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WOMEN'S STUDIES INTEREST GROUP

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ISSUES IN WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM SERIES

presents

"YOU ARE THE GAME: SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON CAMPUS"

A FILM PRODUCED BY
INDIANA UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR MEDIA AND TEACHING
RESOURCES

UAH University Center, Room 146 (Mom's)
Friday, February 28, 1992
4:00-5:30 pm

Open discussion to follow the film.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 895-6190

A Note for Students

by Sheri Clark

Steering Committee Student Representative

We wish to extend a particular invitation to students to become involved in WSIG. So far WSIG has only attracted a small number of student participants at its activities. Perhaps you believed that it was for faculty only or you were intimidated by the presence of faculty. The Steering Committee of WSIG wants to reiterate that our group is open to everyone, women, men, faculty, students, community members, etc.

WSIG is an umbrella group from which several activities have spun. I have heard several students say that perhaps it is time to organize a student reading group. Many of the students are interested in topics related to women's studies and would like to have an informal academic reading group to discuss some of the basic issues amongst ourselves. Articles of interest to students will be chosen by students and the group will meet to discuss the readings. The meetings will probably occur at a coffee house or some other informal public meeting place. If you have interest in such a group, please contact Sheri Clark at 830-8365 or Gina Klinzak at 882-0799 by March 2, 1992.

Get Involved with WSIG

Anyone interested in getting involved with women's studies activities at UAH is encouraged to join one of three recently formed standing committees. For further information or to volunteer information, advice, or participation, call any listed committee member.

Program Committee - Charged with planning a long-range schedule of WSIG events, about one event per term.

Members:

Susan Blevins (student, 837-5098)
Ann Boucher (office 6450)
Glenna Colclough (office 6190)
Marcy Lawton (office 6915)
Rose Norman (office 6320)

Curriculum Committee - Will work toward formalizing curricular offerings, perhaps as a minor through UAH's Cognate Studies option. This committee will also collect information on current and proposed course offerings relevant to women's studies, and publicize them.

Members:

Sandra Carpenter (office 6191)
Mary Lynne Dittmar (office 6191)
Julie Early (office 6320)
Nancy Finley (office 6190)
Gina Klinzak (student, 882-0799)

Women's Resource Center Committee - Morton Hall room 216 (outer office) has been designated as a Women's Studies Resource Center. This committee will work on setting up that room as a place where students and faculty can access information of all kinds.

Members:

Amanda Deason (student, 828-0786)
Susan Fillippeli (office 6645)
Susan Herring (office 6432)
Susan Kray (office 6645)
Elizabeth Pollard (office 6313)

Steering Committee - This is the umbrella group for coordinating WSIG activities.

Members:

Sheri Clark (Psychology student)
Mary Lynne Dittmar (Psychology faculty)
Susan Fillippeli (Communication Arts faculty)
Nancy Finley (Sociology faculty)
Elaine Fredericksen (Communication Arts faculty)
Rose Norman (English faculty)
Elizabeth Pollard (Library faculty)
Subcommittee Chairs (ex officio)

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Spring 1992 - Upcoming UAH Courses Related to Women's Studies

SOC 340 Special Topics: Feminist Theory. TT 1:40-3:40 Nancy Finley

Examines the contemporary issues in the rapidly-developing area of feminist theory, including perspectives such as Liberal Enlightenment Feminism, Cultural Feminism, Marxist Feminism, and Postmodernism. Discussions will include the epistemologies, methodologies, and practice of feminist research. Although the course will focus on the impact on social sciences, it will address the interdisciplinary nature of the feminist perspective.
(Prerequisites: SOC 306 or permission of instructor)

CM 340 Intercultural Communication. TT 10:10-12:10 Susan Kray

Public, personal and media communication between cultures and genders, with particular focus on ways in which gender, class, ethnicity and race interact.

