

Women's Studies Newsletter

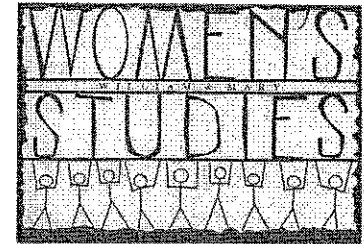
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WOMEN'S STUDIES NEWSLETTER

Women, Gender, and Television Regional Conference

The College of William and Mary
April 16-17, 2004

The Women's Studies Program and the Literary and Cultural Studies Program at the College of William and Mary will be hosting a regional conference on "Women, Gender, and Television" on April 16th and 17th, 2004. Conference panels will include scholarly papers from the region's faculty and students (graduate and undergraduate). The papers explore considerations of sexuality, violence, and race and ethnicity (among other subjects) in cable as well as network television—dramas, sitcoms, reality television, talk shows, soap operas, news shows, and television advertising.

The conference will feature two keynote speakers. The first will be Jane Espenson, currently a writer and Co-Executive Producer for the WB's *The Gilmore Girls*. She has written for a number of sitcoms, including *Ellen*, but is best known for her work as writer and co-producer on *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. Jane Espenson will be speaking on Friday, April 16, at 6:00 in the Tucker Theater. Our second keynote speaker is Heather Hendershot, Associate Professor of Media Studies at CUNY-Queen's College. Hendershot is the author of *Saturday Morning Censors: Television Regulation Before the V-Chip* (Duke University Press, 1998), and *Shaking the World for Jesus: Media and Conservative Evangelical Culture* (University of Chicago Press, 2004); she also recently edited a collection titled *Nickelodeon Nation: The History, Politics, and Economics of America's Only TV Channel for Kids* (NYU Press, 2003). Professor Hendershot will be speaking on Saturday, April 17, at 6:30 in the Tucker Theater.

Please direct inquiries to Jennifer Putzi (j1putz@wm.edu) or Leisa Meyer (ldmeyer@wm.edu). This conference is also co-sponsored by the American Studies and Film Studies Programs. Thank you also to the College of William and Mary Lecture Fund and the Roy R. Charles Center for Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies for their support.

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Congratulations

Majors

Rhiannon Antweiler
Julian Carr
Avory Harman
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Veronica Moreno
Catherine Murphy
Alma Ortman
Ashley Peterson
Kathryn Sutton
Karen Wolf

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Allison Barrett
Christina Erickson
Alexis Gevanter
Casey Graves
Bethany Ingle
Georgia Margaritis
Cathleen Parks
Karen Pazzani

GLBT AWARENESS WEEK

Monday, April 19th: EDUCATION

Same Sex Marriage Panel, James Blair 229, 8:00 pm
College professors and other guests contribute to the ongoing debate about same sex marriage.

Tuesday, April 20th: CULTURE

Gay Literary Readings, Tidewater A, 7:30 pm
Students will perform GLBT themed literary works.

Wednesday, April 21st: AWARENESS

Day of Silence—all day; information in UC Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Breaking the Silence Celebration—5:00PM UC Terrace,

**Women and Music Night, Andrews 101, 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 22nd: HISTORY

Movie: And the Band Played On
Tidewater B, 7:30 pm, Viewing of the HIV/AIDS film, followed by discussion of the critical subject.

Friday, April 23rd: POLITICS

Speaker, Jeff Trammell, former Al Gore advisor
Little Theater, 7:00 pm, Former Al Gore advisor speaks about GLBT outreach and role in politics.

Saturday, April 24th: WORLDWIDE

Revolutionary Girl Utena: The Movie
Tucker Theater, 3:00 pm, Viewing of a lesbian Japanese animation cartoon followed by discussion of gays and lesbians worldwide.

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William and Mary Anime Society

The William and Mary Anime Society (WMAS) is a six-year-old student organization, which meets every Friday night in James Blair 205. The club usually has a line up of five or six different anime programs in which three are democratically voted on to be seen that very night. In addition to the weekly meetings, we participate in two annually held Anime Conventions, Nekocon and Katsucon. Nekocon has been in existence for six years and is located in the Virginia Beach area. Katsucon has been running for ten years and is located in Northern Virginia. In both of these conventions we have participated in the cos-play contest that is a competition where a skit is presented in costumes modeled after anime characters. They are judged on craftsmanship of the costumes, stage presence, and creativity in skit. At Katsucon 10, we brought home best in show in our cos-play act which included thirteen men and women in handmade costumes singing and dancing in a four minute musical number in parody of Chicago's "Cell Block Tango." To many of the active members of our group, WMAS has been a catalyst for discussion about anime as a medium. Although anime has become increasingly popular in America, many still regard it as a literary genre. Usually limiting anime as merely childish entertainment or perverse titillation. This unfortunately does not represent the full spectrum of flexibility that anime can be used for. It is able to have as much storyline, depth, and critical content as the writers, producers, musicians, and voice actors are willing to put into the work. Anime is able to express serious social concerns as well as any other literary art form. For instance the animated movie, "Perfect Blue" portrays a young female actress and the choices she has to make to advance her career within a patriarchally driven market that defines what kind of woman the public wants her to be. The movie "Princess Mononoke", which will be showing on April 16th for Earth week, addresses serious ecological issues of violence and deforestation. Anime has the capacity for intellectual thought and criticism, and hopefully through our latest program we will address that anime can reflect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual issues as well.

