

# women's studies News

Colgate University Women's Studies Program

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## From the Directors...

### In and Out of the Classroom Women's Studies 1997-1998

As this academic year moves toward closure, we reflect on a full and rich year. Women's Studies at Colgate University consists of two components—the academic program and the Center's activities and programming. Both aspects are alive and well this year.

Thanks to the dedication, energy, and imagination of this year's Program Assistant, Ami Lynch, and the student workers assisting her, the Center sponsored and co-sponsored a variety of programs which appealed to many different segments of the Colgate community. Most popular areas were the weekly "Brown Bag Lunches" (with buffet and no brown bags), featuring presentations by and discussions with Colgate faculty, guest speakers and returning alumna. Major events featured a theater production by "The Underground Railroad" in the fall and a lecture this Spring by Ellie Smeal, presently the head of the Feminist Majority Foundation. Events marking women's history in March included Africana Women's Week, featuring a variety of activities and a celebratory dinner and speaker. New this year were the formation and activity of the campus based Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, and this Spring, the "On the Table" sessions, which brought students together for discussions focused on a recent national, global, or local topic. Many of these events sponsored by the Center invite students to make connections with courses.

The academic program again offered a variety of courses, serving far more students than the Women's Studies concentrators and minors. (There continue to be more students interested in Women's Studies than we have

courses available.) One opportunity the two of us treasure was team-teaching the Women's Studies Senior Seminar, this year entitled "The Relational Self: Feminist Perspectives on Ethics and Morality." Here we were stretched and enriched by the quality of student engagement with the course content and materials.

Each April the annual Women's Studies Dinner honors graduating Seniors who concentrated in Women's Studies and/or worked in the Center. The program for this year's dinner featured presentations by three concentrators on their research for Honors theses, research on women or women's issues. Their topics include, "Analysis of Women's Voting Patterns in the House of Representatives" (Carol Walter), "Emily Dickinson" (Debbie Chase for her English major), and a feminist "Reclaiming Eve" (Alisa Herrin).

Several Senior concentrators and minors graduate, leaving their fingerprints on the Program. Their present plans vary, some more definite than others. At present these include graduate study in geology (Johanna Ames), physical therapy (Andrea Smith), nursing, perhaps toward midwifery (Kristen Luke), and work with Planet Aid in Boston (Jennifer Tierney). This year again some worked within two concentrations; these included Teresa Matazzoni in History and Abby Kenney with Peace Studies.

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**CENTER FOR WOMEN'S  
STUDIES HOURS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:30 A.M.-5 P.M.  
SUNDAY-THURSDAY  
7-10 P.M.**

## Women's Studies Program Course Listings: Fall 1998

ARTS 351, WOMEN AND ART.  
Calo. TTh, 2:30-3:50, 303 Dana.

COMP 332, SOCIAL WRIT-ING:  
The "Going Coed" Oral History  
Project. DiGirolamo.  
TTh, 2:30-3:50, Alana Cultural  
Center Seminar Room.

EDUC 412, WOMEN AND ED-  
UCATION. Pagano. TTh, 2:30-  
3:50, 431 Alumni. One intro  
Education course or permission of  
instructor.

EDUC 416, MORAL DEVEL-  
OPMENT AND EDUCATION.  
Johnston. MW, 2:30-3:50, 431  
Alumni. Previous coursework in  
developmental psychology, Educ  
204 or 321, and permission of  
Instructor.

ENGL 204, NATIVE AMERIC-AN  
WRITERS. Wider. Section A: MW,  
2:30-3:50, 304 Lawrence Section  
B: TTh, 2:30-3:50, 304 Lawrence

ENGL 305, THE FEMALE  
PROTAGONIST. Harsh. TTh, 9:00-  
10:20, 310 Lawrence.

ENGL 412, JANE AUSTEN AND  
THE RISE OF WOMEN  
NOVELISTS. Knuth.  
MW, 1:00-2:20, 319 Lawrence.

HIST 311, WOMEN IN AM-  
ERICAN HISTORY. Dudden.  
TTh, 1:00-2:50, 109 Alumni.



# Spring 1998 Schedule

## April

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

7 Tuesday 4:30 p.m. Professor Mary Moran "The Impact of War on Liberian Women". Center for Women's Studies.

13 Monday 5 p.m. Women's Studies Banquet. Merrill House.

14 Tuesday 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series, Professor Connie Harsh "Reading the New Woman Novel". Center for Women's Studies.

14 Tuesday 4 p.m. Eva Reeves. German Center.

16 Thursday Day of Silence for Women in Afganistan. See story on next page.

17 Friday 8 p.m. Women of Color Film Series "Just Another Girl on the IRT". Center for Women's Studies.

21 Tuesday 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch Series, "Conflict Resolution and Gender" Professor Joy Meeker. Center for Women's Studies.

### Welfare Awareness Week April 20-24

Look for table tents and posters

with correct facts on welfare. Get free candy with information about welfare. Check out the Coop table which will show you what a family of four on welfare can eat for a week. Very disheartening.

23 Thursday 11:30 a.m. Welfare Watch Dogs. Center for Women's Studies. Welfare Watch Dogs are a group out of Syracuse that is made up people who are or were on welfare. They travel giving talks about the myths of welfare and try to break down the stereotypes.