Women's Resource Center

WSIG now has a "room of it's own" in Morton Hall, the outer office of room 216. Also, WSIG has its own official campus mailing address. Now, women's studies information that comes to campus will have a central headquarters.

Women's Studies mail can be addressed to WSIG, Box 1950, UAH, 35899.

In the coming weeks, the Women's Resource Center Committee will be putting a sign on the door and setting up the room for posting announcements and making readily available such information as Women's Studies program descriptions, graduate programs, and local activities of interest to women. Over time, we expect to build a useful archive of women's studies resource materials here.

Some of these materials will come from an electronic mail discussion group on women's studies, WMST-L, where women's studies scholars around the country (and the world) post all sorts of valuable information. The WSIG newsletter draws its calendar of upcoming conferences, calls for papers, etc., from WMST-L. The Resource Center will be a place to post much more detailed and timely information, as well as for posting sign-up sheets for forming student study groups.

Please use this room! Contact Susan Fillippeli (Communication Arts, 895-6645) for information about access.

Carol Gilligan Speaking in Nashville

Carol Gilligan, author of *In a Different Voice*, will be giving a public lecture in Nashville, March 17, at 7:30 p.m., in David K. Wilson Hall, room 103. For information about carpooling from Huntsville for that event, contact Joy Haralick, Sociology Department, 895-6190.

WSIG Program Planning

The newly formed Program Committee met recently to discuss plans for upcoming meetings and to assess the success of previous programs. So far in 1991-92, WSIG has sponsored one social event, the reception for Sue Rosser, and one issue-oriented event, the upcoming film on sexual harassment. The three 1990-91 events were all scholarly presentations, with a variety of panelists speaking on issues of interest to women's studies. The committee concluded that the mix of social/issues/scholarly would be a good one, and we plan to try for a similar mix for 1992-93.

The sexual harassment film (scheduled for Mom's at 4 p.m. February 28) will be a good opportunity for discussion of this timely issue. There will be an opportunity to discuss reactions to the film itself and to discuss the issue of sexual harassment.

For this coming spring's event, we would like to plan something more like the scholarly presentations we had in 1990-91. Attendees have told us that they prefer smaller panels, perhaps with only one speaker, allowing plenty of time for discussion after the formal presentation. Several potential speakers have been suggested, and the committee is open to suggestions for others.

For 1992-93, we plan to link the major events with a single theme, such as Women and Labor, arranging speakers and other events accordingly. We also hope to coordinate some of these events with the Honors Program speakers, as we did with the Sue Rosser reception, when Rosser was speaking on Women in Science for the Honors Forum. It has also been suggested that we bring in more speakers in science and the social sciences.

Please feel free to phone any member of the Program Committee (see list, p. 1) with your ideas for speakers and program topics.

Calls For Manuscripts

The Clarendon Press (Oxford) plans a special issue of The Humanities Computing Yearbook (HCY) on the use of **computing in the inter-disciplinary field of Women's Studies**. Editor Rosanne G. Potter is seeking offprints and new essays, including review essays, relating such disciplines such as Art, History, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Sociology, etc., to computational technology. Send offprints, descriptions of research, letters of inquiry, to: Rosanne G. Potter, Chair, Women's Studies Program, 247 Ross Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011, <SL.RGP@ISUMVS>

The University of Chicago Press announces a call for manuscripts for its new book series on **sexuality, history, and society**. The multidisciplinary series will address all aspects of the history of sexuality and will investigate issues such as the regulation of sexuality, socially constructed sexual mores, sexual politics, and cross-cultural sexual behavior. For more information or to submit manuscripts, contact the editor, John C. Fout, Department of History, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504 (914) 758-7543

Papers are solicited for the first collection on **Tillie Olsen's life and art**. The collection will be representative of American critical and cultural diversity, and a testimony of Olsen's efforts to bring marginalized and mainstream together. Direct papers by May 15, 1992 to: Kay Hoyle Nelson, 5529 University Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637 (312) 947-0983 or Nancy Huse, English Department, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL 61201 (309) 794-7384

The Simone de Beauvoir Society solicits papers for a conference on **Simone de Beauvoir and Women Writers Throughout the Centuries**. The conference is January 22-24, 1993, Palo Alto, California. Papers of a maximum of twelve typewritten pages, double spaced, should be submitted by May 15, 1992 to: Yolanda Astarita Patterson, 440 La Mesa Drive, Menlo Park, California 94028.

