

# NORTH SHORE VISIONS

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## FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Dear alumnae,

I am looking at a list, courtesy CLA development office, with roughly 250 names of students who have graduated from UMD with either a major or minor in Women's Studies since 1987. This list is likely not to be complete.

Women's Studies majors and minors often do have a double major. If you are listed under the other one it is not always the case that you will also be counted under Women's Studies. Still, this number is impressive and

I wonder if you yourselves were aware of just how many you are. Many of the faces came back to me as I read over the names, missing you and wondering what has become of you.

Please know we would very much love to hear your news. Let us know how we can continue to serve and include you in some way or another. Would anyone be interested in organizing a WS alumnae group? I know, many of you have formed long lasting friendships with each other. We would love

to hear about those too, and include them in this newsletter's alumni news section.

At the end of April, Women's Studies students, staff and faculty will be on retreat \*up the shore.\* If any of you would like to drop in, please contact us. It would be great to see you again!

All the best,

Tineke Ritmeester

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## About FACE by Lila Kahmann

Feminists Advocating for Change Etc., or FACE is a feminist student group on campus open to all UMD students. FACE has been very active this school year. Fall semester FACE sponsored the Celebration of Women, a free event in the Kirby Lounge. Seven local musicians donated their time and talents for the event, which helped awareness of the Women's Studies Department, WRAC and FACE.

FACE has been putting together discussion groups that are open to the campus. Spring semester the discussions are weekly and have covered such topics as "Women and the Iraqi Elections," "Let's Talk about Sex," and "The Politics of Makeup."

Recently we have started a campus-wide campaign to promote feminism and raise awareness of issues of sexism. This will entail posters around campus and tabling in the Kirby Student Center.

FACE members are also active in the Duluth community, adding a feminist perspective to volunteer work. Some volunteer activities include volunteering at the Life House for their Valentine Dance and serving on committees for Take Back the Night.

For more information, contact Beth Bartlett at 218-726-8284.



## UPCOMING NATIONAL &amp; INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Apr. 9-11. **Feminist Majority Foundation's National Collegiate Global Women's and Human Rights Conference** in Virginia. Register online at [www.feministcampus.org](http://www.feministcampus.org). For questions, please contact the Global Conference Team at 1-866-444-FMLA.

Apr. 15. **Women for Women International** seeks submissions for the autumn 2005 edition of its bi-annual academic journal,

Critical Half. **Deadline: Apr. 15.** Submission guidelines at [www.womenforwomen.org](http://www.womenforwomen.org).

May 20-22. **Fifth National Conference on Gender and 10th National Gender Lobby Day** in Arlington, VA. Keynote speakers Eve Kosofsky Sedwick and Anne Fausto-Sterling. For more information or registration go to [www.gpac.org](http://www.gpac.org) or call (202) 462-6610.

June 9-12. **NWSA 26th An-**

**nual Conference**, Orlando, FL. Registration forms available in the WS department office and at [www.nwsa.org](http://www.nwsa.org)

June 19-21. IWPR 8th International Women's Policy Research Conference, **When Women Gain, So Does the World**, Washington, D.C. For more info, email [conference@iwpr.org](mailto:conference@iwpr.org).

For more conferences, go to the NWSA website: [www.nwsa.org](http://www.nwsa.org)

***IF YOU GIVE TO THE UMD FUND AND DESIGNATE WOMEN'S STUDIES TO RECEIVE YOUR GIFT, WE DO RECEIVE IT AND ARE VERY GRATEFUL. YOUR DONATIONS HELP US FUND GREAT FEMINIST SPEAKERS, PROGRAMMING, ETC.***

***FOR DONATIONS TO WOMEN'S STUDIES, PLEASE CONTACT MARYANN SOLEIM, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AT 218-726-6085, TOLL FREE AT 1-866-726-7110 OR EMAIL MSOLEIM@D.UMN.EDU***



The UMD students of the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) have once again set out on the great mission to heal the wounds of our country. We are hosting the Second Annual Free Democracy Summit April 22-24th right here in Duluth – a weekend of art, inspiration and education dedicated to bringing organizations and people from all corners of the journey to a better world together to realize our common issues and learn how to focus and work together with a common motivation and spirit.

We are planning free concerts and art openings across downtown Duluth with messages to inspire us; discussions, forums and presentations lead by community leaders, organizations, professors

to help us realize our common goals and understand what we are all working for; keynote speakers to tell the story of the movement we are all part of; and training workshops so that we will all have the basic organizing and advocacy skills necessary to work together to bring about change. Also included are a film festival, a people's breakfast, and a street festival/march/rally during the weekend.

