

# Women's Studies

September '92

## WE HAVE MOVED!!

The Women's Studies Program is now located in rooms 202 and 204, 327 Richmond Road; in the Archeology Building next to the Sentry Market. To reach the offices go up the center staircase on the right side of the building.

Our phone numbers are the same:  
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## TOMOKO HAMADA TO OPEN BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES

Associate Professor of Anthropology Tomoko Hamada will begin this semester's Brown Bag Lunch Series on Thursday, Sept. 24, with her talk entitled "The Relationship Between Task and Gender in Japanese Firms in the United States." The talk will be held in Room A/B of the Campus Center from 12:30-1:45. The rest of the series will be held in Room E of the Campus Center. The schedule is:

October 7 Jim Harris, Philosophy  
12:00-1:15 "Modern Science and  
Feminism".

October 22 Roberta Rosenberg,  
Christopher Newport University 12:30-  
1:45  
"Sexual/Textual Imperialism: The  
Politically But Not Anatomically  
Correct Narrator in Norman Rush's  
Mating".

November 4 Gail McEachron-Hirsch,  
Education 12:00-1:15  
"Self Esteem in Families and Schools:  
An Examination of Gender and Race  
Issues".

November 12 Anne Henderson,  
Government 12:30-1:45  
"The Role of Women in Socialist  
Societies".

## BOOK DISCUSSION

As a follow-up to the faculty development seminar on Cultural Constructions of Race and Gender, Women's Studies is scheduling discussion of two books this semester:

Russett, C. E. (1989). Sexual science: The Victorian construction of womanhood. Cambridge, MA: Harvard.

MacKinnon, C. A. (1989) Toward a feminist theory of the State. Cambridge, MA: Harvard.

Please contact the Women's Studies office if you want to participate.

## PREMIERE PERFORMANCE OF "FELICE TO FRANZ" BY CLAUDIA STEVENS

Claudia Stevens, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music, will perform her monodrama, "Felice to Franz" on Sunday, September 27th at 8:00 p.m. in Ewell Recital Hall. This intermedia piece is based on the relationship of Felice Bauer and Franz Kafka. Ms. Stevens has reconstructed and dramatized Felice Bauer's letters in a musical piece performed vocally and at the electronic keyboard.

Students interested in the development of the piece are invited to attend a special session at 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 23 in Tyler 318.

## RESEARCH MATERIALS, JOURNALS AVAILABLE

The Women's Studies Program recently acquired several special issues of Middle East Report, a journal focusing on the politics and struggles in the contemporary Middle East.

The issues cover topics such as feminism, women in politics, the work force, and religion.

Journals regularly received in the Women's Studies offices that are available for student and faculty use include:

Feminist Periodicals  
Feminist Collections  
(reviews and bibliographies)  
Ms.

Signs  
Women's Studies International  
Forum  
Women's Studies Quarterly

## WOMEN ARTISTS AND SCHOLARS SERIES AT UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

Women's Studies faculty and students attended the first event in the University of Richmond's fall series: Susan Faludi's talk on

"Backlash: The war against women," the evening of September 7th.

The Women's Studies program is considering providing a van to take students to upcoming lectures; please call Women's Studies if you are interested in attending.

#### **Men's Issues**

Michael Kimmel, Professor of Sociology SUNY Stony Brook, is next in the U of R series with two lectures on men's issues.

The first is entitled "Clarence, William, Iron Mike, Magic--and Us: Issues for Men in the 1990's," and will be given Tuesday, Sept. 29 in Sarah Brunet Hall.

The second is "Can (And Should) Men Support Feminism?" The lecture is scheduled at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30, Keller Hall.

#### **WOMEN'S STUDIES SEMESTER ABROAD IN CENTRAL AMERICA**

Augsburg College's Center for Global Education is sponsoring a study abroad program in Mexico and Central America on "Women and Development: Latin American Perspectives."

The program explores experiences of women in Latin America by focusing on their roles in economic development, social change strategies, and the connections women are making among issues of gender, class, and global economics.

For more information contact the Women's Studies office, or write to the Center for Global Education, Augsburg College, 731 21st Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55454.

#### **CALLS FOR PAPERS...**

##### **Kate Chopin Conference**

Northwestern State University of Louisiana is sponsoring a conference on Kate Chopin featuring Ellen Gilchrist, Barbara Ewell, and Merle Black.

Submit paper or abstract of 500 words on "Chopin's Other Fiction" by November 1, 1992 to Ada D. Jarred, Director of Libraries, NSU, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

"Illinois, Beginning With Women...Histories and Cultures."

The Afro-American Studies and Research Program and the Women's Studies Program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign invite papers for an interdisciplinary, multi-cultural conference: "Illinois, Beginning With Women...Histories and

Cultures," March 26-27, 1993. Submit 1-2 page abstract & abridged CV by Oct. 15 to Phyllis Vanlandingham, Co-Project Director, Women's Studies Program, University of Illinois, 708 S. Mathews, Urbana, IL 61801.

##### **Women in Community Colleges**

The Journal of the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges invites articles on Women's Studies for publication in its 1993 issue; deadline for submission of articles is November 15, 1992. Inquiries or articles for submission should be directed to Diana Hester Cox; Box 447; Amarillo College; Amarillo, TX 79178; or phone 806-371-5175.

#### **CONFERENCES...**

##### **Djuna Barnes Centennial Conference**

To commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of writer Djuna Barnes, the University of Maryland-College Park, home of the Djuna Barnes archives, will host the first conference devoted entirely to Barnes' life and works.

In addition to scholarly presentations, the Centennial will feature an exhibit of art and artifacts, a dramatic performance, and opportunities to explore new directions in Barnes scholarship.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Women's Studies Vicki Kirsch is chairing a panel at the conference, and students from her "Women in Paris" class will be attending. For applications or more information please contact her at 221-2453.

##### **North Central Women's Studies Association Annual Conference**

The NCWSA annual conference "Many Voices, Many Visions, Many Women's Lives" will be held October 30-31, 1992 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Information on calls for papers and conferences is available in the Women's Studies office.

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Women's Issues Group is sponsoring a Take Back the Night March on Oct. 24. Read next issue for more info...

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