

# WOMEN'S STUDIES

## Fall Notes

### THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Welcome to the 2007-8 academic year in Women's Studies!

#### Welcome Back Dinner

You are invited to the Women's Studies Welcome Back Dinner on Friday, September 14 at 6 pm, at the home of Ann Repeta. Everyone is welcome – please bring your friends!

To RSVP, go to the Women's Studies website

<http://www.wm.edu/womensstudies>

In the section "IN THE NEWS" you will see "Welcome Back." Click "Read More." From there follow the link to RSVP (we need to know if you have any dietary restrictions), and click "Submit".

**Please RSVP by September 12th, 2007.**

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you on September 14, 2007.

#### Black Studies/Women's Studies Brownbag series starting soon!



Watch out for more information!

#### Welcome back, Professor Ozyegin!

Professor Gul Ozyegin (Women's Studies and Sociology) is back on campus this year after spending a year as Fellow-in-Residence at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Science, where she was working on her book, *New Selves in a Changing Nation: Sex and Gender Among Young Turks*.



#### Introducing our new Visiting Assistant Professor, Margot Weiss

Margot completed her PhD in the Department of Cultural Anthropology at Duke University in 2005. Since then she has held visiting appointments at Sweetbriar College and Duke University, before arriving here this fall. Margot is teaching "Global Sex and Gender," "Transnational Feminisms," and "Critical Queer Studies" this semester, and her book, *Techniques of Pleasure, Scenes of Play: SM in the San Francisco Bay Area* is forthcoming from Duke University Press.

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#### Think now about applying for a Carol Woody Real World Internship!

Carol Woody Internship awards are available for female students seeking real world experience to complement their studies. The awards are available for students interested in doing an internship over Spring Break. Applicants are asked to submit a one-page description of where they will spend their internship, why they chose this particular internship, and what they hope to gain from this experience. Please include an estimate of expenses. Applications are due in the Women's Studies office (322 Morton Hall) by Monday, February 4, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. For more details, call 221-2457.

#### Founding Friends Book Group starts Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>!



The theme this year is **Imagined Worlds**.

While the "Imagined Worlds" of fiction writers often look vastly different from the world around us, these imaginary places inform us about the actual world in which we live. By creating dystopian or utopian worlds, planets whose inhabitants change sexes, and societies that play with the realities of our contemporary cultures, the authors we will read this year offer social commentary through altering what readers once found familiar and ordinary. Some of the Imagined Worlds we will read are: *The Handmaid's Tale*, by Margaret Atwood, *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. LeGuin, and *Half Life* by Shelly Jackson. We hope to see you there!

#### Welcome to Kim Mann, our new graduate assistant!



Kim Mann is a graduate assistant in American Studies who will be working for Women's Studies and Black Studies this year. Among other things, she will be leading the Founding Friends book group.