

Women's Studies at the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities

SPRING 2009

Leadership Conference for Women of Color to be held at the College of St. Catherine: Power & Possibilities

Power and Possibilities: A Leadership Conference for Women of Color presents Linda Alvarado at the College of St. Catherine on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 from 3:00 to 5:30 pm in the Rauenhorst Ballroom of the Coeur de Catherine at the College. Her talk will be followed by an opportunity for participants to meet local leaders, learn from their leadership experiences, and share personal experiences with one another. The day will end with light refreshments, door prizes, and time for the discussion to continue and to meet other attendees.

Power and Possibilities is a leadership program designed to provide an

educational learning experience, a chance for women of color to meet each other, and to hear each others' stories and the stories of successful women of color in the Twin Cities.

Student registration is only \$10.

If you are interested, you may register by going to the College of St. Catherine website at <http://minerva.stkate.edu/offices/academic/ce.nsf/pages/powerandpossibilities>.



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Educate, Engage, Empower: An Evening of Self Defense Training at St. Kate's

One in every four women in Minnesota will be assaulted. And that is why we think every woman should know how to defend herself. On Monday, April 29, 2009 6:00 - 9:00pm Sisuk Lingen, a St. Kate's alumna, will be teaching students an

ancient form of martial arts called Sholin Kenpo. This presentation will teach students new ways to respond to a variety of personal threats from de-escalation to full physical defense. Techniques taught include personal safety strategies, targeting, kicking,

punching, hand-strikes, release from grabs, and defense against weapons. Please RSVP by calling the Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women at (651) 690-6783. Space is limited. This event is free and open to all with reservations.

Take Back The Night

Save the Date - Take Back the Night will be on April 24, 2009 from 6:00pm -10:00pm. This year the rally and march will take place at the State

Capitol in St. Paul. Take Back the Night will include speakers, music, food, a march through downtown St. Paul to reclaim the streets, a candlelight

vigil, and a speak out! For more information contact, Gwendolyn Danfelt-Martin at (218) 370-9862 or through email at danfe015@umn.edu.

Hamline Women's Resource Center Spring Fashion Show to Benefit Alexandra House

Hamline's spring fashion show hosted by the Women's Resource Center will be held on Thursday April 23 at 7:00 pm in the Student Center Ballroom. A donation of \$3 is suggested; all proceeds go to Alexandra House, a non-profit shelter for battered women and their families providing 24-hour

emergency shelter, support services, and advocacy to battered women and their children. It operates in Blaine and Anoka and is the only shelter for battered women and their families in Anoka County. Suku-Rama is donating clothing to be modeled and additional clothes directly to Alexandra House.

Other stores loaning clothing are Ecotique, Karma, and Target. For more information contact wrc@hamline.edu. If you or someone you know is in need of services, the Alexandra House Crisis Hotline is 763-780-2330.

And the Children Shall Lead Them: A Photography Installation of Peace and Violence Through a Child's Eyes

This powerful exhibit will be at the College of St. Catherine in the lower level atrium of Coeur de Catherine from April 20, 2009 - April 27, 2009. Please stop by and see it. All of the art that will be displayed was created by children from abusive, homeless, and at risk situations. This is a project of Free

Arts Minnesota and a collaboration between Cornerstone, Domestic Abuse Project, Tubman Family Alliance, Northport Elementary School Adventurer's Club and St. Joseph's Home for Children. This event is sponsored by the St. Kate's Task Force to Eliminate Violence Against Women

and the Student Center and Activities. For more information contact Beth Hamer in Access and Success at (651) 690-6894.

