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DIRECTOR’S SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

By Laurie Shrage, Ph.D.

In July 2009, Professors Aurora Morcillo, Vrushali Patil, Dawn Addy, Maya Boutaghou, Dean Suzanna Rose, our graduate assistant Christi Navarro, and I traveled to Morocco to participate in a conference at the University of Fes. The conference was organized by our Gender and Women’s Studies Across Cultures International Consortium partners, Professors Fatima Sadiqi and Souad Slaoui. Our consortium partners from Colombia and Spain attended, as well as WS scholars from around Morocco, the European Union, United States, and other countries. Several from our group presented papers about their scholarship, and we all attended several days of sessions covering topics ranging from marriage law reform to women and colonial history. We also traveled to a nearby university, Al Akhawayn in Ifrane, where we presented a panel to a group of students on Gender and Women’s Studies in the United States.

In the Spring of 2010, Professor Boutaghou traveled back to Fes and presented an invited paper in a conference focusing on the plight of socially marginalized women, and Professor Morcillo traveled to Fes to present an invited paper in a conference honoring the work of Professor Sadiqi. This October 2010, FIU’s Women’s Studies Center will host the 4th annual meeting of our International Consortium in Miami. We look forward to involving our students, colleagues, alumni, and friends in our endeavors to foster global Women’s Studies research and education.

In Fall 2009, we co-sponsored a panel on Gender Bias in the Media with the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. This provided our faculty and students an opportunity to learn about the work of the Commission, and to meet many of the Commissioners. We will continue to work with the Commission to organize similar events around the state.

We have started planning for a Women’s Studies M.A. degree focusing on international gender studies. We are also exploring a certificate program that will focus on sexual orientation and identity research. Last year, our curriculum committee updated all of the course requirements for our Women’s Studies B.A., and our undergraduate and graduate certificates. We are grateful for the support of the College of Arts and Sciences and the wonderful staff in our Dean’s office, who provide ongoing support for our degree programs.

We are very fortunate to have active Women’s Studies student organizations that sponsor events throughout the academic year. Two of the major
The highlights of our year are the annual performance of the Vagina Monologues (WSSA) and the graduate student conference (WSGSA). Hundreds of students attend these events and learn about challenges women face around the world. Lupe Juarez and Christi Navarro both deserve recognition for their exceptional leadership of these events and organizations over the past year.

Paula Powell is the person we all rely on, daily and weekly, to provide administrative support for all the activities and programs of the center. She now knows more about the administrative processes and systems at FIU than any of us, and we are thankful for her great sense of humor and her compassion.

We have added two members to our Advisory Board, Katy Sorenson and Lourdes Castillo de la Peña, and a new friend to the Board, Margaret McCaffery. Margaret led the planning and organization for the production and performance of Body and Soul in January 2009, which was co-sponsored with our Theater Department. I look forward to working with the Board this year, as we work to raise funds to support our students. I also hope to meet more of our alumni from past years, and hope those of you reading this report will stay in touch and involved with our Center.

Leah Blumenfeld, a WS graduate assistant and academic advisor for the past two years completed her Ph.D in the spring. Dr. Blumenfeld has accepted a teaching position at Barry University and will start there this fall. We will miss her very much, but we are glad that she will still be in Miami. We are fortunate to have Sarah Otero (graduate student, History) as a GA in our Center this summer, who is helping us collect and organize much of the information that you will see in this report.

This past year, our center hosted many visiting scholars from the EU, through an EU-funded exchange program for professors and graduate students in Gender and Women’s Studies (GEMMA). Their visits have provided our faculty and students an opportunity to learn about the research and teaching interests and projects of scholars from England, Poland, Slovenia, Hungary, the Netherlands, and Spain. Prof. Morcillo will be traveling to Spain on a GEMMA scholarship next year.

