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The ACTC Women's Studies Program would like to welcome new program coordinators Jessica Nathanson of Augsburg College and Angela High-Pippert of the University of St. Thomas to our wonderful consortium. We look forward to working with them during this, and hopefully many more, academic years!

Upcoming Events...Join the (Brown Bag) Discussion!

Feminists (Still) in Faith: Can We Still Be Feminists and Faithful?

Feminists in Faith was an inter-religious dialogue group initiated in 1984. Women met over the lunch hour monthly for an interfaith dialogue. We believe that now is the right time to revive the tradition and create a space where women of many faiths can find solidarity. An initial brown bag discussion will take place in the Luann Dummer Center for Women at the University of St. Thomas on November 15, 2007 from 12:00-1:30pm. The purpose of this meeting is to establish topics and logistics for the reformulation of the group. New and former members are invited! Please e-mail Dr. Corrine Carvalho at (ccarvalho@stthomas.edu) for further questions.

Provocative Images of God: God as Bad Husband, God as Violent Warrior, God as Nursing Mother

Chris Franke, professor of Theology and Women's Studies at the College of St. Catherine, will lead a discussion on the many images of God. Discussion will be held in the Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women (CdC room 230) on Thursday November 29th at 12:00pm.

In Recent News...

On October 8, The University of St. Thomas Women's Studies Program co-sponsored a discussion of the film "Enemies of Happiness," which follows the successful campaign of Malalai Joya, a 28-year-old Afghan woman who ran in the country's first democratic parliamentary elections in 35 years. This event was part of the Vaclav Havel Civil Society program, and this year's visiting scholar, Dr. Thomas Gouttierre, moderated a discussion of the film with Angela High-Pippert, Director of Women's Studies. Dr. Gouttierre, Dean of International Studies and Director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, is one of the nation's leading experts on Afghanistan. It was a great event, and the DVD is available through CLIC-net.

Coming Soon to the Twin Cities...

Guest Lecture with Lisa Ling: China's Lost Little Girls

On Thursday March 13th at 7:00pm, Lisa Ling, National Geographic Channel Correspondent, is scheduled to appear at the O'Shaughnessy Educational Auditorium at the University of St. Thomas to discuss China's one child policy and the thousands of baby girls that are left behind as a result. Currently in the U.S. there are more foreign adoptees from China than any other country in the world and Ling has covered this topic for more than a decade. Please come and hear her take on this phenomenon and the consequences that the rapidly growing gender imbalance may have on the world's fastest growing economy. There will be a reception following the lecture in the OEC Lobby Gallery.

For more information please call 651-962-6119 or visit www.stthomas.edu/lcdw

This event is free and open to the public.

Sex and Gender with Jane Fonda

On Wednesday November 14th Jane Fonda will be giving a lecture on her new book "My Life's Lessons about Sex and Gender" in the Si Melby Gymnasium at Augsburg College. The lecture is scheduled for 10:00am, followed by a book signing at 11:00am. This event is free and open to the public. Floor seating is limited, but bleacher seating will be available.

"One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar."

-Helen Keller

Become A Woman in Politics: Become a Front Runner

Front Runners is a group for women who want to change the world by actively participating in electoral politics. Please join us monthly for networking, inspiration, strategizing, skill building, and peer support. Women candidates, campaign managers, elected officials, and others will help us develop and implement a long-term plan to be prepared to run for office. The goal of each meeting is to discuss one element of a 5 year plan to run for office. A few of the topics include: identifying a district, establishing a leadership track record, and building and sustaining networks.

We'll begin our monthly meetings on Wednesday, October 10 at 6 p.m. Plan to participate regularly on the second Wednesday of the month from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Humphrey Center, University of Minnesota. We'll have some light refreshments, hear from other political women, support each other, and develop and put into place individual plans.

Women Belong in the House...and the Senate.

