

WOMEN'S STUDIES NEWSLETTER

Let's Do Lunch!

by: Helen Wang

My name is Helen and I am the graduate assistant for Women's Studies and Black Studies. I am also a first year MA/PhD student in American Studies. I am writing to solicit your help with

the revival of the Brown Bag Lunch Series. This program is an opportunity for those interested in women's studies and/or

black studies to gather and converse in a casual environment—over lunch!

Interesting people + food = Great time!

As campus leaders, esteemed professors, and those interested in WMST/Black Studies, I invite you to take part in the Brown Bag lunches as a presenter and/or participant. I am generating a list of presenters for this semester and would be delighted to have you speak at any of our Friday lunches.

Because the environment I am hoping to create will be comfortable and casual, there is not an expectation for presentations to be in their absolute polished form (although, they

most certainly can be). We are more interested in creating a forum for thoughtful reflection and conversations. This is a place to discuss texts, present papers (in whatever

form), discuss issues...the possibilities are endless!

If you are interested in presenting at one of our lunches

please email me at hywang@mail.wm.edu with the date you would like to present and what you will be presenting on. The lunches will be held Fridays at noon in the Women's Studies seminar room in Morton 314. This series is open to faculty, staff, students and community members.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about the Brown Bag lunches. Also, if you know of anyone else who would potentially be interested in this series, please let me know. I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.



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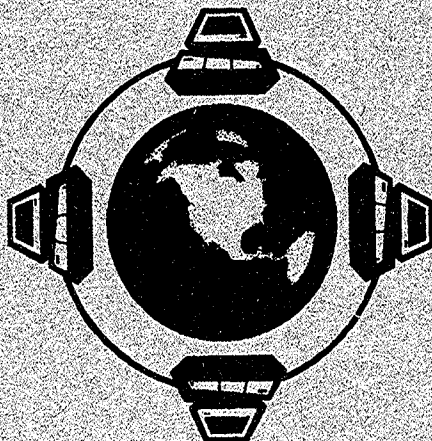
Women's Studies Core Faculty Directory

Name	Department	Phone Number
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O'Dell, Darlene	Adjunct Instructor, Women's Studies	221-1456

For a complete listing of William and Mary's women's studies faculty and staff, please visit us on the web at the following link:

<http://www.wm.edu/FAS/ws/wsfaculty.html>

Or contact the women's studies main office at 221-2457.



Research Resources in the WMST Library

by: Jean Meyer

The Women's Studies Library has many resources to offer to both students and faculty at William and Mary. Located in Morton 314, the Conference Room/Library houses Women's Studies' private book collection as well as periodical and a filing cabinet full of research resources.

The private book collection has been created mainly through donations from faculty and students. There are currently around 900 books on topics from feminism to history to literature. William and Mary students and faculty can check books out for up to 3 weeks at a time. There is a folder located near the bookshelves which includes a printout of all book titles in the collection.

Women's Studies has many periodicals which may be of interest to feminist scholars. We have a current subscription to *Ms.* magazine, as well as back issues. There are also publications such as *SIGNS*—The Journal of Women in Culture and Society and the *National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Journal*.

Some other periodicals for research are:

Feminist Periodicals gives a table of contents listing of many important feminist periodicals. *New Books on Women and Feminism* lists new books by subject and includes an author and subject index.

Feminist Collections is a quarterly of Women's Studies Resources. It includes book reviews, websites and commentaries geared toward the feminist mind.

Prof. Darlene O'Dell has donated a binder of information to the Women's Studies Library. It contains bibliographies about women and is from the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe College in Cambridge, MA. Bibliographies are listed under broad topics such as Women in the Arts.

There is a green filing cabinet in the WMST library that is home to many feminist-oriented files. These are great for research papers as a wide variety of topics are represented. Files are listed alphabetically by topic.

Should you need any help accessing any of these items, please contact the Women's Studies secretary, Morton 322.

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Minnie G. Braithwaite Lecture

The Women's Studies Program at the College of William and Mary cordially invites you to the 4th Annual Minnie G. Braithwaite Lecture. This year's featured speaker is Dr. Joyce Follet. Dr.

Follet is a public historian and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She will be giving a brief lecture then screening her recent award-winning documentary "Step-by-Step."

In terms of both academic and community outreach we believe this will be an extraordinary event.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 5, 7pm in McGlothlin-Street Hall 20. A reception will follow.

Featured Web Sites

Braithwaite and AVALON on the World Wide Web

Learn more about the upcoming Braithwaite Lecture on the web at:

<http://www.wm.edu/wmnews/news/braithwaite.html>

From Joriel Foltz, Avalon Education Coordinator.