As you look through the pages of this report, you will see the many accomplishments and projects of our faculty and students. Our faculty members continue to conduct and publish research in many fields, which enriches the education of our students and contributes to the intellectual life of our campus and our wider communities. We awarded three scholarships for next year, and recognized a number of students for their academic excellence and their service. We sponsored more than two dozen public lectures and events. It is a privilege to work with so many talented, productive, and devoted colleagues and students.
WOMEN’S STUDIES STAFF MEMBERS

By the end of the 2009-2010 academic year, the Women’s Studies Center said goodbye to Graduate Assistant Leah Blumenfeld. In the Summer semester, we welcomed Sarah Otero as a Graduate Assistant who helped us exclusively with the preparation of this Annual Report. The Women’s Studies staff members continue to pursue the mission of the Women’s Studies Center while providing a supportive and safe environment for our students.

PAULA E. POWELL
Administrative Assistant

The FIU Women’s Studies Center is intellectually stimulating and extremely relevant in today’s world and it is truly a pleasure for me to work here. We provide a warm and supportive learning environment for our students who continually amaze us with their creativity, intelligence, and maturity. During our 2009–2010 academic year we have updated the Center’s equipment, archived files, sponsored 28 on-campus lecture and performance events, supported our graduate and undergraduate student organizations (WSGSA and WSSA), maximized the space utilization of the Center, successfully hired an additional full time professor and a new adjunct professor to our faculty.

The Center’s community outreach activities included sponsorship of the following events at FIU:

- Women’s Conference of the National Committee of Commissions for Women (NACW)
- ‘Trafficking as a Social Pandemic in Florida’ panel discussion and play, presented by the Soroptimist International of Coral Gables
- Women’s Park Summer Program for at-risk girls

Our annual fundraising Spring Gala was held at the Frost Art Museum and its curator, Dr. Carol Damian, provided exhibition tours for our guests. Next year, we plan to hold the Spring Gala at a new venue which we hope will be just as enjoyable. Some of our other highlights include providing support for 7 visiting GEMMA scholars from Europe and hosting the Florida Commission on the Status of Women’s breakfast meeting and public session on “Gender Bias in the Media” which was well attended.

I have had a lot of help learning the job and have been impressed with the willingness of FIU’s staff across the board who, with polite and courteous professionalism, helped me get the job done. I especially want to thank Christi Navarro, our graduate advisor who has provided me with invaluable assistance. My thanks also go to the College of Arts and Sciences’ Director of Finance and Operations, Barbara Manzano, and to Gilda Ruiz and Hector Junco. I have learnt a lot about our Panther Soft systems during the past year and also want to express my sincere thanks to Inez Stokes and Yaniz Gallimore in the Controller’s office, as well as, Tracey Eades Mickle from Purchasing, and our ‘techsperts’ at CASTIC. Last but not least, I want to express my appreciation to our Director, Dr. Laurie Shrage and Dr. Aurora Morcillo and Dr. Vrushali Patil, for their support over the last 17½ months.

We look forward to welcoming Dr. F. Maya Boutaghou, a specialist in feminist literature from the Middle East as well as a new adjunct professor, Dr. Michaela Moura-Kocoglu who will be teaching a section of our Introduction to Women’s Studies at our Pembroke Pines location this fall. We will strive towards making 2010-2011 even more successful, and will provide even better service to our students.
WELCOME SARAH!

SARAH OTERO, Graduate Assistant
Sarah Otero joined the Women’s Studies Center in the Summer of 2010 to help compile the 2009-2010 Annual Report. Sarah graduated from Florida International University in April 2009 with her Bachelor’s Degree in History and a certificate in National Security Studies. She is currently a graduate student in the FIU History department pursuing her Master’s degree and a Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. In the Fall she will return to the History department as a teaching assistant and is scheduled to graduate in Spring 2010. Sarah is also the 2010-2011 WSGSA Treasurer.

CHRISTI M. NAVARRO, Graduate Assistant
Christi has been working with the Women’s Studies Center as a graduate advisor since Fall 2008. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences from FIU and a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in Public Health at FIU’s Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work.

Christi traveled to Morocco last summer with the Women’s Studies faculty to attend the Gender and Women’s Studies Across Cultures International Consortium meeting. Her paper “Young Women & MENA: Sexuality and Reproductive Health Challenges in Contemporary Morocco” was a result of that trip.

While dedicated to her studies, Christi is also very involved with the Women's Studies Graduate Student Association (WSGSA) and was the organization's 2009-2010 President.