Sex Worker's Rights Activist Renegade Evolution at Hamline

Renegade Evolution, a Sex Worker's Rights activist will speak at Hamline on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 pm in GLC 100E. The presentation will include a viewing of *The Price of Pleasure: Pornography, Sexuality and Relationships*, a documentary that shows how pornography oppresses women and affects the development of female

and male views of healthy human sexuality. Renegade Evolution will be in conversation with the documentary to talk about sex, power, and intimacy and how pornography can empower women. Renegade Evolution holds degrees in History and Theater and resides in the Washington, D.C. area. She has a blog, renegadeevolution.blogspot.com, where she discusses women's right to be in

pornography if it is their choice. The event is free and is co-sponsored by Hamline's Women's Resource Center, Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, and women's studies program as part of April's W♀mania Events. For more information contact kbloomberg@hamline.edu

Christina Hoff Summers speaks at The College of St. Catherine

On April 3, 2009, the CSC College Republicans hosted guest speaker Christina Hoff Sommers, scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy and author of *Who Stole Feminism?* and *The War Against Boys*. Her talk attempted to answer the question - why aren't there more women in science and engineering? Although she conceded that the reasons are complex, multiple and not fully understood, her basic premise was that women are hard-wired not be interested in

these fields. She went on to say that government attempts to increase women's participation in science and engineering are, though well-intentioned, misguided and potentially harmful. Audience members challenged her on her assumptions and conclusions, noting that she ignored the ways in which the culture of science, math and engineering created obstacles for women and ignored the similar lack of

people of color in these fields. Yvonne Ng, an engineer and computer science instructor at the college, noted that engineering departments in many universities were trying to change their cultures, to include more discussion of ethics and human aspects of human-machine interactions, in an effort to be more inclusive and more welcoming of those groups who have historically been discouraged in these fields.

April is Cesarean Awareness Month; Alternative Birth Informational Program Planned at Hamline in May

The International Cesarean Awareness Network (ICAN) sponsors Cesarean Awareness Month every April. ICAN is a non-profit advocacy and support group working to prevent unnecessary cesareans through education, support for cesarean recovery, and information about birth choices and legal rights.

Though cesareans are necessary in some situations, according to ICAN, over half of all cesareans performed in the U.S. are medically unnecessary. ICAN is a volunteer organization supported by memberships and donations. Be on the look out for more information about a special program on alternative birthing methods sponsored by the Hamline women's studies program -

sometime during the last week of classes. This program will feature a Certified Nurse Midwife and/or Certified Professional Midwife in conversation with documentary clips and personal stories of alternative births. For more information on this program, contact kbloomberg@hamline.edu.

Beauty Mechanics: Social Production of the Standard

On Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 12:00-1:30pm Kassy Podvin, a College of St. Catherine student, will be leading a discussion about the structural basis for our obsession with bodies and perfection. The discussion will be held in the Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women in Couer de Catherine. This discussion is part of her larger work on the Body Love Campaign that looks beyond the magazines, supermodel culture and the formula of desired aesthetics, and asks why is the definition of beauty what it is... what social institutions and structures produce and construct this, but also reinforce it and present is as a standard for all 'others' to fall against in comparison. Three

speakers will also be present for this discussion: Darryl Roberts, Jessica Mccafferty, and Jillian Croll. Darryl Roberts is the writer, editor and producer of the documentary *America The Beautiful*. Jennifer Mccafferty is a St. Kate's student and a participant of the Emily Outpatient Program. Jillian Croll is the Director of Education, Research and Program Development at the Emily Program. In preparation for this discussion a viewing of *America The Beautiful* and discussion with producer Darryl Roberts will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 5:45 - 9:30pm in JDA at St. Kate's St. Paul campus. The viewing will begin at 6:00pm with discussion and questions

with Darryl Roberts following the documentary. *America The Beautiful* is a documentary that explores the question, 'does America have an unhealthy obsession with beauty?'. To find out more about the documentary go to www.americathebeautifuldoc.com. The documentary screening is free for St. Kate's students and just \$2.00 for everyone else. For more information about the viewing contact Kassy Podvin at kjpodvin@stkate.edu. For more information about the discussion panel on Thursday contact Sia Vang

