

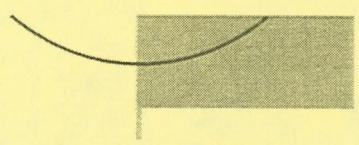
Women's Studies

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Hello and Goodbye from Sheryl Grana, Acting Department Head

As I write this last newsletter of the academic year, I want to say thank you to the many people who have helped me this year. The year has been a productive one, full of many good things for the department and for those who work with the department. Thanks to Barb Lowe for guiding me through some of the office issues this year, and to Cindy Christian, Njoki Kamau, Angie Nichols, Pamela Parkinson, Susana Pelayo-Woodward, and Heather Sweetland for their fine teaching. The department has increased the number of majors and minors this year in large part because of these fine

instructors. Linda Krug, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, continues her support of the department and this was evidenced in several ways this year; we thank her for that. Thank you to the many, many individuals who supported the department by contributing to the 20th Anniversary Fund so we could carry on special events this year. We did many things... Peggy McIntosh was on campus, a panel on spirituality in the fall, numerous events during women's history month, a fine dinner with our graduates—this has been a year of many joys. To all of you who have made it special, thank you.



Beth Bartlett will be back as Head of the department in the fall so, once things get underway, you will be hearing from her. Have a great summer.

Peace.

President's Outstanding Service Award

Our own Susana Pelayo-Woodward (well, I guess she belongs to the Hispanic/Latino/ Chicana Learning Resource Center too!) received a President's Outstanding Service Award this year! This award, which includes all campuses of the University of Minnesota, is only given to a few people each year—to those who have gone well above and beyond expected contributions to the University. We are very proud of you, Susana. Congratulations!

Women's Studies Courses— Offered Fall 2002

1000: Introduction to Women's Studies (3 cr)	
Sec 001 1:00–1:50 MWF	Pamela Parkinson
Sec 002 9:30–10:45 TTh	Njoki Kamau
Sec 003 11:00–11:50 MWF	Pamela Parkinson
Sec 090 6:00–9:00 W	Pamela Parkinson
2101: Women, Race and Class (3 cr)	
Sec 001 8:00–9:15 TTh	Njoki Kamau
Sec 090 6:00–9:00 TTh	Susana Pelayo-Woodward
3300: Women, Religion and Spirituality (3 cr), 3:00–5:40 T	Beth Bartlett
3350: Women and the Law (3 cr), 2:00–2:50 MWF	Pamela Parkinson
3595: Sp T: Women, War, and Peace (3 cr), 9:30–10:45 TTh	Beth Bartlett

Women's Studies Related Courses - Offered Fall 2002

ArH2815: Women Artists In History (3 cr), 6:00–8:30 M	Alison Aune
CSt 3095: Sp T: Bodies & Culture (3 cr), 9:00–9:50 MWF	Mitra Emad
Hlth 3118: Women's Health Issues (3 cr), 6:00–8:40 W	Maureen Strange
Psy 2223: Gender In Society (4 cr), 12:00–12:50 MTWTh	Instructor TBA
Psy 3215: Topics in Human Sexuality (3 cr), 9:30–10:45 TTh	Paula Petersen
Psy 3216: Human Sexuality: A Personal Perspective (3 cr)	Paula Petersen (INI)
Psy 3540: P sych of Food Abuse (3 cr), 11:00–11:50 MWF	Mitzi Doane
Soc 4323: Women and Justice (3 cr), 3:00–3:50 MWF	Pamela Parkinson



We are considering starting a discussion list/contact list in the department. If you would like to be added to the list, please send your email address to us at ws@d.umn.edu, or mail it to the department.

Turn Beauty Inside Out

This T-shirt was designed for New Moon's *Turn Beauty Inside Out Campaign*. It has the words, "If the definition of beautiful gets any thinner no one will fit" down the center of the shirt.

The shirt is available in black, in children's 6-8 through adult XXL. Children's sizes \$16.96, Adult sizes \$18.95.

To order contact:
Catalog@newmoon.org
OR
<http://www.newmooncatalog.com/store/default.asp>
OR 1-800-381-4743



Funding Opportunities

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota (WFM) provides support to women and girls organizing for economic, political, and social equality by providing resources and a vital voice for their cause. The organization has two funds—the Social Change Fund and the GirlsBEST five year initiative to which organizations and individuals can apply.