Congratulations Dr. Leah Blumenfeld!
We said farewell to one of our Graduate Assistants this summer. Leah completed her doctoral degree and will be dearly missed. Congratulations from all of us at the Women’s Studies Center!

Leah has been with the Women’s Studies Center since 2008 as both an undergraduate advisor and an instructor for the Introduction to Women’s Studies course. She has a Bachelor's degree in Spanish Literature from Harvard University, a Master's degree in International Studies from the University of Connecticut, and received her Ph.D. in Political Science from FIU in April 2010. Dr. Leah Hutton Blumenfeld will begin a full-time teaching position in the Department of History and Political Science at Barry University in Fall 2010. Dr. Blumenfeld is also a member of the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women.
**BOOK PUBLICATIONS**


Gudorf, Christine and James Edward Huchingson. Boundaries: Casebook in Environmental Ethics. Georgetown University Press. 2010


**BOOK CHAPTERS**


Rochelson, Meri-Jane.


JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS


Boutaghou, Maya. “Le Style en arabesque d’Assia Djebar” (Assia Djebar’s Arabesque Style) French Studies (to be resubmitted)

Boutaghou, Maya. “Emergent Subjectivities in Nineteenth Century Indian and Egypt: Toru Dutt (1856-77) and Mayy Ziyadah (1886-1941)” Eds. Dr Souad Slaoi, Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah University, Fez, Morocco, Forthcoming 2010

Boutaghou, Maya. “Peur de la fiction? Le cas de la modernite arabe” (Fear of Fiction? The Case of Arab Modern Culture) Poetiques comparatistes, Fiction et cultures: La pensee de la fictionniste-elle universelle? (Fiction and Cultures: Is the concept of Fiction Universal?) Ed. F. Lavocat and A. Duprant, Forthcoming Fall 2010.


Women's Studies Faculty Achievements

Gudof, Christine. "Gender and Patriarchy in Religions." International Encyclopedia of Ethics. [In Press]


Shrage, Laurie. "Does the Government Need to Know Your Sex?" Forthcoming in the Journal of Political Philosophy.

Stephens, Dionne P. and Thomas, T.L. "Young Women Speak: Why We Seek Health Care and What We Need From Our Providers" Journal of the Florida Medical Association,108, 18-26


ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES


BOOK REVIEWS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS


Lifshitz, Felice. Rev. of, Past Convictions by Booker, H-France

Lifshitz, Felice. Rev. of, Medieval Film by Eds. Bernau and Bettinauer. Bulletin of Medieval Research


RECOGNITION

Addy, Dawn. Miami Dade Office of the Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners recognized the work of Dr. Addy on the Citizen’s Independent Transportation Trust Nominating Committee Advisory board. Presented Dr. Addy with a Certificate of Appreciation at the MDC County Commission Chambers, May 15, 2010.


Study Abroad Programs. One day workshop at FIU. “Teaching in Salamanca 2009 Through the University of Massachusetts and What to Expect in the Castille-Leon Region.” Miami, FL. January 2010.


Rochelson, Meri-Jane. Panel participant Event organized by the FIU Women’s Studies Center in conjunction with the Jewish Museum of Florida, “Feminism: Then and Now.”, Miami Beach, to complement the exhibit ”Judy Chicago: Jewish Identity.” November 5, 2009.


Stephens, Dionne P. Annual Summit for the Campaign for Commercial Free Childhood and the Judge Baker Children’s Center of Harvard University. “Selling Sexy: Mainstream Hip Hop Culture’s Commodification of Black Female Sexuality”. Marketing to Diverse Youth: Problems and Solutions. V. LaPoint (Chair).


Stephens, Dionne P. Keynote Black History Month Lecture Series of the Miami Dade College Kendall Campus. “Michelle, Melyssa & Madea: The Impact of Mainstream Imagery of Black

Drs. Suzanne Onorato and Judith Stiehm at the Faculty/Student Mixer.


Bauman, Whitney. “Religion as Environmental History” Annual Meeting of the Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences, Madison, WI. October 2009.


Boutaghou, Maya. “Themsevles as others: Mayy Ziyadhah (1886-1941) and Toru Dutt (1856-1877)” University of Metz Conference. October 2009.