The Commission on the Status of Women of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) is seeking research papers or panel proposals for competitive sessions at the 1992 annual meeting in Montreal. Feminist scholarship on issues related to **gender and communication** is desired. Papers may vary considerably to include critical, historical, semiotic, ethnographic, legal or social scientific approaches. Papers that explicitly indicate a feminist stance, both political and theoretical are recommended. The commission **particularly encourages submissions by students**. Four copies of all papers or proposals must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, April 1, 1992. Send material or direct questions to: Susan J. Kaufman, Department of Journalism, Eastern Illinois University, Buzzard Building 100, Charleston, IL 61920. Phone: 217-581-5956 (o); 812-234-1634(h); eakauf@indsvox1.bitnet

Technical Communication Quarterly solicits papers for a 1993 special issue on **Gender Issues in Technical Communication**. They are looking for papers that place particular emphasis on feminist theory and praxis, or that ground technical communication research in feminist perspectives. Summaries due by June 1, 1992, full article by October 15, 1992. The editors **strongly encourage graduate student submissions**. Send inquiries and proposals to: Amanda Goldrick-Jones, Department of Language, Literature & Communication, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy NY 12180.

Grants and Seminars

The Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women's Research, Resources and Scholarship announces its third annual **Abigail Associates Award**, a program established to support research on women and women's issues. The 1992 award is a \$3,000 grant toward research/travel expenses for a project related to women from the Catholic tradition and their contribution to public policy and/or service. Application deadline: April 24, 1992. For guidelines and application materials, write or call: Catherine Lupori, Director, The Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center for Women, 2004 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105, (612) 690-6783.

The Henry A. Murray Research Center of Radcliffe College announces the availability of visiting scholar opportunities and grants of up to \$5,000 for **postdoctoral research** drawing on the center's data resources. Funds of up to \$2,500 are available for **dissertation research** focusing either on gender issues in human development or personality, the development of sex or gender differences or some developmental issue of particular concern to girls or women. Application deadline for both is April 1, 1992. For further information, contact the Henry A. Murray Research Center, Radcliffe College, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138, 617/495-8140.

NEH Summer Seminars of Interest to Women's Studies

NEH summer seminars are aimed toward professors whose primary duties involve teaching undergraduates, but independent scholars are also encouraged to apply. The following seminars will take place in summer 1992. They are from 5-8 weeks long; stipends are from \$2825-\$4000, depending on length. For more information, contact the individual seminar directors. The application deadline is March 2, 1992.

"The New Gender Scholarship: Women & Men in U.S. History."
Lois W. Banner, Program for the Study of Women and Men, Social Sciences B15, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089. Rethinking historical texts and issues in terms of gender and other human differences.

"Identity and Loyalty in Europe and the Americas from 1700."
Richard Herr, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Nationalism compared with class, ethnic, racial, and gender bases for group identification.

"The Woman Question in Western Thought, 1750-1950."
Karen Offen, Institute for Research on Women & Gender, Serra House, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305. The controversy over women's status in relation to political and intellectual developments.

"The Construction of the 'New Woman' and the 'New Man' in the 1890s."
Martha Vicinus, Department of English, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Public discussions and literary representations of masculinity and femininity in late Victorian England.

Calendar of Conferences

March 6-7, 1992 Austin, TX

"New Perspectives on Women and Violence: A Symposium"

Sponsored by The Texas Journal of Women and the Law in conjunction with the University of Texas School of Law.

