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CELEBRATING  
WOMEN of CHARACTER,  
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National Women's History Month \* March 2014

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH KEYNOTE SPEAKER VANDANA SHIVA

We are thrilled that Vandana Shiva will be our keynote speaker for Women's History Month, on April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM in Kirby Ballroom. Dr. Shiva is the foremost ecofeminist scholar and activist in the world. Trained as a physicist, she received her PhD in Philosophy of Science from the University of Western Ontario, Canada in 1978. She is the author of more than 20 books, including *Staying Alive; Ecofeminism; Soil not Oil; Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability, and Peace; Water Wars: Privatization, Pollution, and Profit; Stolen Harvest: Hijacking the World's Food Supply;* and her most recent *Making Peace with the Earth*. She is the founder of Navdanya, a national movement in India to promote the protection of native

seed, organic farming, and fair trade practices. She has served on several governmental and international advisory committees, including the Women's Environment and Development Organization. She is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including the Right Livelihood Award: "The Alternative Nobel Prize."

In her lecture, "Making Peace with the Earth," Dr. Shiva will be making the argument that wars against the earth become wars against people, and that sustainable use of resources is the way toward peace and justice. The lecture is free and open to the public.



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## FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

I spent time with some of our alums over break. It's always so good to catch up on their lives and learn about the wonderful and exciting things they are doing. One is pursuing her PhD in Religious Studies and Women's and Gender Studies; another is working in a Twin Cities high school with at-risk youth, and weaving in stories from feminist history and goddess culture for their "treats" for the day; others have been travelling the world as WWOOFers (Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms); and many are busy raising families and delighting in the joys and challenges of feminist parenting.

It has been quite a year for us so far, with Starhawk, Mandy Carter, and Jean Kilbourne all coming to UMD and spending time with our students this past fall. We have more in store this spring, with Angela Davis coming on February 25<sup>th</sup> and Vandana Shiva on April 8<sup>th</sup>. One of our alums asked me how we've been able to bring in such amazing speakers the past couple of years, so I want to thank our Dean of CLA, Sue Maher, for her enthusiastic encouragement of these ventures. She inspired us by being what a friend of mine has recently coined, an 'angel advocate' (as opposed a 'devil's advocate') – someone who sees all the possibilities and nurtures these. I would like to thank her, and all the committee members who worked on securing funding, and our many, many co-sponsors for their contributions of funds so that we can bring such world-renowned speakers to our campus and community. Another new possibility that we hope to bring to fruition this spring is a new minor in LGBTQ Studies. Stay tuned on that one! Inside you'll find more information on all of our upcoming spring events. We look forward to an exciting spring semester.

## STARHAWK VISITS UMD



On October 14th, 2013 Starhawk, author, activist, ecofeminist, and witch, returned to her Duluth roots to speak at UMD. Pictures to the left are Kate Monson, Sara Anderson, Nicole Hackbarth, Lexie Generous, Kate Mensing, Abbie Scheiderer, Charles Grabuski, and Natalie Baker meeting with Starhawk after her Permaculture Basics Workshop presented on October 14th.

Pictured to the right is the panel discussion "Solidarity with the Web of Life" which focused on working cooperatively to preserve our watershed. Panelists pictured are (from left to right) Adam Ritscher, Labor organizer; Paula Maccabee, Attorney for Water Legacy; Starhawk; Karen Diver, Chairwoman, Fond du Lac Tribe; Reyna Crow, Northwood Wolf Alliance.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### ***MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATING WOMEN OF CHARACTER, COURAGE & COMMITMENT***

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#### **WOMEN OF CHARACTER, COURAGE & COMMITMENT—PANEL DISCUSSION**

Tuesday, March 4th @ 5PM Library Rotunda

*5 local women of character, courage & commitment sharing stories of their work in our community.*

#### **WGSS DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

Wednesday, March 5th, 11-1 Humanities 494

Join us for food, an awesome quiz & prizes, and good company

#### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

Friday, March 7th

#### **BROWN BAG: FEMINIST ACTIVISM IN URUGUAY BY TINEKE RITMEESTER**

Wednesday, March 12th, Noon

Kirby Student Center 264

#### **BROWN BAG: TRADITIONAL HERBALISM AND WOMEN'S HEALTH BY TINA FOX**

Wednesday, March 26th , Noon

Kirby Student Center 264

#### ***EARTH DEMOCRACY* - BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION**

Monday, March 31st @ 7PM Library Rotunda

Alworth Institute Book Club

## **APRIL**

### **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

### **VANDANA SHIVA : "MAKING PEACE WITH THE EARTH," -**

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**Tuesday, April 8th @ 6PM**

**UMD Ballroom**

#### **BROWN BAG: PAVSA**

Wednesday, April 9th, 12:00-1:00pm

Kirby Student Center 264

#### **CLOTHESLINE PROJECT ON DISPLAY IN THE KIRBY BUS HUB**

April 14th-18th, Kirby Bus Hub

The shirts you see displayed here have been made by people in your community and tell the stories of victims of domestic violence.

#### **BROWN BAG: MAN UP!**

Wednesday, April 23rd, 12:00-1:00pm Kirby Student Center 264

A presentation on masculinity by Nathaniel Schultz

#### **TAKE BACK THE NIGHT**

Thursday, April 24th,

TBD, Downtown Duluth

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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