Boutaghou, Maya. “Sharp Contrast of All Colors or How Can One be Transnational in Nineteenth Century India?” Annual Andrew W. Mellon


Boutaghou, Maya. “Creolization as Subversion in Ananda Devi’s Novels” ACLA. April 2010.

Boutaghou, Maya. “Reflections on a Poetics of the Transcultural Subject” Center for Cultures in Transnational Perspectives. June 2010

Harrison, Kimberly. “Investigating the Use of Nontraditional Means to Meet Traditional Aims in First-Year Writing Classes” Conference on College Composition and Communication, Louisville, KY. March 2010.


India’s new tourism promotion campaign from a Transnational Feminist Perspective.” FIU Women’s Studies Consortium. Presented at the annual meeting in Fez, Morocco. 2009

Patrouch, Joseph F. “The Role of the Holy Roman Empire in Understanding European Identity (A Case Study from 2006).” Culture: Building Block or Obstacle for Transnational European Identities, Conference sponsored by the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, Miami, February, 2010.


Washington, DC. 2009

FUNDING/GRANTS

Gudorf, Christine. (Co-PI) Grant to study growth factors in Indonesian Pentecostalism from the Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Center at USC, Summer 2010-2012. ($261,000)

Harrison, Kimberly. Competitive Sabbatical Award, Fall Semester, Florida International University 2009

Patil, Vrushali. College of Arts and Sciences Summer Development Grant, FIU, 2010

Rose, Suzanna. Parents as Teachers, The Children’s Trust, 8/1/09-7/31/10. ($255,000)

Strycharski, Andrew. Franklin Grant from the American Philosophical Association.

Strycharski, Andrew. Folger Institute.

Van Den Bergh, Nan, Susan G. Komen Miami Ft. Lauderdale Affiliate. April 2010. Received a grant to train breast health professionals in methods of culturally competent care with lesbian women. In addition, outreach and education to the LBT community about a continuum of care program for uninsured or underinsured women to receive clinical breast exams and prescriptions for gratis mammograms. ($10,000.)


FELLOWSHIPS


Stephens, Dionne P. MCUAAR Summer Program on African American Aging Research, Fellowship. Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University and University of Michigan. Detroit, MI. 2009

INVITED ADDRESSES


Addy, Dawn. Speaker for Dr. Patil’s Women’s Studies Class: “Special Needs of Incarcerated Women.” September 29, 2009

Addy, Dawn. ACE Leadership Development Conference (for female professionals in higher education administration). St. Thomas University, Miami. “Labor-Management Cooperation


Addy, Dawn. Strategic Planning Facilitation for the FIU Department of Biology Retreat facilitator. October 17, 2009.


Gudorf, Christine. Wake Forest University, “Feminism, the Body and Disability,” Phyllis Trible Lecture, Wake Forest, NC, March 2010.


EDITORIAL BOARDS
Lifshitz, Felice. Editor-in-Chief of History Compass.
Lifshitz, Felice. Editorial Board of The Historian.

Moura-Kocoglu, Michaela. Editorial Board Member. NZSSA Bulletin of New Zealand Studies.

Patrouch, Joseph F. Currently on editorial board of Austrian History Yearbook. Cambridge University Press.
Patrouch, Joseph F. One of the lead editors of the H-Net online discussion group.

HABSBURG.

Rose, Suzanna. Sex Roles, Editorial Board Member, reviewed 5 manuscripts in 2009-10.

Rose, Suzanna. Distinguished Reviewer, Psychology of Women Quarterly, reviewed 1 ms.


FILMS/MEDIA


Stephens, Dionne P. Interview for News @ FIU, April 6, 2010. Topic: Outstanding faculty award winners’ perspectives on support for research and the FIU academic community.
Stephens, Dionne P. Interview with Sissi Aguila for News @ FIU, October 23, 2009. Topic: Conducting Hip Hop and health research in the field of psychology.


PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
Addy, Dawn. In the United Association for Labor Education, UALE, led the student proposal and paper competition; organized judging of student paper competition at the March 24-27 UALE 2010 International Conference in San Diego and provided student feedback critique to participants.

Barrett, Lynne. Advisory Board, Gulf Coast Association of Creative Writing Teachers

Cohn, Ellen G. Member of the American Society of Criminology’s Ad Hoc Teaching Committee.