"Avalon has finally been able to afford a domain name, and we can be found on

<http://www.avaloncenter.org>

Come visit our site when you have a moment."

A Focus on this Month's HERstory

For more test questions, visit the National Women's History Project at: www.nwhp.org

Q: Why is Rachel Carson (1907-1964) considered the mother of the



environmental movement?

A: Rachel Carson (1907-1964), a

writer and biologist, touched off an international controversy about the

environmental effects of pesticides with her 1962 book, *The Silent Spring*.

The book became a best-seller and the foundation of modern ecological awareness.

Call for Papers

by: Professor Lucila Vargas

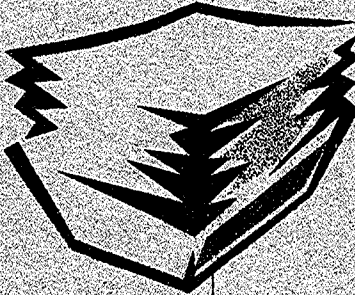
Call for Book Chapters

When the "Other" is the Teacher: Teacher Diversity in Higher Education

Deadline for abstracts: October 15, 1999

Deadline for completed papers: July 15, 2000

Contributions sought from women faculty of color for a book on one of the least researched areas of higher education: the pedagogical implications of teacher diversity in the predominantly White campus. The book will compile the narratives of 20 women professors of color reflecting on their teaching experiences. Each of these narratives will draw on autobiographic research techniques to offer a critical and interpretative view of the way in which the author's class, gender, race, and ethnicity have shaped her teaching experience. Although each contributor will choose her own theoretical framework, authors should address issues



of power in the classroom, professorial authority, student resistance, and transformative learning. Contributors need to be women faculty of color with at least five years of full-time teaching experience in public, predominantly White, institutions of higher learning. I'm interested in papers from faculty working in different parts of the country, and from various academic fields (including male-dominated fields like mathematics). Also, I'm particularly interested in narratives from lesbian faculty of color. The deadline for abstracts is October 15, 1999, and the

deadline for completed papers is July 15, 2000. Abstracts should be about 150 words, and completed papers about 5,000 words (plus references, notes, and tables/graphics). For further information please contact me at: lcvargas@email.unc.edu Lucila Vargas, Ph.D., Assistant Professor School of Journalism and Mass Communication, CB #3365, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3365

Upcoming Fall Events in American Studies

Kickoff to American Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series

- ◆ 13 October, Wednesday:

12:00 Noon
Professor David Aday
"What is Crime?"

- ◆ 27 October, Wednesday:

12:00 Noon
Professor Sally Price
"Common Sense about Art
and Culture: Museums at the Millennium"

- ◆ 17 November, Wednesday:

12:00 Noon
Amy Howard
"Mapping the Road Out of Peekskill: Collaboration, and the
Construction of Historical Documentary"



Persons with questions or who wish to present a paper should contact Professor Robert Scholnick (rjscho@facstaff.wm.edu) or Andrea Westcot (akwest@mail.wm.edu).

FEMINIST EXPO 2000

by: Sarah Boonin

My name is Sarah Boonin and I work for the Feminist Majority Foundation in Washington D.C. We are currently gearing up for our Feminist Expo 2000, which will be held in Baltimore, MD from March 31– April 2, 2000 – for more

information on Expo 2000, please check out our website at:

<http://www.feminist.org/>

"Join us for Expo 2000 and see the vast size and power of the present day women's movement gathered together –

under one roof."

-Feminist Majority
Foundation website

Student Organizations on Campus

What kind of student organizations are there on campus which reflect women's issues? Below is a list of student organizations which deals with different types of women's issues. Become actively involved and promote Women's Studies on campus!

- ◆ *Winged Nation* is the proud product of a women's community at the College of William & Mary. Our publication provides opportunities to share our unique perspectives, and to explore female existence in a society that has consistently undervalued our contributions to the world of creative expression.
- ◆ *Avalon* is committed to intervening in and reducing the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault. This goal will be achieved through shelter, advocacy, education, and support to survivors and through community education to foster awareness and prevention.
- ◆ *Feminist Student Organization* is a pro-choice feminist organization open to women and men, students and faculty. We are committed to promoting gender equality and actively raising awareness with regard to issues of women's health, reproductive rights, and violence against women.

Contact: Susan Marshall and Kate Bowerman at
ssmars@maila.wm.edu

- ◆ Historically, women of color have been ignored and have not received the support necessary to develop self-love. For that reason, *Essence* was formed in order to rebuild and recreate a community for women of color on campus.

Contact: Tunisia Riley at trile@maila.wm.edu

Please contact the Women's Studies main office at 221-2457 or the Student Activities Office at 221-3300 to request further information about these organizations.

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