-Author Unknown

SAVE THE DATE! "Inclusive Science: Articulating Theory, Practice, and Action"

On June 16,17, and 18, 2008 The College of St. Catherine will be hosting the national conference on feminism and science. This conference is designed to help scholars in and out of the sciences share knowledge and ideas; develop strategies for disseminating their theory, pedagogies, and activism; and discuss innovative ways to move forward. There will be ample time for both formal and informal discussion and networking among your peers and colleagues.

Areas of discussion will focus on three intersections of science and feminism: **Multiple Frameworks** including critiques of science from multiple perspectives including race, class, gender, and ethnicity. **Pedagogies** that engage women and students of color, as well as students from a variety of science, technology, engineering, and mathematic classes. **Transformation** including theory into action and changing how we do, learn, and teach science. Please visit our website for a conference schedule and more information about registration and submission of proposals.

www.stkate.edu/inclusive_science Or contact us at: inclusivescience@stkate.edu

An invitation to participate in Ananya Dance Theatre

Ananya Dance Theatre is a dance company of women of color, diverse in nationality, race/ethnicity, sexuality, and age but uniformly committed to artistic excellence and passionate articulation of women's dreams, hopes and desires. ADT creates and stages original works inspired by the lives and work of women around the world. Since its inception in 1992, ADT has engaged diverse audiences locally, nationally and internationally. Its most recent dance theatre work *Pipaashaa* at the Southern Theater in Minneapolis has received critical claims among arts and environmental justice activist communities in the Twin Cities.

Dr. Ananya Chatterjea, the artistic director and choreographer of ADT will conduct a student workshop on embodied ways of knowing at the College of St. Catherine in Spring 2008. The workshop will be open to all ACTC students. Please contact Hui Wilcox for more information at hnwilcox@stkate.edu. Dr. Wilcox is a principal dancer of ADT and also a faculty for Women's Studies and Sociology at St. Kate's. She's coordinating the ADT residency.

From Health and Healing to Traditional Textiles: Twin Cities Women in Art

The New Gage Family Art Gallery at Augsburg College presents *Journey Toward Healing* with Collages by Janette Maley and photographs by Arthur Hand. The artwork will be on display from November 4–December 16, 2007 and there is an opening event to be held on Sunday November 4th. The open house, titled "Becoming Well Within: A Tribute to Women with Breast Cancer," will include musical performances at 5pm and 7:30 pm and an artist presentation at 6:30pm.

The Christensen Art Gallery is pleased to collaborate with the East African Women's Center in the Cedar–Riverside neighborhood of Minneapolis in presenting *Threads of Community/Dunta Bulshada iskuxirta*, a display of Somali women's textiles. The exhibition features colorful weavings made by Somali elder women. These women, refugees from the war in Somalia and unable to weave during their time in refugee camps due to lack of supplies, are now able to practice a tradition that is thousands of years old. The exhibition will be displayed from November 2 through December 21, 2007 with a reception on Friday, November 16th from 3-7pm. All events are free and open to the public.

Did You Know...?

Did you know that the College of St. Catherine's Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women, St. Thomas' Luann Dummer Center for Women, and Augsburg College's Anne Pederson Women's Resource Center are available for all ACTC Women's Studies majors and minors? Did you know that Hamline University's Women's Resource Center offers women's health services for all female students? These women centered spaces are invaluable resources for networking with your fellow students and garnering support when you need a mid-semester pick-me-up. Please take advantage of the wonderful academic opportunities these women centers offer– and maybe even make a new friend or two! For information about upcoming events, services, locations, and hours visit the Centers' websites.

www.stkate.edu/centerforwomen; www.stthomas.edu/ldcw/; www.augsburg.edu/wrc/

Thought into Action

An Undergraduate Women's Studies Conference

Coming in March 2008!

Have you written a paper or are you doing research or creative work on some aspect of women/gender? Please share it with us! Come and present your work at our Second Annual Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Conference in March 2008. All work that touches on issues of women/gender is welcome. A call for papers will be coming soon.