Cohn, Ellen G. Member of the American Society of Criminology’s Mentoring Board.


Onorato, Suzanne. Serves as Co-Chair of the current research committee for the NASPA Women in Student Affairs Knowledge Community.

Patrouch, Joseph F. On executive board of the Society for Austrian and Habsburg History.

Roca, Ana. Member National Conference Advisory Committee for the National Conference on Spanish in the U.S./Spanish in Contact with Other Languages.


Rochelson, Meri-Jane. Division Coordinator, Modern Jewish Literature and Culture: Association for Jewish Studies.

Rose, Suzanna. Executive Committee Member, Div. 35 (Psych of Women), APA, 2007-present.

Rose, Suzanna. Treasurer, Div. 35 (Psychology of Women), American Psychological Association, 2007-present


Weeks, Ophelia Inez. Audience with President of the Republic of Liberia, Mrs. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in Monrovia, Liberia. Discussed issues on education in Liberia, with emphasis on the Medical School and medical students at A.M. Dogliotti School of Medicine. January 2010.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Addy, Dawn. Active member and coordinator for Alternatives to Violence prison Projects

Addy, Dawn. Ethics Commissioner and Vice Chair of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust and Ethics Commission representative on the Citizen’s Independent Transportation Trust nominations committee.

Addy, Dawn. Restaurant and Occupational Center of Miami Advisory Board.

Addy, Dawn. MDC-CITT Nominations Committee

Addy, Dawn. United Association for Labor Education, Executive Board Member/Treasurer UALE Women’s Committee

Addy, Dawn. South Florida Re-Entry Task Force Advisory Board


Cohn, Ellen G. Secretary of the National Board of Youth Crime Watch of America. Chaired the Bylaws Committee and was primarily responsible for completely revising the rewriting the organization’s bylaws.

Cohn, Ellen G. Member of the Board of Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers.

Cohn, Ellen G. Member of the Steering Committee, Miami-Dade Police Department Citizen Volunteer Program.

Moura-Kocoglu, Michaela. Volunteer WD Women in Distress of Broward County.

Patrouch, Joseph F. On the executive board of the Miami Beach Historical Association.

Patrouch, Joseph F. On the executive board of the South Florida Chapter of the Fulbright Association

Patrouch, Joseph F. On the executive board of the Florida Chapter of the Czechoslovak Society for Arts and Sciences (SVU)

Patrouch, Joseph F. Serves on the council of past presidents of the Florida Conference of Historians and was a member of organization’s Campbell Prize Committee.


Rochelson, Meri-Jane. Women’s Studies Advisory Board Member.

Women's Studies Faculty Achievements


Rose, Suzanna. Board Member, Miami-Dade Women's History Coalition, 2009-present.

Van Den Bergh, Nan. Founded a Florida nonprofit organization, incorporated October 2009, Area Resource and Referral Organization for Women (ARROW, Inc) has its mission to provide education, training, support services and resources related to the healthcare needs of lesbians, bisexual and transgendered women in Southeast Florida.

Weeks, Ophelia Inez. Guest Speaker 7th Grade Ponce De Leon Middle School. Gave talk on HIV/AIDS, other infectious diseases, and anything the students wanted to talk about. February 2010.

FIU SERVICE

Addy, Dawn. Faculty Senate Recording Secretary.

Addy, Dawn. Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

Addy, Dawn. CAS Council of Chairs.


Addy, Dawn. Access and Equity.

Addy, Dawn. Hearing Officer for the the Academic Judicial Hearing Committee.

Addy, Dawn. CAS Curriculum Committee.

Addy, Dawn. Women’s Studies Curriculum Committee.

Barrett, Lynne. Advisory Board, Women's Studies Center (elected April 2009).

Blumenfeld, Leah. Member of the Planning committee for Take Back the Night. FIU Women’s Center, April 2010.

Cohn, Ellen G. Chaired the Graduate Faculty Committee for the Criminal Justice Department.

Cohn, Ellen G. Served on the Criminal Justice Tenure and Promotion Committee.

Cohn, Ellen G. Served as a member of the FIU Student Conduct Committee.

