

women's studies *News*

Colgate University Women's Studies Program

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From the Directors...

It is a pleasure for us to write a joint letter for the first Women Studies Newsletter. We thought we would begin by telling you a bit about ourselves and our involvement in women's studies and then outline what we hope will happen this year.

Marilyn was hired in Spring 1974, the first year that Colgate brought several women into entry level faculty positions. We came to Colgate just as the first class of women graduated. There is no question that there was a connection: no sooner were women students here, and they (and others) perceived the value of women faculty. Soon after, women students and faculty aligned around issues for women on campus. Foremost among these was the need for introducing Women Studies.

Working with colleagues on an NEH grant to develop an interdisciplinary, team-taught course led me to explore implications of feminist perspectives for my own research and departmental courses. Recently, my focus within the field of Philosophy and Religion is developing feminist philosophies of religion, ones attentive to the ways race, class, gender, heterosexism, and ethno-centrism have manipulated religions, particularly Christianity, to subjugate, violate, and annihilate peoples and cultures, historically and today.

Kay came to Colgate in 1986 and shortly after, my class in moral development and education

was cross listed as a Women's Studies class. My interest is in how the kind of moral thinking first heard in women's interviews about self and morality changes the moral landscape. My current work is focused on how teachers build classroom relationships and teach children to think about themselves not only as individuals who achieve, but also as people in relationship to those around them. My academic department is education and I currently serve as Chair of that department.

We have both been involved in women's studies through our work as teachers and members of the women's community. So we bring these experiences to our goals of connecting the programming at the Center for Women's Studies more closely to the academic offerings in our Women's Studies concentration. We hope to continue the on-going work at the Center and bring the faculty involved in the teaching of Women's Studies courses into more conversations with the students at the Center. When we met with Joan Mandle last spring to discuss our priorities, the three of us agreed that this is something which needs attention.

You may have met Ami Lynch out Intern for the year. If you have not done so yet, drop by and introduce yourself to her. We have some interesting programs planned for the year and our Brown Bag Lunches will give us all lots to think (continued on page 3)

FREE FOOD!

Thought that would catch your attention! The Brown Bag Lunch Series at the Center for Women's Studies now begins on Tuesdays at 11:30 and runs until 1. As always there will be sandwiches of different varieties including vegetarian, as well as drinks and desserts. Brown Bag Lunch topics vary weekly with the speakers and prove to be educational as well as entertaining. See the calendar for a listing of the topics and speakers.

Women's Studies Library

The Center for Women's Studies is home to the Women's Studies Library. Books are available for checkout and periodicals and journals are available to be read at the Center. We have a collection with topics as diverse as women's health, poverty, welfare, politics and education.

A great feature of our library is the career/internship section. There are also changing displays and reserve books and readings that some professors have at the Center. Reserve books cannot be checked out but the library provides a quiet area for students to work and read.

Center for Women's

Studies

HOURS:

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-5p.m.

FALL 1997 CALENDAR

September

8 Monday - 8 p.m.

Underground Railway Theater
"Mothers and Whores"
Hall of Presidents (4 p.m. Workshop, Center for Women's Studies)

9 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m.

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Sara Wider *To Be Rightly Understood: Anna Tilden, Unitarian Culture and the Problem of Self-Representation*. Center for Women's Studies

15 Monday - 6 p.m.

First Year Ice Cream Social
Center for Women's Studies
Meet classmates, and university leaders.

16 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m.

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Rosie Swale "Impossible: Often only means 'nearly impossible'"
Center for Women's Studies

23 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m.

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Jackson Katz "Football and Feminism"
Center for Women's Studies

30 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m.

Brown Bag Lunch Series
"Invitation to Inspiration"
Monica Crawley, author and former advisor to Richard Nixon

October

WOMEN IN SCIENCE WEEK

6 Monday (Time TBA)

Dr. Tundi Agardy will speak about her work with the World Wildlife Fund and the International Conservation Union in creating conservation areas across the globe.

7 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m.

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Women in Science Discussion Panel

8 Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Romona Haebler will speak about her work with the E.P.A.

9 Thursday - 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Rose Gallagher a nuclear physicist at Beth Israel Hospital in NYC will speak in the Science Colloquium. 209 Lathrop

10 Friday Lee Denim National Breast Cancer Day Pay \$5 to American Cancer Society and wear jeans to show support.

21 Tuesday - 11:30 a.m.

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Rika Schmitt "Do Women Matter?: Prosecutorial Decision Making"
Center for Women's Studies

Don't Forget Absentee Ballots!!

