Women's Studies Newsletter

Minnie G. Braithwaite Lecture

by: Prof. Leisa Meyer, Director of Women's Studies

This year we are very pleased to have, as our featured speaker, Dr. Joyce Follet. Dr. Follet is a public historian and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She will be giving a brief lecture then screening her recent award-winning documentary “Step-by-Step.”

Produced by Dr. Follet along with consulting producer Terry Rockeseller (Eyes on the Prize and America’s War on Poverty) the film won a 1999 EMMA Award (Exceptional Merit Media Award) from the National Women’s Political Caucus for coverage of women’s issues. “Step-by-Step” was also recently featured in an article by women’s historian Linda Kerber titled “Moving Beyond Stereotypes of Feminism,” appearing in the Chronicle of Higher Education (April 23, 1999). In terms of both academic and community outreach we believe this will be an extraordinary event.

4th Annual Minnie G. Braithwaite Lecture in Women’s Studies
Tuesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. McClothlin Street Hall #20

Editor’s Note

The Women’s Studies Newsletter is a monthly publication created by the Women’s Studies Program at the College of William and Mary. The newsletter is dedicated to providing the Williamsburg community with information concerning women’s issues.

The Women’s Studies Program invites you to read through this newsletter and learn what this issue has to offer you. Please visit our web site at: www.wm.edu/FAS/ws/

Liza Gonzales
Back to School

Welcome back students, faculty, and staff! Welcome freshmen and all the new faces trekking the William and Mary campus.

Here are some interesting Women's Studies faculty news:

Over the summer, Professor Darlene O'Dell taught a new course in the Women's Studies Program: Women and Gender in Appalachia. "The students," according to Professor O'Dell, "performed brilliantly, making my summer work seem more like a summer vacation."

Professor Christy Burns who teaches both in the English department and in the Women's Studies Program, also spent her summer doing some work. She finished an article on a film called "Suture," which implicitly addresses contemporary debates about racial integration. Professor Burns will be on sabbatical leave this year to work on her second book project. She will be affiliated with the Pembroke Center for Research and Teaching on Women at Brown University.

Professor Nancy Gray returns to us from Seattle, Washington after a year's research leave. Professor Gray spent much of her summer resting up and preparing for the new school year.

On a similar note, the Women's Studies Program warmly welcomes back Professor Otili Czygolin who also returns to us after her research leave during the 1999 Spring semester.

Welcome Aboard!

The Women's Studies Program welcomes aboard Karen Hayes. Karen is the new Administrative Assistant for the Women's Studies Program. In May of 1999, Karen graduated from Thomas Nelson Community College with an Associate Degree in Administrative Support Technology. According to Karen, she enjoys spending time with her family, her church and friends. "I have received a warm welcome to Women's Studies," comments Karen, "and am happy to be a part of the William and Mary staff! I look forward to getting to know more students and professors." Karen is an exciting addition to our Women's Studies staff. Stop by at the Women's Studies main office, Morton 322, and say 'hello' to Karen. The Women's Studies faculty and staff wish her the very best!

Black Studies

The Women's Studies Program welcomes Black Studies to Morton Hall. Black Studies will have an office set-up in the Women's Studies wing for the 1999-2000 school year. Jacquelyn McLendon, Director of Black Studies, wants to be more visible to students and hopes students will come by in her new office, Morton Hall 311.

Professor McLendon, Associate Professor Kimberley Phillips, and Professor Marlena Bremseth will be teaching some of their classes in the Seminar room, Morton 314.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to know more information about office hours, contact Professor McLendon at 221-1634.
Student Resources

The Women's Studies Program has an extensive file of feminist books and magazines as well as a collection of videos. Please feel free to come by and browse through our library or enjoy watching one of our videos on our VCR. The library is housed in our Seminar room (Morton 314), which also serves as a meeting room and lounge.

In addition to the library at the Women's Studies Program, Swem Library has an extensive collection of books and periodicals relating to Women's Studies (check reference section HQ in Swem Library). Students also have access to national and international web sites and indexes, as well as subject-related information networks. A web page for women's studies at William and Mary exists and its address is as follows: www.wm.edu/FAS/was/

Concentrators and minors can sign-up on the women's studies listserve. The listserve works as an electronic bulletin board on program-related business (i.e. curriculum changes). It is also an excellent way for women's studies students to communicate with each other.

Featured Web Sites

Fe-Mail.com "www.femail.com is a virtual directory allowing Internet users to search by name, location, and more to find e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and Web Site URL's for women and women owned businesses both on and off the Net. femail.com and the Women's White Pages are free."

Gender Related Electronic Forums "is an annotated, frequently-updated, award-winning listing of publicly-accessible electronic forums (also known as "e-mail lists") related to women or to women-focused gender issues."

The Herstory Exhibition "This retrospective exhibition is an attempt to capture the flavour of 20 years of work on a unique feminist project. It samples the pages of Herstory: The Canadian Women's Calendar from 1974 to 1995, and reflects on the process and the people that created them."

Visit these links on the Women's Studies Web Site
www.wm.edu/FAS/wsl/web.html

A Focus on this Month's HERstory

Test your women's history IQ.

Q: Daughter and granddaughter of Paiute Indian chiefs from Nevada, she lobbied Congress, wrote extensively, and traveled across country during the late 1800s lecturing on the hardships brought upon Native Americans by the U.S. Government. Her name?

A: Sarah Winnemucca (1844-1891), later named a chief in her own right. Her autobiography, Life Among the Piutes: Their Wrongs and Claims, was one of the first books by a Native American.

For more test questions, visit the National Women's History Project at: www.nwhp.org
Call for Papers
by: G. Garofalo

WASHINGTON — "Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society" seeks submissions for a special issue on "Globalization and Gender," slated for publication in Summer 2001. For this special issue, we will focus on feminist critiques of the prevailing ways in which globalization has been conceptualized. Since traditional scholarship on globalization has ignored gender issues, feminist approaches provide new insights into the reconfiguration of the state, transnational economies, and cultural formations. This special issue seeks submissions that address such topics as the relationship between gender and globalization, feminist critiques and understandings of globalization, earlier forms of globalization in comparison and connection to contemporary processes, the gendered dimensions of new forms of global information and finance systems, the transnationalization of identity politics based on gender and sexuality, the globalization of race and multiculturalism, global and transnational women's and gender-related NGOs, and new forms of internationalism and nationalism. Above all, rather than analyses that simply add women or gender to the study of globalization, we seek essays that situate and historicize feminist knowledges as formative and integral to a variety of global movements. We encourage the submission of essays that address pedagogical practice as well as research and we are especially interested in interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches. The special issue editors are Amrita Basu (political science, Amherst College), Inderpal Grewal (women's studies, San Francisco State University), Caren Kaplan (women's studies, University of California, Berkeley), and Liisa Malkki (anthropology, University of California, Irvine). Please submit articles (five copies) no later than October 31, 1999, to:
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