

Women's Studies Newsletter

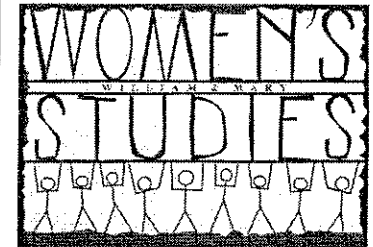
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Women, Gender, and Television Regional Conference

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

The Women's Studies Program and the Literary and Cultural Studies Program invite proposals from the region's faculty and students for scholarly papers on "Women, Gender, and Television." We are interested in considerations of sexuality, violence, and/or race and ethnicity (among other subjects) in cable as well as network television—dramas, sitcoms, reality television, talk shows, soap operas, news shows, television advertising, music videos, etc.

The conference, which will take place on April 16th and 17th at the College of William and Mary, will feature a keynote address by Jane Espenson. Espenson is 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 on *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.

Please direct inquiries to Jennifer Putzi (j1putz@wm.edu). Submit 200-250 word paper proposals to Jennifer Putzi and Leisa Meyer (ldmeyer@wm.edu). The deadline for proposals is January 20th, 2004.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all new and returning students. And yes, we still miss those of you who have graduated. Stop by the office to say hello or to get any information you might need about classes. We are always willing to be of assistance. If you know of anyone who has graduated and is not receiving this newsletter and would like to be, please email the address to Ann at darepe@wm.edu so she can put them on the mailing list.

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Call For Papers

2005 Berkshire Conference on the History of Women

The 13th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, "Sin Fronteras: Women's Histories, Global Conversations," will be held **June 2-5, 2005** at Scripps College, Claremont, California, USA. The Program Committee welcomes proposals that cross geographical, cultural, and disciplinary borders, and especially those which address the plurality of histories of transnational encounters and empires.

The Committee prefers complete panels, normally three papers, a comment, and a chair; one person should *not* assume the task of chair and comment.

The Committee also seeks workshops, roundtables, teaching sessions (both college and K-12), and presentations that depart from the traditional conference format. Individual papers will also be considered. Please submit three (3) copies of your proposal, **postmarked by December 15, 2003** to *one* of the addresses listed below. Each paper must include a cover sheet, downloadable from our website, listing panel title or roundtable theme and full contact information (address, phone, fax, and e-mail) for panel organizer and *all* participants. It must also include a title, and one-page abstract for each paper or presentation; a *one-page* curriculum vitae/résumé for each participant (including chair and comment); and a self-addressed, stamped postcard. Mark packet: "ATTN: Berkshire Conference."

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Call For Papers Continued

Send proposals on *African, Latin American, Asian, Pacific, and all comparative topics* to **Donna Guy**, Department of History, Ohio State University, 210 Dulles Hall, 230 W. 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210, USA;

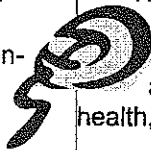
European topics to **Antoinette Burton**, Department of History, University of Illinois, 309 Gregory Hall 810 S. Wright Street Urbana, IL 61801, USA;

Canadian and United States topics to **Eileen Boris**, Women's Studies Program, University of California, Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, CA 93106, USA. For more information, please visit our website at www.berksconference.org.

Featured Web Site

The University of Wisconsin's Center for Women's Health and Research

Questions about women's health issues?
Concerns about professionals in the health care field?
Visit the University of Wisconsin's Center for Women's Health and Health Research website.



This extensive site is dedicated to providing *accurate* information about women's bodies, health, and careers. Visit: <http://www.womenshealth.wisc.edu/>
Or see the Women's Studies Website for a link.

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Internship Brown Bag

The Women's Studies Program and Black Studies Program Brownbag Lunch Series will begin the fall term with a session on internship opportunities for students.

The fall Brownbag is an informational brownbag to assist students in obtaining information about internships that are available to them for credit. There will be handouts and other information and there will also be a question/answer session. The date is October 3, 2003. All Brownbags start at 12:00 noon and are usually held in Morton 314, Women's Studies Seminar Room. If you have any questions, please contact the Women's Studies secretary, Ann Repeta at 1-2457 or darepe@wm.edu.

Our programs invite you to share your work and ideas with a group of interested and creative students, faculty, and staff in our brownbag series this year. If you are intrigued by the possibility (or if you just want to more fully check it out) contact Yana Rodgers yvrodg@wm.edu and become one of our presenters for the fall or spring. We look for-

UPCOMING EVENTS

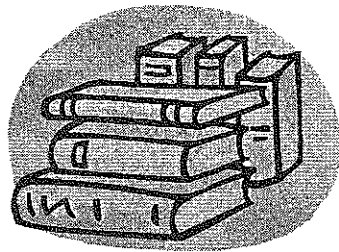
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Oct. 3-Internship Brown Bag
Oct. 23-26-Play-Self defense or, death of some salesmen

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LIBRARY NEWS

The library is in the final stages and will be on-line this fall. This is a wonderful resource for our students as they will be able to access the library from any computer that has internet access. Not only will this allow you to see if the book is in our library, but also if it is checked out or not. However, you will need to physically be in Morton 314 to check out a book. Complete instructions will be available for all to use.



Women's Studies Conference on WOMEN, WAR, and PEACE

The Southern Connecticut State University Women's Studies Program will be hosting its thirteenth Annual Women's Studies Conference, "Women, War, and Peace" on October 17-18, 2003. This conference will focus on all aspects of women in war and peace. It will seek to promote interaction among academics, community leaders, activists, professional, artist, and others interested in Women and War and Peace studies. The Annual Women's Fair is held in conjunction with the conference. Woman-owned businesses, woman oriented services, woman-made products, women's advocacy groups and woman-centered political organizations are featured. All products at the Fair are earth and animal-friendly and cruelty-free.

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

We are asking for all information on up coming events to please be sent, either snail mail or email to the Women's Studies Office a month prior to the event. We are trying to ensure all events are publicized to ensure maximum participation.

Please email information to Ann Repeta at darepe@wm.edu or send to Women's Studies Program, Morton Hall 322, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23185-8795.

Please ensure a contact name and number is included.

"I Followed Close Behind Her"

By Professor Darlene O'Dell

Congratulations goes out to Professor Darlene O'Dell, who had her book "*I Followed Close Behind Her*" published this Spring. This book is very compelling as it is about incest, loyalty and friendship, poverty, suicide, racism, Patsy Cline, the Great Smoky Mountains—the background of Susan Smith. Annie Rosewood, the protagonist says "I want to tell my story and how it relates to the drowning of those children. Had I told it earlier, the children Smith drove into the lake on that October night might still be alive."

America's south is still a dark and mysterious place; 150 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, southerners haven't gotten over losing the Civil War. This grief has honed people to the bone, made survivors out of them, and taught them how to live on both subsistence farming and subsistence self-image. They bear the imprint of poverty of spirit, land and soul, and what happens as a result is often a shock, a horror to the outsider.