Contact: Nancy Prosser, (512)471-3227.

March 13-15, 1992 Winston-Salem, NC

"North Carolina Women Writers: Making the Difference"

Featured Speakers: Maya Angelou, Doris Leader Charge, and Doris Betts

Contact: NC Writers' Network 919/967-9540

April 4-5, 1992 Berkeley, CA

"Women and Language Conference"

Contact: Conference Organizers (510)642-2757

April 12-15, 1992 Portland, OR

"11th Annual Lewis & Clark Gender Studies Symposium"

Featured Speakers: Katha Pollitt, Michael Kaufman, and Gloria Anzaldua

Contact: Laurie Finke, (503) 768-7416

April 24-25, 1992 Bowling Green, OH

"Reassessing the Grounds for our Struggle: Connecting Women's Lives in Theory, Practice and Performance" Sponsored by the Women's Studies Program at Bowling Green State University.

Featured speakers: Elizabeth Fox-Genovese and Marnia Lazreg.

Contact: Arlene Spoore (419) 372-7133.

May 26-28, 1992 Ocean City, MD

"Other Voices: American Women Writers of Color Conference"

Contact: Drs. White or Erskine, English, Salisbury State U,
1101 Camden Ave., Salisbury, MD 21801

September 24-26, 1992 Bowling Green, KY

6th Annual WKU Women's Studies Conference.

"Women: Voices, Visions, and Vexations" Sponsored by Potter College Women's Studies Committee of Western Kentucky University

Featured Speaker: Annette Kolodny

Contact: Program Committee (502) 745-6477 or 745-2344.

March, 1993 Swarthmore, PA

"Nineteenth Century Feminist Strategies for Non-Violence." Sponsored by the Swarthmore College Peace Collection in conjunction with Swarthmore College and Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College to celebrate the bicentennial of the birth of Lucretia Mott.

Send one-page proposals on Mott and other women in the 19th century peace movement to: Dr. Wendy E. Chmielewski, Curator, Swarthmore College Peace Collection, 500 College Avenue, Swarthmore, PA 19081.

Job Listing

Director, Women's Resource Office

Purdue University

Responsible for leadership in improving the campus climate for women, and for developing and administering programs and services that address the needs and concerns of all women faculty, staff, and students.

Requires experience in the area of women's issues and gender-related concerns; an understanding of and appreciation for diversity; demonstrated success in program initiation and implementation through effective collaboration with other offices and constituents; leadership skills to build and maintain campus-wide credibility and support; initiative, flexibility, and strong interpersonal and communication skills. Master's degree required; doctoral or terminal degree and faculty experience are preferred. A faculty appointment in a relevant academic department is possible, depending upon qualifications.

APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS: Screening will commence on March 1, 1992, and will continue until the position is filled. Please submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least five references to: Dr. Ann Hancock, Chair, Search Committee for Director, Women's Resource Office, Purdue University, 1075 Hovde Hall, Room 241, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1075

Third World Women's Database

A database of Third World women's literary works is being compiled for over six hundred novels, collections of short stories, plays, poetry collections, and personal narratives, and many entries are annotated.

Information about new publications is welcome. For search information, contact Barbara Fister, Folke Bernadotte Memorial Library, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota 56082 (telephone 507-933-7553; internet address fister@gacvx.1.gac.edu).

About WSIG

WSIG is an open group of UAH Faculty, Students, and Staff interested in promoting Women's Studies at UAH. All interested persons are welcome to participate through joining committees, participating in programs and study groups, or other ways that seem appropriate. Formed in fall 1990, WSIG has mainly focused on coordinating women's studies efforts around campus, bringing people together to share information and expertise.

The WSIG newsletter is intended as a regular open forum for exchange of information. 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 your newsletter contributions to the WSIG, Box 1950, or give them directly to Nancy Finley, Sociology Department, or Rose Norman, English Department.