The Social Change Fund supports organizations working to confront the root causes of gender inequality, while GirlsBEST is promoting economic security for girls. To find out more about these opportunities, take a look at the WFM website at <http://www.wfmn.org>.

From the Feminist Majority Foundation HomePage

Single Sex Education Plan: An Attack on Title IX

The Bush Administration has announced plans to re-interpret Title IX to more easily allow for the creation of single-sex schools. Presented as a plan to improve education, this new initiative is largely seen by the women's rights community as an attack on Title IX, a 1972 federal law that bans sex discrimination in education. In an editorial appearing in *USA Today*, national Organization for Women President Kim Gandy ex-

pressed concern that a return to single-sex education would mean further inequity in education for girls. Gandy has also noted that in highly sex-segregated schools, girls have less access to financial and educational resources such as advanced placement courses. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has also come out against the single-sex education plan, explaining that no scientific evidence exists that shows that single-sex schools alone improve education for girls. Title IX

already provides some limited leeway for the creation of single-sex schools and classrooms, according to the National Women's Law Center (NWLC), but efforts to interpret the law more liberally may, according to NWLC Executive Director Marcia Greenberger, lead to single-sex programs that "despite their good intentions, in fact operate to confirm and perpetuate harmful stereotypes that limit girls' opportunities and aspirations."

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And....

Margaret McGilvray and Dan Redmond are fighting the District of Columbia for the right to name their child how they choose. Their child, Alexander, now 3 months old, still does not have a birth certificate because the District of Columbia will not allow the couple to give the baby his mother's surname. In fact, since May 1, 2000, it has been illegal for married couples to give their children their mothers' surnames.

Carol Wilson, DC vital records registrar, indicated to the *Washing Post* that the law was created to help "establish identity at birth." At the hospital, however, Alexander's crib clearly marked his identity as "Baby McGilvray." Alexander's parents have now filed suit in US District Court, contending that the DC regulation discriminates against women and violates free speech and the right to privacy. The DC law is puz-

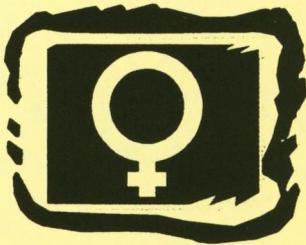
zling, as laws around the country requiring patronymic names have been reversed. According to Deborah Baumgarten of NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, "We're not aware of anyone in the country enforcing this sort of law for years." More surprising, however, is that the law was written only two years ago.

The Feminist Majority Foundation can be found at: <http://feminist.org>

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National Conferences

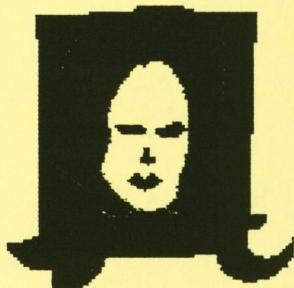
The Complex Web of Women's Friendships: An Interdisciplinary Conference, University of new England, Westbrook Campus, Portland, Maine, June 20 -23, 2002. Come enjoy the scenic Maine coast and join an interdisciplinary group of scholars, students, and others who are interested in contemplating how friendships between and among women have helped women understand difference, bring about social change, succeed in the world, and accomplish other goals. For more information, <http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/mwwc/conference.htm>



Summer Institute on Globalization, Women and Development, Franklin Institute at Duke University, July 30 to August 2, 2002. Tenured, tenure track and regular rank faculty are eligible to apply. Globalization and its multivariate manifestations have placed new demands on faculty in the humanities and in international studies. The economics of how the global system works, texts pertaining to women in development, and issues pertaining to both state building and the environment have increasingly become important to cultural studies. Yet many mid-career faculty find that their earlier training is inadequate to both dealing critically with these issues and teaching about them. Through lectures, films, dialogue and discussions, the Summer Institute is designed to provide an intensive introduction to the primary scholarship in the field of Women and Development studies and interject a gendered understanding of processes of globalization. Total number of Institute participants is limited to 25. Conference rate hotel accommodations will be available for participants. All expenses of meals and materials will be covered by the Center for International Studies for all Institute participants.