Dr. Waziyatawin Speaks at the College of St. Catherine

What will it take to decolonize Minnesota? Telling the truth is a good place to start, according to Waziyatawin, a Wahpetunwan Dakota scholar from southwestern Minnesota who is now the Indigenous People's Research Chair at the University of Victoria, British Columbia. In a powerful lecture, Thursday evening, April 9 in Coeur de Catherine, on the St. Paul campus, Waziyatawin described the Dakota people's long and deep connection to the land of Minisota, where they lived for generations before Europeans arrived. Most Minnesotans today, she said, are

used against the Dakota to get control over the land. She challenged the audience to recognize that the colonial era in this state is not over, and that we have a responsibility to do something about it. To move away from colonialism and toward peaceful coexistence, Waziyatawin proposes several stages of reparative justice, including the establishment of a Truth Commission in Minnesota as well as land restoration and reparations to indigenous people. It is not possible in these brief sentences to convey the complexities of her presentation. Her most recent book, *What Does Justice Look Like?*, is an important resource for both the colonial history and Waziyatawin's proposals for decolonization.

Faculty and students in women's studies can connect to this work in both its content and call for justice. To understand Dakota women's lives requires an understanding of the colonial context. Waziyatawin's work includes analysis of gender in such subjects as the Minnesota government's treatment of Dakota men and women prisoners during and after the 1862 war. She calls for liberation of all people in a decolonized society. This lecture was sponsored by Multicultural and International Programs and Services and the Critical Studies of Race and Ethnicity Program at the College of St. Catherine.

Women's Studies Courses at Augsburg College

Summer Session

WST 362	Walking the Truth: Culture, Gender, & HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa (open to Juniors, Seniors, & Grad. Students)	Namibia
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Fall Session

WST 201	Foundations in Women's Studies	M 6:00 - 9:00pm
WST 355	Conflict & Challenge in Latin America	Central America
WST 359	Women, Gender, & Social Change	Mexico
WST 366	Latin America Liberation Theology	Mexico
WST 490/495	Women's Studies Senior Seminar/Keystone	W 6:00 - 9:00pm
AI5 208/408	Native American Women & Film	T 6:00 - 9:00pm
POL 124	American Women & Politics	Th. 6:30 - 9:30pm
SOC 265	Race, Class, & Gender	T, Th. 11:50 - 1:20pm
SOC 265	Race, Class, & Gender	T 6:00 - 9:00pm

Women's Studies Courses at the College of St. Catherine

Summer Session (June 1st - July 2nd)

BIOL 1120	Biology of Women with Lab D01	MTW 8:30 - 11:30am
BIOL 1120	Biology of Women Lab	Th. 8:30 - 11:30am
COMM 2051	Media, Culture, & Society	MW 6:00 - 9:00pm
ENGL 2560	Intro. To Literary Themes: Women on the Road (2 day road trip required sometime during term, students decide on specific days)	T, Th. 9:00am - 12:00pm
HIST 3560	Women in America to 1920	T, Th. 9:00am - 12:00pm
HIST/CRST 3650	Since Suffrage - U.S. Women	MW 6:00 - 9:30pm
SOCI/CRST 2500	Sociology of Deviance	T, Th. 6:00 - 9:15pm
WOST 4604	Internship	June 1st - August 7th

Summer Session (July 6th - August 7th)

BIOL 1120	Biology of Women with Lab D02	MW 6:00 - 9:00pm
BIOL 1120	Biology of Women Lab	T, Th. 6:00 - 9:00pm

Women's Studies Courses at the College of St. Catherine Cont.

