monday - 8 p.m. On the Table: Promise Keepers. Center for Women's Studies.

10 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series. Center for Women's Studies.

23 Monday 23 - 6:30 p.m. Self-defense workshop. Fill out form on back of Newsletter.

24 Tuesday 24 - 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series Esther Gray "Emotional and Verbal Abuse: The Unseen Domestic Violence". Center for Women's Studies.

27 Friday - 8 p.m. Women of Color Film Series. "Selena" Center for Women's Studies.

28 Saturday - "Breaking Down Society's Closet" Conference. Keynote: Congresswoman Sabrina Sojourner. Email ALYNCH or JGREENWELL for more information.

30 Monday - 7 p.m. Film "Votes for Women" Center for Women's Studies.

31 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series, Invitation to Inspiration: Kerry Inman '79 Center for Women's Studies.

## April

6 Monday - 7 p.m. Kim Green, Esq. Sexual Harrassment Litigator. Center for Women's Studies.

7 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series "What Happened to the Women's Movement?" Professor Faye Dudden. Center for Women's Studies.

And much more...



# What's Happening?

## **PRESIDENT OF FEMINIST MAJORITY COMING TO CAMPUS**

That's right! Eleanor Smeal is coming to Colgate on Monday, February 23 at 8 p.m. in the Hall of Presidents. "Ellie" is the co-founder and President of the Feminist Majority Foundation and a prominent political figure in Washington, D.C. She has played a pivotal role in many bills that have been passed in Congress, having been called to testify before them. Trained as a political scientist, Ellie Smeal has done grassroots organizing as well as taking it to the next level and being a founder of a group as prominent and influential as the Feminist Majority.

This past semester, as you may recall, **Heather Brown '99** started the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance with huge success. **Ginny Haizlip '01** has taken the baton and is now in the process of preparing FMLA for another semester of essential events. The entire FMLA is well organized and unbelievably dedicated to educating Colgate's campus and involving as many people as possible.

Ellie Smeal's presence on campus is a major event. It's not every day that someone as important in the political spectrum speaks here. Colgate is lucky and should be honored. Do yourself a great favor and attend this exciting lecture.

## **Women's History Month and Africana Women's Week**

Women's History Month is fast approaching and one of the highlights is thanks to the hard work of **Kiwanda Austin '00**. Africana Women's Week is the first week of March and as you can see by the schedule we have many events scheduled, including a much anticipated dance performance by Traci Peterson and her dancers.

**Omorlie Harris '00**, is working on planning for Women's History Month as well as for International Women's Day. Things in the works include an International Student Panel to share the experience of attending Colgate from out of the country, as well as a trip to the Seneca Falls, Women's Hall of Fame (email ALYNCH for more details).

**Honor Paul '99**, **Leah Garabedian '01**, **Jillian Hooper '01** and **Dorothy Hary '01** are all working on many other aspects of Women's History Month. Keep an eye out for posters and watch Colgate publications for exciting events to celebrate the month.

## **ALLEGORICAL ATHENA IS ON HER WAY**

The Center for Women's Studies literary magazine is in the final editing stage and will be out soon. **Maureen Boland '98** and **Alisa Herrin '98** are the editors this time around. **Karen Lichtenberg '99** who is away this semester has been involved in the project as well.

The magazine features artwork, photography, poetry, and stories that focus on an array of topics dealing with gender. The work that the editors are putting into it is long and sometimes tedious, but it shows when you see how great it turns out. Look for copies at various places around campus, and as always at the Center for Women's Studies.

## **HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW WEB PAGE??**

If you have, congratulate **Marlene Boothe '00** on a great job. Located at [http://departments.colgate.edu/Womens\\_Studies](http://departments.colgate.edu/Womens_Studies) our web page contains everything from the Center's staff to Allegorical Athena On-Line. People can join our mailing list or check out the Center's schedule of events.

**Do community service with the Center for Women's Studies!  
Email TBROECKELMAN for details and on-going events.**

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The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

presents

# Eleanor Smeal

President and Co-Founder  
of the

Feminist Majority Foundation

Monday, February 23

8 p.m.

Hall of Presidents



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who want to understand how issues of race and poverty are discussed in the United States. Also in February on the 23rd, Eleanor Smeal will speak. She is one of the people who founded The Feminist Majority Foundation and is its current President. Her political activism over the years has made her a well known feminist and an important political figure. Finally, on April 3, Joan Jacobs Brumberg will speak. Her recent book The Body Project: An Intimate History of American Girls is a history of how "growing up in a female body has changed over the past century and why that experience is more difficult today than ever before." (Quote is from book jacket.)

It is quite easy to see why the Women's Studies program has been involved in or responsible for bringing these folks to campus. Poverty, politics, and representation are issues of importance to feminists and we look forward to hearing these folks and seeing many of you at these lectures. We hope you have an intellectually challenging semester.

## Self-defense Workshop

Tri Delta Sorority and the Center for Women's Studies are sponsoring a self-defense workshop on Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Huntington Gym. For more details email ALYNCH or call 7156. Fill out this form to sign up.

**SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP  
RETURN TO CENTER FOR WOMEN'S  
STUDIES**

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