

Women's Studies

October 1993

POET TO VISIT COLLEGE

On Monday, November 8, poet, fiction writer, activist and publisher Bea Gates will be doing two presentations on campus. Currently teaching at the New School for Social Research, New York University, and Goddard College, Gates ran her own feminist press (Granite Press) for over sixteen years and is currently working on the libretto for "The Singing Bridge," an opera about women breaking the cycle of abuse and returning to the body. Gates will be discussing her involvement in the feminist progressive print movement and lesbian/women's community from 3:30-5:00 in Millington 123 and in the evening she will be doing a workshop/reading beginning at 7:30. Gates' visit is being co-sponsored by Women's Studies and Women's Issues Group. For more information, call Vicki Kirsch (x2453) or Kristi Richardson (x5322).

GENDER AND SCIENCE

The Commonwealth Center for the Study of American Culture is sponsoring a talk entitled "Why Mammals are Called Mammals: Gender in the Making of Modern Science," to be given by Londa Schiebinger, Professor of History at Penn State University. The talk will be held Thursday, October 28, at 5 p.m. in the Botetourt Theater of Swem Library.

BROWN BAG SERIES

The Women's Studies Program and the Commonwealth Center for the Study of American Culture are co-sponsoring two talks this semester. George Henderson, a Commonwealth Center Fellow, will give the first talk on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 12:30 p.m. in College Apartments. His paper, entitled "Romancing the Sand: Agrarianisms and the Arid West," will be available in advance from the Center.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Women's Studies Vicki Kirsch will give the second talk, on Tuesday, October 26, also at 12:30 p.m. in College Apartments. Her talk is entitled, "Djuna Barnes and Ritual in the Ladies Almanack."

NEW JOURNAL ON WOMEN AND THE LAW

The faculty of the Marshall-Wythe Law School recently approved publication of a student-run journal on women and the law. For more information about the journal, contact Linda Jackson, the new journal's editor-in-chief.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP

Now is an excellent time to join the Women's Reading Group. We are beginning a new book, An Intimate Wilderness: Lesbian Writers on Sexuality, and would love new members to contribute to our future plans. We meet on Mondays at 5:30 in the Women's Studies seminar room. For more information, call Vicki Kirsch at x2453.

CATALOGUES AVAILABLE

Looking for material for next semester's courses? We have an extensive collection of up-to-date book publishers' catalogues in most areas of gender and women's studies. Please call 221-2457 if you would like to see the collection.

WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The 1993 conference of the Virginia Women's Studies Association will be held November 5-6 at James Madison University. The topic is "Women and Information Technology." All are invited to attend. For registration materials or more information contact Deborah Ventis at 221-2457.

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SERIES

Naomi Wolf, author of The Beauty Myth, will be speaking at the University of Richmond on October 19 as part of UofR's Artists and Scholars series. Also scheduled to speak is Douglas Gertner of Colorado State University; he will be giving workshops and discussions about men and masculinity on October 31-November 2. If enough students want to attend these events, Women's Studies will organize transportation. Call Debbie Ventis at 221-2457 for more information.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT!!

The student-run Women's Issues Group is planning the third annual Take Back the Night march. For information or to help with the event, call Kristi Richardson at x5322.

SUBVERT, JANE, SUBVERT

The "See Jane Subvert Institutions of Patriarchy" T-shirts are in!! To get yours (for the bargain price of \$10), call Emily at x5724. All money goes to support the women's art and literature magazine, Winged Nation.

CALLS FOR PAPERS...

Interdisciplinarity and Identity

The Women's Studies Program at the University of Delaware seeks papers for a conference on the theme of "Interdisciplinarity and Identity," to be held April 15 and 16, 1994. bell hooks will be the keynote speaker. Deadline for proposals is November 1, 1993. Write to the Women's Studies Program, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716.

Anthology on Abuse

Proposals or completed essays are invited for an anthology on literature by women writing about physical, emotional, and/or sexual assault or abuse. Send 500 word proposals by December 15 to Julie Tharp, University of Wisconsin Center-Marshfield, 200 W. Fifth, P.O. Box 150, Marshfield, WI 54449.

Curriculum Transformations

The New Jersey Project is seeking papers, syllabi, book reviews, and sketches, etc. on the subject of the integration of various aspects of women's studies into curricula. Please send inquiries to Donna Crawley, Director, SSSH, Ramapo College of NJ, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

African American Experience

Organizers of the national conference of National Association of African-American Studies are seeking 50-word abstracts relating to any aspect of the African-American experience. Abstracts are due December 17, 1993. Send abstracts to Lemuel Berry, Jr., Executive Director, NAAAS, Virginia State University, P.O. Box 9403, Petersburg, VA 23806.

Women Working in a Global Context

The National Women's Studies Association seeks proposals for papers and presentations on the theme of "Teaching, Theory, and Action: Women Working in a Global Context" for its national conference in Ames, Iowa June 15-19, 1994. One-two page abstracts are due November 1, 1993, and should be mailed to Kris Anderson, NWSA Conference Office, 105 Landscape Architecture, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011.

CONFERENCES...

Feminist Ethics and Social Policy

Theorists Alison Jaggar, Graciella Hierro, Claudia Card, Sarah Lucia Hoagland, and many more will be speaking at a conference entitled, "Feminist Ethics and Social Policy" at the University of Pittsburgh, November 5-7, 1993. Contact Rita Hill at 412-624-6614 for more information.

NEW ELECTRONIC MAIL LISTS

Menopaus

MENOPAUS is an open list for the discussion of menopause and the sharing of remedies and personal experiences related to menopause. To subscribe, send the following command in the BODY of mail `LISTSERV@PSUHMC` on BITNET or `LISTSERV@PSUHMC.HMC.PSU.EDU`:

`SUB MENOSPUS yourfirstname yourlastname`

Higher Education

A new list, HEPROC-L, seeks to create a microcosm of the higher education environment for the purpose of discussing problems in higher education. If you are interested in participating in this ongoing project, send `SUB HEPROC-L <YOUR NAME>` to `LISTSERV@AMERICAN.EDU` or `@AUVM.BITNET`



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