27 Monday 8 p.m. Dr. Nancy Padian, UCSF "Women-Controlled Methods to Prevent the Heterosexual Transmission of HIV and STDs". Love Auditorium.

### GOOD LUCK ON FINALS AND CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 1998!

**Courses continued**  
PHIL 360, PHILOSOPHY AND FEMINISM. Glazebrook. MW, 2:30-3:50, Center for Women's Studies Classroom.

SPAN 477, WOMEN WRITING IN LATIN AMERICA. Rojas. TTh, 2:30-3:50, 206 Lawrence.

WMST 202, INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES. Darby. MWF, 10:30-11:20, Center for Women's Studies Classroom.

### AFRICANA WOMEN'S WEEK HUGE SUCCESS

Kiwanda Austin '00 did an incredible job with Africana Women's Week. It was packed with educational events and ended with a beautiful banquet and wonderful keynote speech by Dr. Clarice Martin. T-Shirts which were designed by Kiwanda and Yona Williams '00 are still available for \$7 in the Center for Women's Studies.

**The 97-98 Allegorical Athena is out!**  
Pick one up at the library, the Center for Women's Studies, or Frank Dining Hall. A great deal of hard time and effort went into it. Take a look at Colgate's literary and artistic talent.

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# What's Happening?

## Goodbye to the Center

Well the seniors are leaving, and so am I. It's been an amazing year for me. I never imagined that a staff could mean as much as all of you have. I would love so say goodbye to each of you, but it's time to highlight the seniors. There have been fun times and demanding times, but each were learning experiences and we all came out smiling. To all we accomplished and the laughs along the way, here we go.

**Johanna Ames**-you are one amazing individual. I know that every single school you applied to knows that as well, but you helped make this a great year. Good work on the Email Outreach. Here's to the Hamilton Inn. **Maureen Boland**- Thanks for your interesting perspectives on any topic. You always had an inventive way of seeing things. Great work on Allegorical Athena. To **Alisa Herrin**- I will never forget the "dance in the circle of women". Here's to a great, determined and ambitious person. Harvard is one lucky place. You've done phenomenal things for Colgate and I know these things will continue. **Tammy LeClair**-To all you hard work with the AACE brochures and other projects. Thanks for everything. You have passion for things that will drive you through life and I wish you the best in the future. **Alexa Hatton**- The only person on the planet

who never stops smiling. Thanks for all of you hard work. Best of luck as you graduate. **Jennifer Tierney** - Your com-mitment to development, inter-national issues, and helping others is motivational. Thank you for good times and for being the only person around who's from the Hartford area. **Katie Pitula** - You can make me laugh like few people can. Thank you for coming to any event that I'd ask you to. Here's to laughing out loud.

Ami Lynch

*(Directors, continued)*

The most rewarding aspects of our year Co-Directing Women's Studies are rooted in working with others sharing a commitment to this program: student concentrators and minors, student workers at the Center, and faculty who teach, support, or otherwise participate in Women's Studies. We are especially grateful to Ami Lynch, who leaves Colgate for George Washington University's doctoral program in Public Policy with a concentration in Gender and Social Policy; Mary Keys, our Women's Studies secretary; and the Women's Studies Advisory Board, whose willingness to work with us this year made many things happen that otherwise might have lain dormant.

Kay Johnston and Marilyn Thie

## Day of Silence for women in Afghanistan

Do you know about the horrors happening to women in Afghanistan? It's referred to as gender apartheid. This is not a cultural misunderstanding. Only two years ago women held the most teaching positions in the country and were free to do as they please. Now they are confined to their house and can not leave without a male relative. If they disobey they can be beaten, raped, or murdered. They must wear a head-to-toe garment called a burqa.

On Thursday, April 16 the Center for Women's Studies and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance will hold a "Day of Silence" for the women in Afghanistan. There will be a Coop table throughout the beginning of the week where you can sign up to get a black arm band and a stack of cards to hand out that say, "In honor of the women in Afghanistan, I am not speaking today." Also sign a petition to the United Nations.

## Welfare Awareness Week

The week of April 20-24 will be Welfare Awareness Week. The object is to help dispell the myths about welfare and welfare recipients. The project is being chaired by **Jennifer Tierney '98** and other committee members are **Honor Paul '00**, **Denise Hatzis '00**, **Tammy LeClair '98**, and **Leah Garabedian '01**. Great job.

## A Job That Goes Unrewarded

**Uchechi Obichere '00** and **Denise Hatzis '00** have been working this year on having our entire library holdings updated on MONDO. This is a time consuming and tedious job, and it's not as easy to see the out-come. Thanks for your hard work.



**"Women-controlled Methods to Prevent  
the Heterosexual Transmission  
of HIV and STDs "**

**DR. NANCY PADIAN**

University of California, San Francisco

AIDS Researcher

**Monday, April 27**

**8 p.m.**

**Love Auditorium**

Work at the Center for Women's Studies in the Fall 1998

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Box #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in working at the Center for Women's  
Studies?

What types of projects are you interested in working on?

Would you be interested in any of the following? (circle)

Email Outreach

Demystifying feminism

Literacy Project

Women's History Month

Voter Registration

Health Fair

Increasing awareness about poverty

Political Awareness

Women in Science

**Return to Center for Women's Studies by April 24**