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## Hello from the Department Head



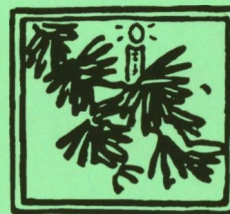
Unbelievably, the fall semester is almost over. As I write this, I await snow and colder temperatures and marvel at how quickly the last semester has disappeared. It has been wonderful to see many of you at several of our events this fall. The turnout for Peggy McIntosh on November 14 was amazing—we estimate there were 350 people in attendance! Even Peggy was in awe. A number of other events have had tremendous turnout as

well. I thank all of you for your support of the department. Whether you have come to events as an audience member or as a participant (actually, those are sometimes one and the same!), or are one of our co-sponsors of an event, your support of the department is truly appreciated.

March is Women's History Month; in the February newsletter I will include the events we are planning for March (and February too!). Over the last several years we have coordinated efforts with the other campuses in the area—CSS, UWS, LSC, FdLCC—to advertise events on all campuses. We will do the same this year. I would like to point out that one of the key events in March—another event to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the department—will be a panel of

scholars from the region who will discuss the current state of women's studies. This panel will be held on Friday, March 29th, in the rotunda of the Library on campus.

I hope you find peace and blessings in this holiday season. Regardless of what celebrations you may participate in, may joy and happiness light your way.

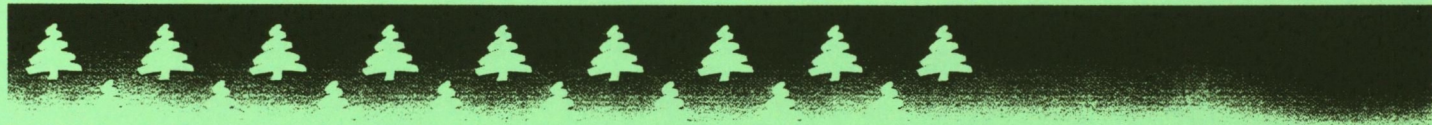


## Congratulations!

Congratulations to *Dr. Kathryn Fuller*, UMD Social Science Librarian. Kathryn has just completed her Ph.D. through Indiana University. We are proud of her and this accomplishment and wish Kathryn the best. Kathryn has helped and guided us through library acquisitions for a number of years and we know first hand of her dedication, knowledge and spirit. The best in sisterhood, Kathryn!

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## Advocacy In Action

The Initiative for the Economic Future of Women project aims to decrease the number of older women living in poverty by increasing the awareness of younger women to the issues that affect their economic future. The Initiative has completed and released a website [www.ifwomen.org](http://www.ifwomen.org), and is currently engaging in a social marketing campaign to create awareness of the project and encourage women to visit the website. The website identifies 10 key issues and provides information on each issue, action steps, areas for advocacy, resources, and testimonials. This list of issues has been the basis for the website and all of the materials developed through the project.

If women...

- Spend less than they make*
- Have own savings and investments*
- Have adequate employee benefits*
- Have adequate health insurance*
- Have access to family planning*
- Have personal support networks*
- Receive the education they desire*
- Negotiate for higher wages*
- Receive equal pay for equal work*

Work towards equality for all women... Then more mothers, daughters, sisters and friends could have the economic future they envision for themselves.



For more information, and/or to speak to classes or groups, contact Lynn Goerdt, Coordinator of the Initiative at 218.529.7534 or [lgoerdt@ardc.org](mailto:lgoerdt@ardc.org).