Are you registered to vote? That is the first question to ask yourself. If you are not registered to vote and would like to be registered in the Hamilton area that is an easy possibility, or you can register in your home town.

People who are registered in their home town who cannot get there on **November 4** need to get an absentee ballot. This is done by first calling the Registrar of Voters in your town and requesting an application. After you receive the application and fill it out (it's very

short) you send it back to the Registrar and then you will receive the absentee ballot. That should be returned as soon as possible (there is not a universal deadline) and then you can say you voted. Most registrars send things very quickly so don't feel that it's a long process

Remember: Just because it's not a Presidential election year doesn't mean that you shouldn't vote. A vote is your say in the government, whether it's local or national and it's important. Choose or Lose!

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

On Saturday, September 27 the Center for Women's Studies is going to Syracuse to take part in **One Loud No!** Keynote Speaker: Martha McCaughey, author of *Real Knock-outs: The Physical Feminism of Women's Self-Defense*. Call Ami x7156 if interested

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CENTER FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

**"It is not enough to be
compassionate. You must
ACT!"**

As the Center for Women's Studies takes on numerous projects, it is always striving to develop more. Our goal is to educate and activate the Colgate Community. By providing resources such as the *New York Times*, journals, and local, regional, and national newsletters, we hope that students will inform themselves as to what is happening globally and locally and work to change injustices that they see.

Are you angered at things you see on the news? Do pay gaps make you wonder why? Then there is definitely a place for you at the Center for Women's Studies. We have a wonderful, highly motivated staff and great volunteers. They are all leaders and now is your time to shine by working on student run projects, or maybe even your own.

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(continued from front page) about and the opportunity to hear what some of the professors on campus are working on. We are delighted to be working with Ami, Mary Keys, and each other and look forward to working with many of you over this next term. In addition, we anticipate collaborating with other interdisciplinary programs and the ALANA Cultural Center.

Kay Johnston & Marilyn Thie

FEMINIST MAJORITY ON CAMPUS

You are invited to take part in the new campaign that the Feminist Majority is implementing on campuses nation-wide. Colgate University is one of the first campuses the Feminist Majority is targeting in it's first year of the **Campus Campaign for Choice**.

The campaign is broken down into three parts: Reproductive Choices, Choices in Careers, and Choices in Leadership. This is an opportunity to be part of a nationally organized group and to be part of the framework from which it builds. This is a leadership opportunity and an active campaign.

The Center's Student assistant **Heather Brown '99'** interned at the Feminist Majority in Washington, D.C. this summer and will be spear-heading the project along with all willing participants. The group is looking for female and male members and also wide diversity. Meetings are getting under way and it is an open door policy. If you have any questions, just want more info, or need times and dates for meetings call Heather at **x5370** or email her at **hmbrown**.

**Feminists
ARE
the Majority!**

ALL WELCOME!

The first meeting of the
Colgate Society of Leaders
Clark Room
September 24, 5:30-7 p.m.
R.S.V.P. Kalise Jacobs x7086

Demystifying Feminisms

On September 4 the Center for Women's Studies held a "Demystifying Feminisms" program in the Clark Room. The individuals on a panel explained what they think feminism is, and how they came to call themselves feminists. Following this, the audience broke into 5 person discussion groups and later reconvened to share what had been said.

If you are in a fraternity, sorority, campus organization, or are an RA or a Link and are interested in a small version of this program called "The F-Word" Call Ami Lynch x7156.

Surf the Web and visit us!

[www2.colgate.edu
/departments/womens-studies/
index.html](http://www2.colgate.edu/departments/womens-studies/index.html)

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The Center for Women's Studies

presents:



Underground Railway Theater
"Mothers and Whores"

Monday, September 8 at 8 p.m.
Hall of Presidents

Get involved at the Center for Women's Studies!

The Center for Women's Studies is again sponsoring exciting programs. We want you to get involved and be a leader. Fill out this form and return it to the Center for Women's Studies, East Hall, Lower Level, by September 15.

Name: _____

Phone # _____ Box # _____ Email _____

I want to participate in:

Women in Science Week

Community Service Projects focusing on women's needs in local communities and shelters.

Feminist Majority Campus Campaign for Choice. A national organization is now on campus. Leadership opportunities.

Here's my idea: _____

THANK YOU!