HIST/CRST 3650	Since Suffrage - U.S. Women	MW 6:00 - 9:30pm
SOCI/CRST 2500	Sociology of Deviance	T, Th. 6:00 - 9:15pm
WOST 4604	Internship	June 1st - August 7th

Fall Session

BIOL 1120	Biology of Women with Lab D01 (Writing Intensive)	T, Th. 9:00 - 11:30am
BIOL 1120	Biology of Women with Lab D02	MW 9:00 - 11:30
ECON 1120	Economics of Social Issues	MWF 10:55am - 12:00pm
WOST 2050	Foundations in Women's Studies	T, Th. 3:25 - 5:00pm
COMM 2050	Media, Culture, & Society	T, Th. 1:30 - 3:10pm
CRST 2150	Challenging Oppression, Civic Engagement	M 6:00 - 9:00pm
ENGL 2450	Language in Society	MW 2:55 - 4:35pm
ENGL 2900	Women & Literature: Black Women's Personal Narrative D01	W 6:00 - 9:15pm
ENGL 2900	Women & Literature: Women Detectives D02	MWF 1:35 - 2:40pm
INDI 2910	The Anatomy of Violence	T 6:00 - 9:15pm
ENGL 2994	Topics: Postmodern Feminist Culture	T, Th. 3:25 - 5:00pm
PSYC 3050	Psychology of Gender	T, Th. 1:30 - 3:10pm
COMM 3070	Gender & Rhetoric	T 6:00 - 9:30pm
SOCI 3210	Family, Identity, & Inequality	MWF 1:35 - 2:40pm
THEO 3380	Women and the Bible	MW 2:55 - 4:35pm
HIST 3560	Women in America to 1920	T, Th. 1:30 - 3:10pm
COMM 3600	Leadership & the Art of Persuasion	MWF 9:35 - 10:40am
HIST 3650	U.S. Women Since 1920	T 6:00 - 9:30pm
PHIL 3900	Feminist Philosophy	MW 2:55 - 4:35pm
WOST 4602	Internship	
WOST 4604	Internship	

Women's Studies Courses at Hamline University

Summer Session 1 (June 8th - July 2nd)

WSTD 1010	Foundations of Women's Studies	M T W Th. 2:30 - 4:20pm
WSTD 3500	Topics: Women in Diaspora	M T W Th. 10:30am - 12:30pm

Summer Session 2 (July 13th - August 6th)

BIOL 1150	Biology of Women BB	M T W Th. 10:30am - 12:20pm
BIOL 1150	Biology of Women Lab B1	T, Th. 8:30 - 10:20am

Fall Session

BIOL 1150	Biology of Women BB	MWF 10:20 - 11:20am
BIOL 1150	Biology of Women Lab B1	T 1:00 - 3:00pm
LGST 3540	Family & Gender Issues in the Law	MWF 9:10 - 10:10am
PHIL 3250	Feminist Philosophy	MWF 9:10 - 10:10am
REL 1140	Women & Religion	T, Th. 2:30 - 4:00pm
SOC 5330	Sex & Sexuality: An American Perspective	MWF 1:50 - 2:50pm
WSTD 1010	Foundations in Women's Studies	MWF 1:50 - 2:50
WSTD 1500	Topics: Women & Popular Culture	T, Th. 4:10 - 5:40pm
WSTD 3500	Topics: Engendering Justice	W 6:00 - 9:00pm

Women's Studies Courses at the University of St. Thomas

COJO 328	Communication of Race, Class & Gender	T, Th. 1:30 - 3:10pm
ENGL 341	Women Writing About Exile	MWF 9:35 - 10:40am
IDSC 481	Women in Music & Theater	T 1:30 - 3:10pm
BIOL 106	Women, Medicine & Biology	T, Th. 9:55 - 11:35am
POLS 302	Women & Politics	MWF 10:55 - 12:00pm
PSYC 205	Psychology of Women	MW 2:55 - 4:35pm
SOCI 353	Global Perspectives on Gender	T, Th. 9:55 - 11:35am
COJO 370	Intercultural Communication	MW 2:55 - 4:35pm
HIST 116 01	African American History, Global Perspective	T, Th. 8:00 - 9:40am
HIST 116 02	African American History, Global Perspectives	T, Th. 9:55 - 11:35am
MUSC 216	Jazz in America	T, Th. 3:25 - 5:00pm
SOCI 251	Race & Ethnicity	MWF 12:15 - 1:20pm