## Scholarship Monies for Non-Traditional Students

Carol E. MacPherson Memorial Scholarship and Minnesota Alumnae Society Scholarship for non-traditional students. Applicant eligibility requirements: must be at least 28 years of age by the deadline date, must be returning to college after a five year break or longer, must be admissible to or enrolled in a degree-granting program at any University of Minnesota campus. Preference is given to applicants who demonstrate financial

need, are over 40 years of age, are pursuing their first undergraduate degree, are women of color, and/or have a disability. Applicant must: complete four page application and attachments, including a personal statement and additional financial information where applicable; provide transcripts of all college/post secondary grades; provide two letters of support. For more information, contact LaShunda Cross or Liz Hruska at

Women's Resource Center,  
116 Klaeber Court,  
320-16th Ave SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55455  
or 612.626.9443, or  
[mnwomen@tc.umn.edu](mailto:mnwomen@tc.umn.edu).

Paper application forms available in the UMD Women's Studies Department.


Application deadline: Friday, January 25, 2002 at 4:00 pm.

## Spring Schedule of Women's Studies Classes

- WS 1000 Introduction to Women's Studies; 10-10:50 MWF; or 12-12:50 TTh; or 6-9:00 PM Th night
- WS 2101 Women, Race and Class; 8-9:15 TTh; or 6-9:00 pm Wed night
- WS 3001 Third World Women; 9:30-10:45 TTh
- WS 3100 Feminist Theory; 2-3:40, MW
- WS 3150 Women-Identified Culture; 6-9:00 pm, Th night
- WS 3350 Women and the Law, 6-9:00 pm, Tues night
- WS 3400 Women and Film, 6-9:00 pm, Wed night
- WS 3600 Ecofeminist Theories and Practices, 12-12:50, MWF
- WS 4000 Senior Seminar, 2-3:40, TTh

**"I don't wait for moods. You accomplish nothing if you do that. Your mind must know it has got to get down to earth."**

**Pearl S. Buck, Writer**



## Thank A Feminist

Thank a feminist if you agree women should...

- Have the right to vote
- Have access to contraceptives
- Have the right to a career
- Receive equal pay for equal work
- Have the right to decline sex, even with their partners
- Be able to receive a higher education
- Have safe, legal access to abortion
- Be able to participate in sports
- Be able to hold political office
- Be free from sexual harassment in the workplace
- Be able to participate in legal and financial transactions
- Be able to study issues about women's lives and experiences

Imagine our country without feminism. If you are a woman, you are not in college. You are not able to play sports or to vote. Contraception is illegal and so is abortion. You are expected to marry and raise a family. You have no legal protection if your boss or coworkers pressure you for sex...

(Excerpted from *Focus on Women's Issues*, the Women's Studies newsletter at Slippery Rock University. Source: What does Women's Studies have to do with Feminism? Susan Shaw and Janet Lee, Oregon State University.)

## International and National Conferences

**Third Wave Feminism International Conference**, sponsored by The Institute for Feminist Theory and Research, University of Exeter, UK. July 23-25, 2002 (<http://www.iftrweb.org>). Keynote addresses by Germaine Greer, Elaine Showalter, Susan Stryker and E. Ann Kaplan. Confirmed speakers include Jacqueline Labbe, Kate Fullbrook, Mary Orr, Sara Mills, Jacqueline Rose, John Dupre, Colin MacCabe, Susan Hayward, Clare Hanson and Pamela Church-Gibson. For more information (or to submit abstracts/panel proposals for academic papers, installations, readings, short films or performances by **February 14, 2002**) contact: Dr. Stacy Gillis, School of English, University of Exeter, Exeter, Devon EX4 4QH UNITED KINGDOM. Tel:+44 (0)1392 264343 Fax: +44 (0)1392 264361 Email: [s.j.gillis@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:s.j.gillis@exeter.ac.uk)

**The 9th International Forum on Women's Rights and Development: Re-Inventing Globalization**, presented by The Association for Women's Rights in Development, Guadalajara, Mexico. October 3-6, 2002. The goal of the conference is to go beyond the all too familiar critique of globalization to examine real alternatives and to transform these alternative visions into realities.