Cohn, Ellen G. Served as a member of the FIU Judicial and Mediation Committee.

Rochelson, Meri-Jane.


Rochelson, Meri-Jane. Women’s Studies Advisory Board Member.

Rose, Suzanna. Senior Associate Dean, Sciences, 2009-10

Rose, Suzanna. Chair, Integrated Life Sciences Committee (formerly BABS), College of Arts & Sciences.

Rose, Suzanna. Member, Women’s Studies Donor Board.

Weeks, Ophelia Inez. FIU Day Tallahassee, FL. One of two faculty members along with President Rosenberg, Trustees, President’s Council members, Alumni and students making up a delegation that spent the whole day meeting with the legislative leadership. We promoted the case for FIU in these difficult budgetary
## Women's Studies Graduate Student Achievements

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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

| **Clark, Zoila.** “Judaic Evil Myths in Latin American Women Writers.” *Second Global Conference: Evil, Women and the Feminine.* Inter-Disciplinary.Net |
| **Clark, Zoila.** “El Retorno de Lillith en Cristina Escotef e Isabel Allende.” *Modern Language Association MLA.* Philadelphia, PA. |
| **Meszaros, Julia.** “Romance Tourism” *The International Colloquium on Tourism.* Bangkok, Thailand. July 2010. |
2009-2010 WOMEN'S STUDIES GRADUATES

FALL 2009

Bachelor of Arts
Jasmin Augustin
María Everman
Sean Gerardino
Maria Lopez-Boada
Rebecca Lubin
Helen Portillo Brown
Milza Rosales
Gabriella Raccab
Lydia Titus

Second Majors (BA)
Stephanie Guzman
Nicole Lewchuk

WS Certificate
Evelyn Diaz
Ingrid Hoyos

SPRING 2010

Bachelor of Arts
Marquita Adley
Vanessa Santana
Michelle Roberts
Janniree Gutierrez
Tiffany Yeomans-Benford

Second Majors (BA)
Melanie Austin
Dominique Díaz Granados

WS Certificate
Naomi Doole
Ashley Hicks
Yamari Lesca
Christina Mainville
Vanessa Padron
Vanessa Reyes

Graduate Certificate
Chandra Whitehead

SUMMER 2010

Bachelor of Arts
Diane Johnson

Second Majors (BA)
Khadijah Charles
Natividad Termini
Maria Lopez-Boada (Women's Studies/Political Science, Fall 2009)

I knew I somehow wanted to be involved in Women's Studies even before I graduated from high school, and as soon as I did at FIU I never looked back. The education I received was top-notch, and every professor in the department was just as passionate about their students’ success as they were about their area of knowledge. I was also fortunate enough to be involved with the department outside of the classroom as a member, Vice-President, and eventually President of The WSSA, where I worked with students and faculty on various projects to further the mission of the department. My time with the student group and the department opened my eyes to various holes in our society’s net that needed patching, inspiring me to pursue a career in Social Work. With the help and advice of my professors and fellow students I am pleased to say that I will be starting my Master’s degree in Social Service Administration at The University of Chicago. I cannot say enough good things about the Women’s Studies program at FIU, and I know it will only continue to improve and grow.

Vanessa Reyes (English/Women’s Studies Certificate, Spring 2010)

Since graduation I have continued working for the Miami-Dade Public Library system and am moving to Tallahassee, where I will begin my masters at Florida State University in Library Information Science and Museum Studies. I have been volunteering at the Miami Museum of Science helping out with a special project that involves tomorrow’s leaders. The program is called Young Ambassadors and features students who have won scholarships with the Smithsonian division of Hispanic heritage in Washington D.C. I love this project it’s been amazing, we educate the youth on the importance of museums and libraries in our Nation and, how as a minority they can make the difference amongst others who have yet to experience such worlds. Also I want to add a special thank you to the Women’s Studies ladies. As a fellow E-board member and former secretary to the Women’s Studies Student Association, I was able to connect and share a multitude of ideas, and experiences engaging with women in our community. I want to thank also the ladies of the Women’s Studies Graduate Association for making it possible for me to be a panel presenter at the Women’s Studies Student Conference early in the spring. Overall it was a great opportunity to share my research on women and unemployment.