**Questions? Contact Jessica Nathanson at
nathanso@augsborg.edu.**

- Open to all WOST majors, minors, and all students interested in women's issues.
- Presentations by WOST students on their scholarship, research, activism, and/or creative works.
- Refreshments will be served.
- Enter to win several door prizes- including two iPod grand prizes!

Not ready to present? Save your work to submit for a chance to win the first ACTC Women's Studies Writing Contest.

Details to come!

Winter and Spring 2008 Women's Studies Courses

ALL CORE COURSES ARE SHOWN IN BOLD

New Course! Cross-campus team taught Foundations in WOST

T 6:00-9:15pm Location TBD

WSTD 1010 for Hamline registration and WOST2050 for CSC registration

Augsburg

ENL365 Contemporary Post Colonial Fiction W 6:00-9:00

ENL367 Women and Fiction T 6:00-9:30

HIS282 History of Women Since 1870 R 6:30-9:30

HPE316 Human Sexuality TR 11:50-1:20

POL459 Political Eco Development: Nicaragua

REL441 Feminism and Christianity 6:00-9:00

SOC231 Cross Cultural Perspectives MWF 9:10-10:10

SOC265 Race, Class, and Gender TR 9:40-11:10 **or** T 6:00-9:00

SOC269 Topics in Sociology: Human Sexuality MWF 2:30-3:30

WST315 Midlevel Feminist Theory: Margins as Center R 6:00-9:00

WST313 Environmental Theology and Change– Mexico

WST341 Globalization, Social Struggle, and Environment– Mexico

WST355 Conflict and Change– Central America

WST355 Conflict and Change– Mexico

Hamline University– Winter/J-term

COMM 3670 Gender, Communication, and Knowledge TWRF 9:00-12:00

HIST 1200 History of Women in England MTWR 9:00-12:00

PHIL 3250 Feminist Philosophy MTWR 1:00-4:00

Hamline University– Spring

BIOL 1150 Biology of Women MWF 11:30am-12:30pm

LGST 3540 Family & Gender Issues in Law TR 6:00pm-7:30pm

PSCI 3430 00 34396 Gender Politics TR 12:50pm-2:20pm

SOC 3330 Sociology of Gender MWF 11:30am-12:30pm

SOC 3370 Families in Crisis MWF 10:20am-11:20am

WSTD 3500 Women, Conflict, Social Change W 6:00pm-9:00pm

WSTD 3750 Feminist Scholarship in Action TR 9:40am-11:10am

College of St. Catherine

WOST 1120 Biology of Women MWF 10:55-12:00 **or** S 8:00-12:30
 WOST 2000 Stages of Christian Life R 6:00-9:15
 WOST 2150 Challenging Oppressions W 6:00-9:30
 WOST 2700 Social Movements and Social Change TR 1:30-3:10
 WOST 2900 Women and Literature: Literature and Social Structures W 6:00-9:30
 WOST 3070 Gender and Rhetoric TR 1:30-3:10
 WOST 3100 Language as Power 1:30-3:10 **or** S 1:00-4:30
 WOST 3101 Communicating Across Cultures, Identities, and Differences MWF 8:15-9:20 **or** S 8:30-12:00
 WOST 3250 Cultural Anthropology TR 3:25-5:00
 WOST 3380 Women and the Bible MW 2:55-4:35
 WOST 3460 Women in Greece and Rome TR 3:25-5:00
 WOST 3630 Art History: Women in Art MW 1:35-3:15
 WOST 3631 Women in Asia MW 2:55-4:35
 WOST 3650 Since Suffrage: US Women Since 1920 W 6:00-9:15
WOST 4850 Senior Seminar W 6:00-9:15

University of St. Thomas-Winter/J-term

BLAW 353/10115 Gender Issues and the Law MTWR 9:00-12:00
 ENGL 337/10240 20th Century Arab Writers TWRF 1:00-4:00