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION:** The Call for Participation is an invitation to develop-

ment practitioners, researchers, human rights specialists, activists, policy makers, representatives from multilateral and bilateral agencies, students and business people to submit their proposals for the AWID forum. The AWID International Planning Committee comprised of renowned feminists is soliciting proposals from around the world that can effectively tackle some of the toughest questions emerging from this new global order. Participation options include workshops, creative sessions, debates, poster sessions and skills-building sessions. For a full version of the Call for Participation, including submission guidelines, see the AWID website at <http://www.awid.org/forum/>. Or send an email to [forum@awid.org](mailto:forum@awid.org). The deadline to submit presentation proposals is December 31st, 2001.

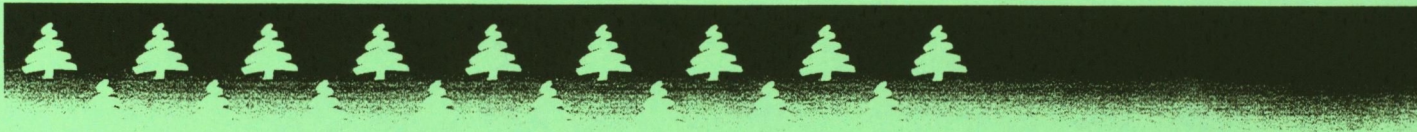
### National Conferences:

**Women Leaders 2002: A Symposium for Women in University Settings**, presented by the Center for Gender Equity at the University of California, San Francisco. Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Francisco, March 7-8, 2002. The conference will offer wonderful opportunities for education, inspiration, and connection for all university women and particularly those at UCSF. Highlights include 30 workshops in 3 tracks—Leadership, Personal

Development and Communication, a special reception, on site bookstore, raffles and giveaways and an exciting Women Artisans Galleria. Dr. Bertice Berry (sociologist, educator, author and comedian), Helen Zia (award-winning journalist, author and contributing editor to Ms. Magazine) and Molly Ivins (best selling author and syndicated political columnist) are the keynote presenters for Women Leaders 2002. If you visit the conference website, you will see the full line-up of presenters and programs. You can register online or download and print a copy of the registration for and fax to UCSF at 415.476.4849. [Http://www.ucsf.edu/cge/wls-2002](http://www.ucsf.edu/cge/wls-2002)

**Water in the Desert: A 30 Year Anniversary Celebration of Women in Activism, Academics and the Arts**, organized by the Women's Studies Program, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. March 8-10, 2002. For more information, email the department at [womenst@umn.edu](mailto:womenst@umn.edu).

**Masculinities and Femininities**, sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX. March 21-23, 2002. For more information, contact Deborah Blackwell, Dept of Social Services, 5201 University Blvd, Laredo, TX 78041-1900, or 956.326.2628 or [dblackwell@tamiu.edu](mailto:dblackwell@tamiu.edu).



## National Conferences (cont.)

**Third Wave Feminism**, a Purdue Women's Studies Symposium. At Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. April 5-6, 2002. We invite abstracts or descriptions of projects that reflect on-or do-Third Wave feminist work. In addition to standard academic papers, we invite innovative and diverse contributions, including performance pieces, installations, 'zines and other computer or web-based resources, sound and visual artwork or collages, as well as other kinds of writing, e.g. stories, poetry. Presentations or performance pieces should be no more than 20 minutes in length. Guest speakers will be Jennifer Drake, Asst Professor of English and Women's Studies, Indiana State University, co-editor of Third Wave. Please send a 250-500 word abstract to Pat Boling, Chair, Program Committee, Women's Studies Program, LAEB 1361, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1361. Electronic proposals submissions are welcome; please send attachment files to: [boling@polsci.purdue.edu](mailto:boling@polsci.purdue.edu). Include information regarding file format in your email to facilitate speedy processing of your submission. Abstracts are due by February 1, 2002. Notification by February 15th (if can email a notification, otherwise a bit later through snail mail).

**2002 National Sexual Violence Prevention Conference: Research and Practice in Sexual Violence Prevention-Enhancing the Dialogue**, organized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention. Chicago Marriott Downtown, Chicago. May 28-31, 2002. Conference registration materials will be available in February 2002. For current information, visit the website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc>.