Women's issues will be one of the main focuses of the Free Democracy Summit this year. By encouraging understanding of a variety of women's perspectives we hope to inspire an environment of inclusion, solidarity, and teamwork in the community. Understanding each other's complex situations is vitally important to working effectively together. With more

men understanding the issues women face, and more women understanding other women's perspectives including that of race, we can work more compassionately thus more successfully together.

As Peace Activist, Rachel Corrie simply states, "I am just beginning to learn from what I expect to be a very intense tutelage, about the ability of people to organize against all odds and to resist against all odds."

Please embark upon this journey and let us begin and continue to organize and educate each other to create something bigger than any one individual or any group, a more compassionate and peaceful world.

**REGISTER NOW!!!****May/Summer 2005****Course Offerings:**

**WS 3600: Ecofeminist Theories and Practices**, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., M, Tu, W, Th, F, Cina 202, Beth Bartlett.

**WS 3400: Women and Film**, 1 p.m.–3:30 p.m., M, Tu, W, Th in BohH 112, Susana Pelayo -Woodward.

**If you'd like alumni updates via email, please email Beth, [bbartlet@d.umn.edu](mailto:bbartlet@d.umn.edu) or Geraldine, [ws@d.umn.edu](mailto:ws@d.umn.edu), your email address.**

## Calendar of Events

### ON-CAMPUS

Apr. 4. Film, "The New Rulers of the World," directed by Alan Lowery in KSC 273, 2-4 p.m..

Apr. 5. Film, "War Babies," directed by Raymonde Provencher in KSC 273, 4 p.m.

Apr. 5. Female-to-Male Transman, **James Halleman** speaking at 7 p.m., Kirby Ballroom.

Apr. 6. Guest speaker, **Beth Olson**, PAVSA presents "Date Rape Drugs 101: What You Need To Know," KSC 268, 12 Noon.

Apr. 6. Film, "Dam/Age," directed by Aradhana Seth in KSC 273, 2 p.m.

Apr. 7. Guest speaker, **Maureen Tobin Stanley**, UMD Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures presents "Voices of Gendered Resistance in Neus Català's De la resistència y la deportación: The Triumph of Life, Dignity and Solidarity during the Holocaust," Library Fourth Floor Rotunda, 12 Noon.

Apr. 7. Film, "The World Uncovered: One night in Bhopal," directed by Steven Condie (50 minutes), KSC 273, 4 p.m.

Apr. 8. Guest speaker, **Sara Evans** presents "Tidal Wave: How Women Changed America at Century's End," Weber Music Hall, 3 p.m. Sara Evans is a professor of History and Women's Studies at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Apr. 8. Film, "Señorita Extraviada," directed by Lourdes Portillo in KSC 273, 2 p.m.

Apr. 9. Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus benefit concert, Weber Music Hall, 3 p.m. Tickets: \$20. Call Angie Nichols at (218) 726-7300 for tickets/info. Benefits the Cruden-Riggs GLBT Scholarship.

Apr. 12. Film, "Maria Full of Grace" in KSC 273, 4 p.m.

Apr. 14. Guest speaker, **Gesa Zinn**, UMD Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures presents "The Life of the Gypsies: Roma and Sinti in Germany Today," Library Fourth Floor Rotunda, 12 Noon.

Apr. 18-25. Guest speaker, **Mary Weems** on campus for a week of poetry, workshops and discussions. Her schedule is:  
\*Apr. 18. Welcome dinner and reception begins at 5 p.m., KPlz 302.

\*Apr. 20. "I Speak from the Wound in My Mouth: Developing the Imagination-Intellect" from 7:30-10 p.m., Library Rotunda.

\*Apr. 22. "I Ain't Gon' Let Nobody Turn Me Around: Poetry as a Political Act," a community poetry reading and discussion, YWCA Auditorium, 202 W. 2nd St.

Apr. 20. Guest speaker, **Tineke Ritmeester**, UMD Professor of Women's Studies presents "Witches of the Medieval European Burning Times," KSC 268, 12 Noon.

Apr. 30. *Gay Prom*, 7 p.m., Kirby Ballroom. Open to high school and college students. For info, call QSU at (218) 726-7041.

May 4. Guest speaker, **Njoki Kamau**, UMD Professor of Women's Studies presents "Everyday Racism in Academia," KSC 268, 12 Noon.

May 5. Meditation, Relaxation Exercises, a workshop by **Mark Langenfeld**, UMD Professor of Psychology, KSC 268, 12 Noon.