University of St. Thomas– Spring

WMST 205/20953 Foundations in Women's Studies MWF 9:35-10:40
 ARTH 260/22314 Women in Ancient Art and Culture MWF 9:35-10:40
 ENGL 218/20958 Literature By Women/Critical History MWF 10:55-12:00
 THEO 354/21536 Women and Christian Thought MWF 1:35-2:40
 THEO 386/22372 Women Mystics TR 9:55-11:35
 CLAS 245/22571 Classical Mythology MWF 1:35-2:40
 PSYC 205/20787 Psychology of Women 1:30-3:10
 SOCI 321/20855 Marriage and Families TR 9:55-11:35
 COMM 322/21498 Intercultural Communication TR 3:25-5:00
 MUSC 216/22613 Jazz in America TR 3:25-5:00
 SOCI 251/20853 Race and Ethnicity MWF 12:15-1:20
 SOCI 301/21862 General Anthropology T 5:30-9:15

Where is everyone now...?

Alumnae Update

College of St. Catherine

Shunu Shrestha, a 2007 WOST graduate, presented her research on the representation of women in the Nepali language at the South Asia Conference at Madison Wisconsin in October. Entitled *From uttauli to boodhee: Representation of Women in Nepali Proverbs*, this study was done with Joanne Cavallaro with support from the AMP program at the College of St. Catherine. Shunu now works at the Minnesota Council of Churches.

St. Thomas

Tara Trepanier, a 2005 graduate with a minor in Women's Studies, is a Peace Corps volunteer in the Republic of Macedonia. She has been involved with fantastic programs such as Camp GLOW (Girls Leading our World), which is a week-long camp for girls where issues such as sex education and trafficking in persons were discussed.

Melissa Martin, a 2004 graduate with a minor in Women's Studies, began working as a legislative assistant in the Minnesota Senate in 2005. She has worked her way up to the position of Assistant Engrossing Secretary, and is planning to attend graduate school in public policy part-time.

Student Voices: Where, Oh Where, Have the Feminists Gone?

Johnanna Ganz, Women's Studies Major '09 Hamline University

I was shaking in my boots during the end of February of 2006. No, the shaking was not caused by the frightful Minnesotan blizzards or the prospect of yet another semester of hard classes. Rather I was shaking in my boots because of the actions South Dakota had taken in an effort to challenge Roe vs. Wade on the issue of a woman's right to choose (aka abortion). The House Bill 1215 (HB1215) was passed along to the Governor, Mike Rounds, after it had been approved with 50 yea's and 18 nay's. It's not that I have a particular vested interest in South Dakota as a state, but I have a particular vested interest in protecting the rights of women everywhere. What truly bothered me were the varying levels of apathy I saw from people everywhere. I was fired up, pissed off, writing letters and emails in response to such a step backwards for Roe vs. Wade. However, the thing that had gotten to me was my realization of just how few people were furious. It was my experience that women were "upset" but they were not pissed off. This year I volunteer at the Women's Resource Center and what confounds me is the fact that nobody seems to know where it is located, what we do, or take advantage of the services we offer. (Free condoms and information in such quantities it would make your head spin.) So, where are my feminists at?

I know, I know, the word *feminist* is big and scary. Well, let's do something about that. Why women and men alike are so afraid of taking on the term and showing the world what a feminist can be is beyond me. As students and scholars let us rise above and work to dispel the negative stereotypes. I would love to see the WRC have too many volunteers, rather than the skeleton crew we are working with right now. There are simply not enough feminists. The feminist movement simply doesn't have time to waste on those who say, "I'm not a feminist, but..." We should honor the women and men who have dedicated their lives and sacrificed everything in the attempt to give women the rights we currently have. We should honor them by embracing the title Feminist with a gigantic, capital "F", to begin working cohesively for a better, more just world for everyone.