Flashpoints, Women's and Gender Studies programs, University of Texas At Austin, October 18-19, 2002. FLASHPOINTS...is a conference that considers the recent history and current state of affairs of women's feminist, gay/lesbian/bisexual/transsexual, race/ethnicity, and global-rights activism and scholarship. On the occasion of the 38th anniversary of the adding of "sex" discrimination to the Civil Rights act, the 34th anniversary of the demonstrations against the Miss America contest, the 33rd anniversary of the Stonewall events, the 30th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 20th anniversaries of the Barnard Conference on "Towards a Politics of Sexuality" and the "Combahee River Collective Statement," and the 10th anniversary of Grrrl power, the publication of *Gender Trouble*, and the development of intersectionality theory, it seems useful to consider feuds and friendships both past and present among those seeking social change and understanding self-identity. This conference seeks papers describing the histories of these events or analyzing where thinking and debates on these activisms and research currently stand. What are our opinions and dissensions about: representations and their effects, methods of scientific investigation and creative innovation, biologies and neurobiologies and women, genders, and sexualities; affects, emotions, and feelings; personal relations in families, couples, and friends; information storage and retrieval systems; systems of learning and communicating; memories, histories; conceptions of health and wellness; commodities and style, body designs; contested and complex identifies and their construction and performance; social activism and social space; political systems and policies; notions of citizenship, rights, and justice; art and artists; and sketches of space and time and being?

For more information, contact: Janet Staiger, Center for Women's Studies, 405 West 25th Street (Walter Webb hall), Suite 401, Campus Mail A4900, University of Texas at Austin, Austin TX 78705, 512-471-5765; fax 512-475-8146, jstaiger@uts.cc.utexas.edu. <http://www.utexas.edu/depts/wstudies/>. <http://www.utexas.edu/depts/wstudies>



In Duluth

**Duluth on Lake Superior
Writer's Workshop, June 12—
June 18, 2002, University of Min-
nesota Duluth.**

Visit the Duluth Writers' Work-
shop website for a tentative daily
schedule, program updates, and
other links: [http://www.d.umn.edu/
goto/writers](http://www.d.umn.edu/goto/writers). Free and open to the
public.

**YWCA Duluth International
Folk Festival, August 3, 2002,
10:00—5:30, Leif Erickson
Park, Duluth MN.**

Celebrating diversity through the
arts with music, dance, arts and
more. More information can be
found at [http://www.visitduluth.
com/folkfestival](http://www.visitduluth.com/folkfestival)

Words from the Women's Studies Class of '02

Jessica Flipp—Upon gradu-
ating I hope to stay in the
Duluth area and volunteer
and be active in the commu-
nity. Being a Women's
Studies major has had a ma-
jor impact on my life. I
have met many wonderful
people that I don't want to
say goodbye to. I have
learned how to be a better
person, and how to be true
to myself. I wish all the fu-
ture women's studies majors
the best of luck and I will
miss UMD.

Kiandra Franzen—
Changing my major to
Women's Studies was the
best thing I ever did. I have
met incredible people and it
has presented me with great
opportunities. I hope to
pursue a Masters in Femi-
nist Studies at the U of M.
Thanks to the department
for a great college experi-
ence.

Crystal Pelkey (Rodeski) -
After graduation, I will
continue to work at New
Moon Publishing here in
Duluth. I have had a won-

derful experience with the
company and have just re-
turned from Los Angeles for
New Moon's Turn Beauty
Inside Out Campaign. I am
thankful everyday for the
amazing kindred spirits I
have found in the Women's
Studies department at UMD.
The knowledge I have
gained is beyond words, and
the friendships I have made
will last a lifetime. Thanks
to Beth, Susana, and Pamela
for making this major such a
great experience.

Karin Riggs—I'm graduat-
ing this spring with a double
major in Women's Studies
and English Lit. Studying at
UMD these past 5 years has
been a great experience and
I cherish every day. I look
forward to attending Gradu-
ate School next year to
study Social Work and revo-
lutionize the world. Thanks
to all the faculty, staff, and
friends for their mentorship
and support and making my
experience here so meaning-
ful.

*Our sincere
congratulations to the
Women's Studies
Graduates of 2002!!*



Front row left to right: Jessica Flipp, Karin Riggs
Back row left to right: Ann Holtz, Kiandra Franzen, Crystal Rodeski