Adolescence Mokushiroku Utena is a highly artistic and metaphorical story of the fight of two girls to preserve their love for each other in a storybook like world of prince and princesses. During LGBT awareness week we hope through the showing of this movie followed by a panel discussion, those who are not familiar with anime can get a glimpse of complexity this medium is capable of.

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Keep in Touch

Please give the Women's Studies Secretary your home address so we can continue to send you our newsletters and we can keep up with what you are doing and using your Women's Studies Degree for. We want to hear from all of you!!!

Women's Studies Graduation Reception

The Women's Studies graduation reception is on Saturday, May 15 from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm in Tidewater A. The Women's Studies Program holds this reception annually to honor and toast our majors and minors. Please let Ann Repeta, Women's Studies Secretary, know if you are coming to the reception and if so how many guests you will have with you. You can reach her at 221-2457 or darepe@wm.edu. Thanks for your help in making this a great reception.

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Commencement 2004

Friday, May 14

- 4:00-5:00 p.m. **Alumni Induction Ceremony**
The Alumni Center
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. **Phi Beta Kappa Reception**
Dodge Room, Phi Beta Kappa Hall
- 6:00 p.m. **Phi Beta Kappa Banquet (for Initiates and their guests)**
Tidewater Room, University Center
- 7:30 p.m. **The Virginia Symphony with Joshua Bell**
Phi Beta Kappa Hall (*Tickets required*)
- 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. **Resident MBA reception and Dinner**
The Hospitality House Richmond Road
- 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. **Senior Class Dance**
The Sunken Garden (*Rain: Chesapeake Room*)

Saturday, May 15

- 9:30 a.m. **Baccalaureate Service**
William and Mary Hall
- 11:00 am-12:30 p.m. **Women's Studies Graduation Reception**
Tidewater A, University Center
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Reception for Neuroscience Graduates and Families**
Tidewater B
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **International Studies/International Relations Ceremony and Reception**
Phi Beta Kappa Hall and Dodge Room
- 12:15 - 2:00 p.m. **Picnic Lunch for Degree Candidates and Families**
Crim Dell Meadow, Tickets required
(*In case of rain: Last names A-L The Commons
Last names M-Z University Center*)
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **President's Reception for Graduation Students, Families, and Honorary Degree Recipients**
President's House and Wren Yard
(*In case of Rain: Trinkle Hall*)

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- 3:30 p.m. **William and Mary Choir Concert**
Chesapeake Room, University Center
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. **ROTC Commissioning Ceremony and Reception**
Commonwealth Auditorium/Lobby, University Center
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. **Ceremony for Master of Public Policy Degree Candidates and Families**
Tidewater Room, University Center
- 4:00 p.m. **Order of the Coif Induction and Law School Awards Ceremony**
DeWitt Wallace Gallery, Colonial Williamsburg
- 9:30 p.m. **Senior Class Candlelight Ceremony**
In front of Wren Building
(*In case of rain: Wren Building – Admission restricted to seniors*)
- 10:15 p.m. **Senior Class Reception**
Wren Courtyard
(*Canceled in the event of rain*)

Sunday, May 16

- 9:00 -10:30 a.m. **MBA and MAC Brunch**
East Lawn, Blow Memorial Hall
(*Rain: 3rd Floor of Blow Hall*)
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. **Graduate School of Education Brunch**
Andrews Foyer and Courtyard
- 10:45 a.m. **"Walk Across Campus"**
Seniors gather at Wren Building
- 11:15 a.m. **Candidates for Degrees Assemble**
William and Mary Hall
- 12:00 p.m. **COMMENCEMENT**
William and Mary Hall
- 3:00 p.m. **Departmental Diploma Presentations and receptions**
(*see website for further information*)
- 4:30-7:00 p.m. **Law School Post Diploma Reception**
Law School Front Lawn