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FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

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We begin the new academic year at full strength, refreshed and ready to begin with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Tineke has returned from her sabbatical year invigorated by her travels in Europe, Latin America, and Cuba, and by encounters with old and new colleagues and friends. Njoki has returned from her single-semester leave and her summer in Kenya feeling rejuvenated in her research, and enriched by the connections she made in Kenya. We thank her for her work there on the department's behalf, and are eager to continue her work of developing faculty and student exchanges.

We will soon be missing our wonderful administrative assistant, Andrea, who will be happily on maternity leave beginning in October. We are excited for her and will look forward to welcoming her (and her baby!) back when she returns later in the year.

All of us at UMD are facing the major challenge this year of a prioritization process that is affecting every program at UMD. This is a difficult process for all involved, one that has had the potential of pitting department against department, individual against individual, and academic and non-academic programs against each other. Our department grew out of the close collaboration of faculty and staff from every school and college on this campus. Beginning as the Women's Coordinating Committee, we branched into what became the Women's Studies Department, the Women's Resource and Action Center, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, and the Commission on Women. We are rooted together and honor those connections in our ongoing interactions and collaborations.

Our curriculum continues to include courses in departments and colleges across campus. Faculty and staff from across the campus serve on the Women's Studies Advisory Board. We work integrally on programming and courses with the Women's Resource and Action Center, the Alworth Institute, the Multicultural Center, LGBT Services, Health Services, the Office of Sustainability, the Library, KUMD, and the Office of Civic Engagement, just to name a few. We are all in this together and intend to go through this process in ways that are supportive of and in solidarity with each other.

In conclusion, in response to their reading of Patricia Hill Collins' piece on Afrocentric feminist epistemology, several students in my current Feminist Thought class took note of the quote by Lorraine Hansberry, that "the thing that makes you exceptional, ... is inevitably that which must also make you lonely" (To Be Young, Gifted, and Black, 1969). They were talking about the loneliness of being a WGSS major at UMD, where they are often inaccurately stereotyped, denigrated, and ostracized by their peers for their choice of major. This is a sad but too often true reality in the lives of our majors, a reflection of the anti-feminism rampant in our society. However, I focused them on the other prong of Hansberry's quote – that they are exceptional. Repeatedly, faculty in other departments tell us of how delighted they are to have Women's Studies students in their classes, because they are engaged; they are curious; they ask questions; they bring in critical perspectives; they are motivated to learn. We are indeed fortunate to engage in this teaching and learning endeavor with them. So, as we begin this new year, we welcome the students back, with appreciation for their engagement, curiosity, and inspiration.

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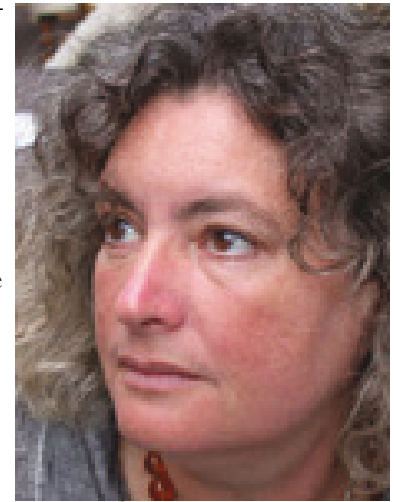
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STARHAWK COMING TO UMD

Starhawk, author, activist, ecofeminist, and witch, will be returning to UMD on Monday, October 14th. Starhawk is the author of several books and articles used in WGSS courses – *The Spiral Dance*, *The Earth Path*, and *The Empowerment Manual* – to mention a few. She has inspired several generations of students with her work.

Starhawk will be having a luncheon session with this year's "Women and Spirituality" class. Alums who are interested in joining us, please let us know! Later in the afternoon, she will be holding a Permaculture Basics Workshop where she will be teaching methods of applying the principles of sustainable design locally. The workshop will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Garden Room in Kirby Student Center, and is free and open to the public.

Beginning at 6 in Kirby Ballroom, Starhawk will be moderating a roundtable discussion, "Solidarity With the Web of Life," about working cooperatively to preserve our watershed. Panelists will include Reyna Crow, Northwoods Wolf Alliance; Karen Diver, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Linda Krug, Duluth City Councilor; Paula Maccabee, Water Legacy; Adam Ritscher, Labor organizer. Following the panel, Starhawk will lead a spiral dance outside Kirby (weather permitting, otherwise in the Ballroom.)



STARHAWK

We hope you can join us for this exciting and enriching day with Starhawk!

