# CENTER FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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(top) Guest Speaker: Helen Zia (bottom) Love Trumps Hate Protest

In this season of gratitude, looking back over the Fall semester, we are especially thankful for these things:

- The opening of Haven, a new sexual assault survivor support center and their partnership with WMST
- Powerful guest speakers who traveled many miles to speak with us, including Lakota feminist activist Taté Walker, civil rights activist and journalist Helen Zia, film director Aurora Guerrero, poet and organizer Mwende Katwiwa, chef and historian Michael Twitty, and beloved alum Poppy Liu '13
- An inspiring visit to Planned Parenthood Utica with the Women, Health, and Medicine class and the Biology of Women FSEM
- A thoughtful call to action from our Advisory Board honoring student activism and pledging sustained momentum for social change on the part of WMST faculty and staff
- An energizing trip to the National Women's Studies Association Conference in Montréal with students, faculty, and staff
- A hardworking, dynamic, and caring team, including our new AA, Maxine Campbell, and our WMST student interns, and our LGBTQ Initiatives partners

We are looking forward to another semester of learning, activating, and building community.

> Meika Loe, Director Allie Fry, Program Assistant



Center for Women's Studies Intern Team





(top) Clothesline Project at Haven (bottom) Guest Speaker: Taté Walker







WMST 202 visit to the Shako:wi Cultural Center

"We're coming out of two hundred years plus of colonialism and genocide and that means reclaiming not just land and sovereign rights but also identities, like two-spirit." Taté Walker

> "If we feel like we should recognize Native peoples, we can't keep colonizing them." Martha Montufar

"I grew up a sucker for love stories. I want to be the John Hughes of my community but not problematic like that and more complex." Aurora Guerrero

Aurora Guerrero (left) Prof. Anna Ríos-Rojas (right) Prof. Cristina Serna

Mwende "FreeQuency" Katwiwa dinner with WMST community

Halloween (left) Prof. Meika Loe (right) Prof. Danny Barreto

# **CENTER FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES** Fall 2016 Brown Bag Series Tuesdays | 11:30am | Center for WMST

#### AUGUST

30 The F Word

#### SEPTEMBER

- Gender & Sexuality in Native American Cultures
- 13 Latino, Hispanic, Chicano... What's the Difference?
- **Unpacking the Feminist** Ethics of Study Abroad use '17, Rometia L ntufar '17, Grace W
- Queer Women of Color Media Activism: A Conversation with Writer/Director Aurora Guerrero

#### OCTOBER

- #WEDIDTHAT: Where we came from, where we are, and where we're going
- **QPOC Coming Out Stories**
- Local Activism: Disability **Rights & Anti-Hate**

#### NOVEMBER

- 01 **Responding to Sexual** Violence at Colgate
- Performance & Discussion with Anti-Racism & Reproductive Justice Organizer & Poet Mwende "FreeQuency" Katwiwa
- "Special Needs:" Labels, Euphemisms, and the En-Gendering of Disability
- 17 Thought Into Action: Women Making a Difference TA Shu
- Gender & Sexuality in Ghana & Nigeria: Understanding Politics & Advocacy

#### DECEMBER

- **Reflections on Decoloniality** 01
- 06 Helen Zia: Journalism at the Intersections of Racism, Homophobia, and Sexism

"These are the kind of terms we use that make us feel special and safe and happy, but they don't make the people we label special and safe and happy." **Prof. Ashley Taylor** 

"Art forms, books of poetry are legitimate forms of knowledge." Ashleandra Opoku

"Organizing, when you get down to it, is one-onone people meeting people, even beyond social media. It's all about talking to people and finding out who they are and what they care about." **Helen Zia** 

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