### *Fellowship announcement:*

The National Council for Research on Women and the Center for the Study of Women and Society at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York announce a Rockefeller-funded humanities fellowship program, "Facing Global Capital, Finding Human Security: A Gendered Critique". Fellowships will be offered for 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 to selected activists, academics and policymakers. This interdisciplinary program will explore the uses of a human security framework for identifying non-discriminatory, sustainable policies for women and girls, drawing into dialogue critical theories in the humanities and social sciences, and discourses of policymakers and activists. More available at: <http://web.gc.cuny.edu/womenstudies/index.htm>. Applications for 2002/2003 are

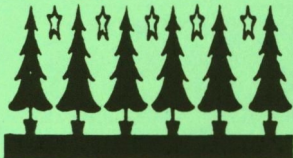
***"Age is something that doesn't matter, unless you are a cheese."***

**Billie Burke, Actress**

## Funding Opportunity

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has the following funding opportunities for teachers or community leaders available for 2002-2003:

**Eleanor Roosevelt Teaching Fellowship**-open to K-12 public school teachers and provides up to \$5,000 for professional workshop, courses, or conferences, including a dynamic, five day summer Teacher Institute in Washington, DC. Fellowships also provide seed money for planning a project to advance gender equity in classrooms and schools. Application postmark: January 10, 2002. For more information: <http://aauw.org/3000/fdnfelgra/ertf>.



**Community Action Grants**-open to individual women, AAUW branches, AAUW state organizations, and local community based non-profits. One year grants provide up to \$7,000 in seed money for community based projects to advance education and equity for women and girls.

Two year grants provide up to \$10,000 for planning and coalition building leading to the implementation of school or community based programs to encourage girls' interest and achievement in math, science and technology. Application postmark: January 15, 2002. For more information: <http://aauw.org/3000/fdnfelgra/cag>.



## Books to Contemplate... Websites to Explore

### Books:

- Duerk, J. 2001. *The Circle Continues: An Anthology of Response to the Circle of Stones*. Philadelphia: Innisfree Press, Inc.
- Iverson, K. 1999. *Molly Brown: Unraveling the Myth*. Boulder, CO: Johnson Books.
- Litt, J. 2000. *Medicalized Motherhood: Perspectives from the Lives of African American and Jewish Women*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers U Press.
- Ryan, B. 2001. *Identify Politics in the Women's Movement*. New York: NYU Press.



### Websites:

- [www.endvaw.org](http://www.endvaw.org)
- [www.adbusters.org/spoofads](http://www.adbusters.org/spoofads)
- [www.womenbooks.comFeminist](http://www.womenbooks.comFeminist)
- [www.newswecanuse.com](http://www.newswecanuse.com)

## Announcements

As of September 2001, Aurora Lesbian Center has officially changed its name to *Queer Action, A Northland Resource Center* (or *Queer Action* for short). If you would like to volunteer and/or support the work of Queer Action in some way, please call the center at 218.722.4903.

*Speak Out* is a national non-profit organization which promotes and disseminates progressive voices on campuses and communities nationwide. Committed to social, political, cultural and economic justice, *Speak Out* encourages critical and imaginative thinking about domestic and international issues through

educational and artistic forums. To request a complete booklet of 200 speakers, artists, exhibits and films, contact their office at 510.601.0182 or [info@speakoutnow.org](mailto:info@speakoutnow.org).

**The UMD Women's Studies Department is still accepting contributions to the 20th Anniversary Fund.** All monies received are funding activities associated with the 20th anniversary such as speaker fees and so on. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check to the department at 475 Humanities, UMD, Duluth MN 55812.

Also, we are considering starting a discussion /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](mailto:ws@d.umn.edu), or mail it to the department.



**"Courage is the price that Life exacts for granting peace."**

**Amelia Earhart,  
Aviator**