May 5. Guest speaker, **Joyce Benson** presents "Common Women, Uncommon Lives: The Changing Role of Women in Russia," Kirby Rafters, 12 Noon. Joyce Benson is a com-

munity activist and long-time resident of Duluth.

### OFF-CAMPUS

Apr. 5. PAVSA Flower Sale-purchase flowers at Jitters and Lakewview Coffee from 7:30 a.m. – 4p.m. All proceeds help PAVSA continue to educate and promote awareness about sexual violence in southern St. Louis County.

Apr. 7. GLBT Lobby Day Bus to Capitol. Call Lu Barker at 726-7479 or lbarker@d.umn.edu.

Apr. 10. Intergenerational 2nd Sunday of the Month Potluck Brunch in Chester Creek House, 1306 E 2nd St, Noon-2p.m. All welcome. Call 728-5468 for more information.

Apr. 12. *Vagina Monologues* in the Norshor Theatre, 7 p.m. Susana Pelayo-Woodward, Director of UMD's Hispanic/Latino/Chicana Learning Resource Center, and Rebecca St. George from Mending the Sacred Hoop will introduce the *Vagina Monologues* and lead a discussion following the performance. The performance is a fund raiser for Take Back the Night. Tickets are \$7 and are available at the following locations: Chester Creek Café, Sunhollow Books, Adeline's Hair Inc., and at the door. All proceeds will go toward costs associated with putting on this community march and rally.

Apr. 15-16. "Opening Our Doors: Opening Our Hearts" conference accepting and welcoming GLBT persons and their families within faith communities. For info, call Pilgrim UCC Church at (218) 720-6373. [www.peaceucc.org](http://www.peaceucc.org).

Apr. 21. "A Community Response to Sexual Assault: Academic, Legal and Victim Service Perspectives," sexual assault conference. Cost: \$65.00 before April 1and \$75.00 after. For more information or to register go to [www.pavsa.org](http://www.pavsa.org).

Apr. 23. *Together For Youth* Silent Art Auction and Dinner Benefit in Pilgrim Congregational UCC, 2310 E. 4th Street. Tickets \$20. Available at Chester Creek Café, Jitters Coffee Shop, and at the door. Art show begins at 5pm. For more info, call (218) 726-4889.

Apr. 23. Free Democracy Summit. Look for PAVSA's participation discussing violence against women and the impact on our local community. The Free Democracy Summit is organized by MPIRG.

Apr. 27. Solidarity: Young Men's Work in the Violence against Women Movement. To register call PAVSA at 726-1442.

Apr. 28. Take Back the Night March and Rally schedule:

5:30- 6:30 p.m. Gather for food and information in the Washington Center 310 N. 1st Ave. West.

6:30- 7:45 p.m. Pre-march activities including performances and speakers

8 p.m. March through the streets of Downtown Duluth. We will stop at the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial and rally.

8:45 p.m. Rally and speak out! At the Washington Center. Child care will be provided at this time for parents who would like to participate.

For more information about PAVSA, Take Back the Night or other Sexual Assault Awareness Month Activities please go to our web site at [www.pavsa.org](http://www.pavsa.org) or call 726-1442.

May 6. Performance by Terrol & Jane in the Northcountry Women's Coffeehouse Events, Building for Women, 32 E 1st St.

May 8. Intergenerational 2nd Sunday of the Month Potluck Brunch in Chester Creek House, 1306 E 2nd St, Noon-2p.m. All welcome. Call 728-5468 for more information.

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## TIDAL WAVE: HOW WOMEN CHANGED AMERICA AT CENTURY'S END



Sara M. Evans is Distinguished McKnight University Professor of History at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, where she has taught women's history since 1976. She has served as director of the Center for Advanced Feminist Studies, is chair of the department of history, and is a member of the national boards of the American Studies Association and the Organization of

American Historians. She is one of the foremost scholars of the history of feminism, and is the author of *Born for Liberty* and *Personal Politics*; and the co-author of *Free Spaces and Wage Justice*.

Her lecture, which will analyze the origins and outcomes of second-wave feminism in the U.S., is based on her most recent book, *Tidal Wave: How Women Changed America at Century's End*, in which Evans argues that like a tidal wave in nature, the feminist movement in the late twentieth century started out as a powerful grassroots effort to raise the collective and individual consciousness of a nation.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!

FRIDAY

APRIL 8, 2005

Sara Evans presents

### *Tidal Wave: How Women Changed America at Century's End*

3 p.m., Weber Music Hall.

The event is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the Women's Studies Department, Commission of Women, WRAC, and History Department