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**WOMEN’S STUDIES INTEREST GROUP**  
University of Alabama in Huntsville

**Issues In Women’s Studies Continues Its Series**

**Upcoming Panel.** Last fall, at the first organizational meeting of the Women’s Studies Interest Group, several of us agreed to organize a few panel discussions (ISSUES IN WOMEN’S STUDIES) to simply generate some interest and networking for women’s studies. The past two panels have been stimulating and enlightening, and we thank all the panelists for their participation and all of you for attending. Certainly interest in Women’s Studies is alive on the UAH campus. This group has planned one more session which will be on May 3, 1991, at 3:30, in the University Center, Room 127.

**New Format.** What we have learned from the organization of these panels is that some very interesting comments occurred after the formal panels when individuals informally discussed (argued?) some of the issues. Some of the questions posed require a depth of discussion that simply cannot be given enough attention in the current format. Therefore, we have decided to change our format for the next presentation. In order to provide more time for discussion, we have decided to schedule just one speaker for our next meeting. Julie Early will present a few comments on the consequences of Women’s Studies for students. The format will be that Julie will present some brief comments as a starting place for our discussion will provide a starting place for the discussion, and we want everyone who wishes to participate to do so.

**Where we go from here.** At the May meeting, we will also set aside some time to discuss where we go from here. Interest has emerged that seems to be organized along two related but different lines. First, some individuals have expressed an interest in seriously working for a Women’s Studies Program here at UAH. Second, some wish to focus on continuing some type of forum for those interested in continued scholarly exchange on women’s studies. These could take the form of brown-bag lunches, roundtable discussions, panels, reading groups, etc. In order to facilitate our discussion of future plans, we are attaching a survey with this newsletter to solicit your ideas. Please fill out the attached questionnaire and return to Nancy Finley, Department of Sociology, Morton Hall by April 29, 1991. We will discuss the results and future plans at our May meeting. Hope to see you there.

Nancy Finley, Sandra Carpenter, Mary Lynne Dittmar

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**ISSUES IN WOMEN’S STUDIES**

A Series of Discussions Presented by the Women’s Studies Interest Group

announces its next meeting

"What’s In a Name? We Used to be Redundant Women, Now We’re Returning Students"

Julie Early  
Department of English

Friday, May 3, 1991  
Room 127 University Center 3:30 pm - 5:00

Everyone is welcome.  
For further information, call 895-6190.

The Henry A. Murray Research Center of Radcliffe College offers several awards which might be of interest to you or your students. The Radcliffe Research Program offers small grants to postdoctoral investigators for research drawing on the data resources of the Murray Center, computer time, assistance in coding data, and other research expenses. Grants of up to $5,000 are available at two deadlines October 15 and April 15. If you are interested in applying for any of these awards, contact Nancy Kressin, The Henry A. Murray Research Center, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

- Source: Sociologists For Women in Society - South

*****RESOURCE CENTER*****

Good News! We are beginning to collect allot of information about Women’s Studies (ie., pamphlets, grant information, etc.). In order to make these things available to everyone, we needed a resource center. Dean Meek in the College of Liberal Arts has arranged for space to be made available in part of Room 216 in Morton Hall. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help organize, please contact Nancy Finley, 5-6190. Everyone start collecting things that might be used in this center.
Upcoming UAH Courses Related to Women's Studies

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If anyone knows of any other courses that should be included, let us know and we'll put them in the next newsletter.

Southern Conference on Women's History

The Southern Association for Women Historians is sponsoring THE SECOND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S HISTORY in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on June 7-8, 1991. The schedule of events appears to have some very interesting sessions planned. If you are interested in knowing more about this conference, contact Johanna Shields, Dept. of History.

Margaret Meggs, Vanderbilt Women's Studies, will lead a workshop in sacred dance/creative movement held in the Florence area on Sat., June 8. You can learn about the history of these very old folk circle dances from around the world and participate in the movements. Cost is $25 (sliding scale) and lunch will be provided. Register by May 11 by calling Jan K. for times and location, (205)-766-4965.

Women's Studies at UAB

The following are upcoming lectures and events sponsored by the Women's Studies Program at UAB. All are in Birmingham.

April 27 Play: "Fannie Lou Hammer: This Little Light..." Written, directed, and performed by Billy Jean Young, Asst. Prof. of Speech and Dramatic Art, Jackson State Univ. UAB Hulsey Recital Hall, 8 pm Admission $5.00

May 7 Jonnie Carr, President of the Montgomery Improvement Association, and Virginia Durr, Civil Rights activist. Class lecture, SOC 491, 5:45-7:70 p.m., UAB.

May 14 Artharine Lucy Foster, first African-American to attempt to integrate the University of Alabama. Class lecture, SOC 491, 5:45-7:50 p.m., UAB.

May 16 Virginia Volker, UAB Instructor, Dept. of Biology; Civil Rights activist and former member of Friendship in Action. Class lecture, SOC 491, 5:45-7:50 p.m., UAB.

Future Newsletters

It is our goal to make this newsletter a regular open forum for exchange of information for WISG. We would like to include information about activities and opportunities related to women's studies on UAH's campus and in the region. Please send contributions to Rose Norman, Department of English, Morton Hall.

WISG is an open group of UAH Faculty and Staff interested in promoting Women's Studies on UAH Campus. All interested persons are welcome to participate.
Any information that you provide will help with the organization of WSIG. If you need more space, feel free to add any additional comments on the back. After completing the survey, please fold and return to Mary Lynne Dittmar, Dept. of Psychology, Morton Hall 126. If possible, please return by April 29th. Thanks for your help!

What activities would you like to see WSIG undertake? (check as many as applicable)

CAMPUS FORUMS
Brown Bag Lunch Discussions
Reading Discussion Groups
Panels
Debates
Internal Speakers
External Speakers

COURSEWORK
Providing lists of courses relevant to Women's Studies
Developing a Women's Studies Minor
Developing Interdisciplinary Courses
Developing Special Topics Courses

RESOURCES
Produce a Regular Newsletter
Obtain a Women's Resource Center
Seek a Formal Women's Studies Program
Develop Women's Studies Reading Lists and Library Resources

OTHER ACTIVITIES OR COMMENTS

On which of the above would you be willing to work? (It's OK to leave this blank, but please still return this survey)
As an organizer: As a committee member: As a speaker or facilitator:

What topics would you like to see covered at WSIG Forums?

If you would like to suggest some possible speakers (on campus or off), please list below.

Do you teach any courses that would be appropriately listed as relevant to Women's Studies? If so, list with the next term and year they will be offered.

Name ___________________________________________ Phone # __________________________

UAH or Home Address ____________________________________________

What is your discipline or area of interest?

Do you know other people who might be interested in WSIG? If so, please provide their names and addresses below, and they will be added to our mailing list.

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