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Colgate University Women's Studies Program

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From the Director. . .

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to Colgate for the 1998-99 academic year and to begin this year as the Director of the Women's Studies Program at Colgate. Last year I served as acting Co-Director, so I have some idea of the responsibilities of the position, but as I begin the year I feel indebted to all of the women who have proceeded me as both acting and full-time directors of this program: **Jane Pinchin, Ann Lane, Joan Mandel, and Ellen Kraly.**

I would like to welcome Molly Talcott, this year's Women's Studies Program Assistant. Molly will be telling you about herself in another section of the newsletter, but I hope all of you on campus will drop by the Center and meet her. We both welcome any ideas you might have to make this year an exciting and productive one.

I thought it would be appropriate to do some looking backward and forward in this newsletter. The Center for Women's Studies has had strong leadership from Joan Mandel, our previous

Director, and we begin by continuing some of the programs she instituted. One of these is the Brown Bag Lunch Series.

This year's first Brown Bag Lunch was given by Denise Taliaferro, a new professor in Education who spoke on the intersection of race and gender. This is a topic we look forward to exploring in different ways this year. The semester's topics are listed in the Newsletter and it looks like it will be an interesting group of speakers.

Center for Women's Studies Hours

Monday - Friday:
9am - 5pm
Monday - Thursday:
8pm - 10pm
Sunday
6pm - 10pm

Last spring's banquet for the concentrators and students who participated in various aspects of women's studies was fun and the featured speakers that were graduating seniors. I hope this will be something we are able to continue.

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Welcome to Fall '98 at the Center for Women's Studies!

Another academic year is underway, and here at Colgate, a few changes are taking place at the Center for Women's Studies. First of all, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Molly Talcott, and I am the new Program Assistant here at the Center for Women's Studies. I graduated from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Women's Studies. While in school, I was involved in various student and community groups which dealt proactively with issues and problems of inequity related to gender, race, and class. I am excited about my new position here at Colgate, where I can exercise my commitment to improving gender relations and empowering students to speak out against the many forms of injustice that surround us in the world.

Last year, as you may or may not know, Professors Kay Johnston and Marilyn Thie acted as Co-Directors of the Center, and Ami
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1998

September

22 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Elizabeth Brackett,
Emeritus

Learning in Thailand

Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

22 TUESDAY

Ice Cream Social for First-Years
Center for Women's Studies
7 pm

28 MONDAY- 1 THURSDAY

Voter Registration table
Come register to vote in '98!
Center for Women's Studies
10 am - 3 pm

28 MONDAY

Reel Women Free Film Series
Selena, in celebration of Hispanic
Heritage Month
Center for Women's Studies
8 pm

29 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Paul Pinet,
Department of Geology
Women and Zoos:
The Connection
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

October

5 MONDAY

Women's Diversity Conference
Informal Meeting
Center for Women's Studies
7 pm

9 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Kathy Liepe-Levinson
Department of Theater / English
*A Workshop in the Theater of the
Oppressed and Feminist Theory*
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

9 FRIDAY

Coming Out, A Student Panel Discussion,
sponsored by LGBTQA and Advocates, in
honor of LGBT Awareness Week
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am - 1 pm

9 FRIDAY

Lee Denim National Breast Cancer Day
Donate \$5 to the American Cancer Society
and wear jeans to express your support for
the cure.

12 MONDAY

Reel Women Free Film Series
When Night is Falling, in celebration
of National Coming Out Week
Center for Women's Studies
8 pm

13 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Workshop on detection and prevention of
breast cancer, in celebration of Breast
Cancer Awareness Month.
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

FALL BREAK, 17 Saturday - 20 Tuesday

26 MONDAY

Reel Women Free Film Series
GirlsTown
Center for Women's Studies
8 pm

27 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Linn Underhill
Department of Art and Art History
Thoughts About Tomboys
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

November

2 MONDAY - 6 FRIDAY

Women in Science Week,
Events TBA

3 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Susan Cerasano
Department of English
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

9 MONDAY

Reel Women Free Film Series
Title TBA
Center for Women's Studies
8:00 am

10 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Helene Julien
Department of French Romance
Languages and Literatures
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