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SPEAKER FUND: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Every year, the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department in conjunction with the Women's Resource and Action Center, provides programming and speakers to the campus and community during the month of March in honor of Women's History Month. Over the years we have brought such keynote speakers as Peggy McIntosh, Barbara Smith, Susan Griffin, Angela Davis, and Sandra Steingraber, among many others, to campus. We want to be able to continue to bring these feminist scholars, activists, and visionaries for the benefit of the campus and the community. We are still hoping we will be able to bring Vandana Shiva to campus this spring. However, the costs for these speakers continue to rise just as available funds on campus are decreasing. If you have appreciated these speakers in the past and wish to help us continue to bring these nationally-renowned speakers to UMD, please send a donation, designated for the Women's History Month Speaker Fund, to the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department, 494 Humanities, University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, MN 55812. Any amount, small or large, is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



KILLING US SOFTLY CREATOR, JEAN KILBOURNE, ON CAMPUS NOV 7TH.

Jean Kilbourne, feminist author and filmmaker, internationally known for her "Killing Us Softly" film series on the power of advertising to shape gender norms and expectations, will be speaking at UMD on November 7th, time and place TBD. She will be speaking on her latest project, "Deadly Persuasion: How Advertising Affects Our Kids." The event is sponsored by the Miller Dwan Foundation, the UMD WGSS Department, and the UMD Women's Resource and Action Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- **Wednesday, September 25th WGSS Department Open House** *Join the Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Department for an Open House. Food, Door Prizes and time to meet faculty, staff and students.* **494 Humanities**

OCTOBER

- **All month: Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
- **All month: Queer History Month**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 12-1 pm National Coming Out Day Luncheon**
FREE. Must register to attend for head count. Please email Angie Nichols, GLBT Services Director at anicols@d.umn.edu
Sponsored by the UMD GLBTQA Commission **Kirby Ballroom**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 6 pm Hate Crimes Vigil**
Sponsored by Queer and Allied Student **Union TV Room**
- **Friday, Oct 11th, 12-1:30 pm WGSS Community Luncheon**
The Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department hosts a community luncheon with students, faculty and local women’s organizations. Registration is required. **Location TBD**
- **Saturday, Oct. 12th, 7-10 pm 13th Annual Fall Drag Show!**
Tickets are \$5 at the door
Sponsored by Queer and Allied Students Union **Kirby Ballroom**
- **Monday, Oct. 14-19 Domestic Violence Exhibit**
Sponsored by UMD Women's Resource and Action Center and NCWP **Multicultural Center**
- **Monday, Oct. 21st, 6-8 pm Get Smart Workshop Same Sex Relationships and Domestic Violence/Abuse**
Sponsored by GLBT Services, Queer and Allied Students Union, and Women's Resource and Action Center **Location TBD**

NOVEMBER



Thursday, Nov. 7th, time and place TBD. Jean Kilbourne, “Deadly Persuasion: How Advertising Affects Our Kids.” (see inset on Page 2)

Monday, Nov. 12th, 5 pm Art Enrichment Program

FREE and FUN "Art Projects for Healing"

For students, faculty, staff and community members, anyone who has been affected by abuse, a survivor of bullying, family violence, sexual assault, academic pressures, or harassment.

Sponsored by UMD's Women's Resource and Action Center and North Central Window Program **KSC 264**

Tue, November 20th, 10 am-2 pm Transgender Day of Remembrance

Queer and Allied Students Union Tabling in **Kirby Student Center**

Monday, Nov. 26th, 4-6 pm Women's Self Defense Workshop

Come learn skills, assertiveness and physical technique. Taught by Chris Correia of North Shore Taekwondo

Sponsored by Women's Resource & Action Center **SpHC 150A**

Wed, Nov. 28th, 12-1 pm Brown Bag: Women & Technology

Sponsored by Women's Resource & Action Center **RDC 333**

Wednesday, Nov 28th, 11 am Film: And the Band Plays On

The story of the discovery of the AIDS epidemic and the political infighting of the scientific community hampering the early fight with it.

Sponsored by GLBT Services **KSC 273**

In Memoriam: Jackson Huntley

We are saddened by the recent passing of our UMD colleague and friend, Jackson Huntley. Jackson taught at UMD for many years, and served as the Associate Dean of CLA for eight years, during which time he was a friend and supporter of Women’s Studies and those of who teach in it. He was a kind and caring man, and always put the needs and interests of students first. We were fortunate to have known and worked with him.

Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

FILM SERIES

Ghost in the Shell 9/24	A Place at the Table
Chocolat 10/8	10/22
A Question of Silence 10/14	The Business of Being Born 12/4

Stay tuned for more information on location and times. Have a film you’d like to show? Call 726-7953

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