

Women's Studies

NEWS FROM WILLIAM & MARY:

WOMEN AND SCIENCE

The Ninth Annual Virginia Women's Studies Association Conference will be held at the College October 4-5. The theme of this year's Conference is "Women and Science."

The keynote address, entitled "Female-Friendly Science," will be given by Sue V. Rosser, Director of Women's Studies at the University of South Carolina at Columbia and Professor of Family and Preventative Medicine in the Medical School.

The luncheon lecture is entitled "Feminist Science Fiction," and will be given by Hoda M. Zaki, Chair of the Political Science Department at Hampton University.

The program also includes a panel presentation entitled "Technology and Women's Reproductive Rights" in addition to a student panel presentation entitled "Women's Studies: Defining the Issues from the Student Perspective." For more information contact Deborah Ventis, Coordinator of Women's Studies, 221-2457.

WELCOME TO VICKI KIRSCH

As of the fall semester 1991 the College was honored to welcome Professor Vicki Kirsch to the Women's Studies and Religion faculty.

Kirsch's interests encompass many disciplines, including Women's Studies, women's literature, Psychology, and Religion. This semester she is teaching courses entitled "Freud and Feminism," "Religion and Sexuality," and "Writers of the Left Bank: Paris, 1900-1940." In the spring she will be teaching classes entitled "Feminist Theory" and "Women's Communities: Real and Imaginary."

Kirsch's work has included numerous articles and presentations on her research; one theme found frequently in her work is the force between the erotic and the sacred. She has also given many presentations on the spiritual aspects of the poetry of several women poets.

Originally from New York, Professor Kirsch received her B.A. from Georgetown University in Theology and Philosophy; her M.A. from the Divinity School at the University of Chicago; and her Ph.D. from the graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts at Emory University.

BROWN BAG LUNCH LECTURE SERIES

The Women's Studies Program is sponsoring the Brown Bag Lunch lectures, a series of informal talks by faculty with research interests in Women's Studies. The series began in mid-September and continues through the end of November:

- Wed., Oct 9 - "Women and Communication: Achieving Credibility and Autonomy," Ann Chaney, Speech
Thurs., Oct. 24 - "Women and the Modern Islamic Resurgence," John Williams, Religion
Wed., Nov. 6 - "Women in Medieval Europe," Mary Ann Brink, History
Thurs., Nov. 21 - "Postcolonial Literature," Chris Bongie, Literature

All Wednesday lectures are held from noon to 1:15 p.m.; Thursday lectures are from 12:30 to 1:45, both in the Charles Center lounge, Tucker Hall.

FALL 1991 MOVIE SERIES

The Women's Studies Program is sponsoring a movie series; all movies will be shown on Tuesday evenings in the Charles Center lounge, Tucker Hall, at 7:30 p.m.

- October 22 - "Spirit of the Beehive"
October 29 - "The Company of Wolves"
November 5 - "I've Heard the Mermaids Singing"
November 12 - "Wings of Desire"

ARGENTINE WRITER TO SPEAK ON LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN WRITERS

Argentine author Angelica Gorodischer will be speaking on Latin American women writers. The talk is tentatively scheduled for October 29th.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR TO SPEAK ON GILLIGAN THEORY AND EDUCATION

Nel Noddings, Professor of Educational Philosophy at Stanford University and President of the Philosophy of Education Society for North America, will be delivering a lecture entitled "The Challenge to Caring in Schools," Monday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., in the Dodge Room in Phi Beta Kappa Hall. She will be addressing the application of Carol Gilligan's work on caring in education. Please R.S.V.P. to Amy Witcover, 221-2315, if you would like to attend.

WOMEN'S STUDIES IN AFRICA

Deborah Etoori of Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, will be visiting our Women's Studies Program as a part of Ohio State University's conference on the status of Women's Studies in Africa. Look for a specific time for her talk on Women in Higher Education in Uganda during the week of November 18th.

DEANS' PRIZES FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ON WOMEN

In the spring of 1992 four prizes will be awarded to students whose work (completed during the 1991-1992 school year) is evaluated by a selection committee as most successful in advancing our knowledge of women. Students may submit term papers or other class assignments, independent study projects, Honors or thesis research. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences will award two prizes of \$100 each. This competition is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. The Dean of the School of Education will also award two \$100 prizes, one to a graduate student and one to an undergraduate. In order to be eligible for these prizes, the work must be completed in courses offered by the School of Education.

Papers and projects of all lengths will be considered; however, if the work is longer than 20 pages, a summary of no more than 20 pages is requested in addition to the completed work. Three copies of each entry must be submitted. Please include with your entry full name, social security number, local phone number,

the competition for which the paper is to be considered (Arts and Sciences or Education), and the name of the instructor and class to which the work was originally submitted. While papers may be submitted at any time, the final deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 1992. Arts and Sciences materials should be submitted to Deborah Ventis, Coordinator of Women's Studies, Charles Center, Tucker 2-B. Education materials should be submitted to Dean John Nagle, Jones 212. For more information, call 221-2457.

CALL FOR PAPERS, CONFERENCES ANNOUNCED

University of South Florida -- The Southeastern Women's Studies Association will hold its 16th Annual Conference at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida, March 12-15, 1992. The theme of the conference is "Celebrating Feminisms and the Diversity of Women."

The planning committee welcomes papers, proposals, etc. in the area of Women's Studies that reflect the

diversity of women. Deadline is Oct. 15.

University of Texas at El Paso -- The Women's Studies Program at UT El Paso will host the 5th Annual International Conference for Women in Higher Education January 4-6, 1992, in San Diego, California.

Applications for both conferences are available from Deborah Ventis, 221-2457. For more information please contact her.

NEWS ON OTHER CAMPUSES:

OLD DOMINION HOSTS LECTURERS

Dr. Kathryn Anderson of the Women's Studies Department at Fairhaven College will be delivering a lecture entitled, "Listening to Women: An Oral History Workshop," October 28th, noon-1:30 p.m. in BAL 921.

Jo Ann Falleta, Musical Director of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra will deliver a lecture entitled, "My Turn at the Podium: Life as a Woman Conductor," November 8th, noon-1:30 p.m. in BAL 921.

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