13 FRIDAY

World Expo
Student Union
3 pm

17 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series
Professor Clarice Martin
Department of Philosophy and Religion
Center for Women's Studies
11:30 am

20 FRIDAY

Student Health Fair
Hall of Presidents, Clark Room
3 pm - 6 pm

21 SATURDAY

The Women's Diversity Conference
Am I My Sister's Keeper?
Center for Women's Studies
9 am - 4 pm

23 MONDAY

Reel Women Free Film Series
Title TBA
Center for Women's Studies
8 pm

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Lynch filled the position of Program Assistant. This year, Marilyn is on leave, and Ami is attending graduate school in Washington, D.C. Consequently, Kay and I are working together, along with the wonderful Student Assistants, to generate ideas and events sponsored by the Center for Women's Studies. Mary Keys, whose office is located in Alumni Hall (327), remains the Secretary for Women's Studies as well as Africana and Latin American Studies.

As a new staff member, I am continually amazed at what a valuable resource the Colgate community has in the Center for Women's Studies. In my (quite recent) experience as an undergraduate, comparable institutional support in the form of a Center for Women's Studies was nonexistent. As a new non-student, I also have come to realize that many opportunities are available to students that are less accessible to those of us who are non-students. In light of these epiphanies of mine, I would like to challenge you to come be a part of the Center as your vehicle to promote social change on the Colgate campus and in the world at large.

The late, great Audre Lorde said, "*When I dare to be powerful- to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am*

Allegorical Athena

The *Allegorical Athena*, Colgate's gender issues magazine, pushes those who read it to think about social issues that affect everyone. This publication, produced and written by Colgate students, includes poetry, art, short stories, and photography that address topics that inform the lives of both men and women. Currently in our fourth year, *Allegorical Athena* is a forum which we hope will make the invisible social powers that shape us visible to the Colgate community. We are currently accepting submissions and encourage any interested students to contribute. You can send submissions to Box J 1377 or bring them to the Center.

Karen Lichtenberg '99
Corinne Mescher '00

afraid." Is your vision one that is based upon a socially just world and a healthy campus atmosphere? At the Center for Women's Studies, we are working with this vision in mind by creating a diverse array of programs that address many different local, national, and global issues. While some projects are already underway, new ideas are always welcomed and encouraged. Be aware that some fall '98 events are currently being scheduled and are not included in this newsletter. Look for them

in the near future....

Come build community with your sisters and brothers at the Center for Women's Studies.

I dare you to be powerful!

Molly Talcott

From the Director. . .
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Women's Studies Concentrators, like students throughout the university, do wonderful work and the opportunity for three of them, **Alisa Herrin**, **Debbie Chase**, and **Carol Walters**, to speak about their research was exciting for all of us who were able to attend.

Elections will be held before the next newsletter comes out, so I will take this moment to encourage you to vote. The current political climate could make us cynical about the importance of voting, but I think we need to turn away from the cynicism and make individual voices heard. Voting is one way to do this.

The excitement and vitality of both the Women's Studies Program and the Center for Women's Studies are created by all of us involved in this program. Looking back at successful events, thinking about how to build on those successes, and how to create new opportunities are ways to continue our work. Both Molly and I welcome any suggestions any of you have.

Kay Johnston

The Center for Women's Studies presents
Colgate's first Women's Diversity Conference:

Am I My Sister's Keeper?

Saturday, November 21, 1998

****There will be an informational session on Monday,
October 5, 1998 at the Center for Women's Studies****

BE THERE AT 4:30 PM IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE!

POLITICAL OUTREACH E-MAIL UPDATE

Register to receive timely information on women, politics, and current events.

Name: _____

Class Year: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

For more information, call x7156.

Please return this form to the Center for Women's Studies. Place it in the suggestion box on the table.

Become involved at the Center for Women's Studies!

Name: _____

Class Year: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Box Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ I am interested in volunteering at the Center for Women's Studies.

_____ I am interested in working as a web designer in a Student Assistant position at the Center for Women's Studies.

Return this form to Molly Talcott at the Center for Women's Studies or place it in the suggestion box on the table. For more information, call x7156.