Tiffany Yeomans-Benford (Women’s Studies/Africa & African Diaspora Studies Cert., Spring 2010)

Upon graduating, I decided to take a summer break to work and travel. One of my traveling sites was the U.S. Social Forum held in Detroit. During this week long forum hundreds of progressive organizations and great minds came together to start sharing ideas on how to continue a social movement in the U.S. that pushes for transformation politically, economically and morally. This trip has been a highlight in my life and if it were not for my extensive education on social and political movements, gained through the courses and professors at FIU, I would probably not have been there. In the fall of 2010, I will be attending Barry University to further my studies by pursuing a Master’s in Social Work. I currently sit on the Women and Youth Committee for the Miami Workers Center and continue to volunteer with many other organizations.
student activities & achievements

Women's Studies Alumni Accomplishments

zoila

Zoila Clark (Spanish Ph.D./ WS Graduate Certificate, 2009) wrote to us: "The classes I took in WS gave me the tools to apply a gender studies approach to my research in Hispanic literature and film, and that allowed me to attend conferences and publish my articles. I created an academic journal, Hispanet Journal, in order to investigate gender issues in the Hispanic postcolonial culture. This journal is accessible to the worldwide internet community, and requires no fees for publication (www.hispanetjournal.com).

ian

Ian Morris (History/ Women's Studies, 2004). After graduating Cum Laude from FIU in 2004, Ian received two Letters of Academic Achievement (Women's Studies & History) and a Letter of Outstanding Service from Women's Studies. He is currently pursuing an M.A. in History at FGCU. This Spring he began giving a series of lectures on Women Scientists involved in the Manhattan Project for the Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University. It was a pleasant experience with nice audiences, and they would like him to continue the lectures in the Fall semester.

brittany

Brittany Robinson (Women's Studies/ Psychology minor, 2009) is currently attending San Diego State University for her M.A. in Women's Studies. She was awarded a Graduate Assistantship.

ivette

Ivette Duarte (Sociology/Anthropology /Religious Studies minor/WS Certificate, 2004) is currently pursuing a Masters in Higher Education Administration and expects to earn her degree in April 2011. Since graduating in 2004, Ivette has received three promotions and is now Associate Director of Career Services. Once Ivette retires from FIU (within the next 5 years) she plans to go into consulting.

jaclyn

Jaclyn Heyen (Music Technology /WS Certificate, 2008) had a Spring 2010 internship with the Deep Listening Institute in Kingston, NY working on the Adaptive Use Musical Instruments Project for the Physically Challenged. In April 2010, Jaclyn graduated with a MM in Music Technology at FIU. She has been hired at the Deep Listening Institute for Summer 2010 to continue her work on the Adaptive Use Musical Instruments Project as a technical assistant to Pauline Oliveros, (composer, performer, humanitarian and a pioneer in American Music). Jaclyn has been accepted into the Medía, Arts, and Science doctoral program at Arizona State University for Fall 2010.
Elisa Melendez (Women’s Studies 2006). In August 2009, Elisa began doctoral study at FIU in Global and Sociocultural Studies (sociology track). Her research centers around gender as performed in video games, specifically rock music games such as Guitar Hero and Rock Band. Throughout the course of her study, Elisa hopes to maintain a close relationship with the Women’s Studies Center and earn a graduate certificate in the process.

Christina Mainville (Psychology/ Women’s Studies Certificate 2010) is in the process of waiting for responses from graduate schools, where she plans to pursue her Master’s degree in Social Work. Thus far she has been accepted to Barry University. With her Master’s degree, Christina plans on becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker where she will work with women, children, and families who are victims of domestic/family violence and child abuse.

Ayesha Quirke (International Relations/ Women’s Studies Certificate 2005) is the Program Director at the Miami Council for International Visitors and has held that position for over three years. She arranges cultural and professional itineraries for emerging leaders from around the world as part of the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program, a public diplomacy and professional exchange program. During her time at FIU, she focused her studies on women’s human rights and the Middle East/Central Asia, and was invited to present her research on Afghan women’s human rights abuses under the Taliban in the 2006 War Crimes Symposium at FIU, as well as the International Studies Association southern conference in Alabama.

Chaundra Whitehead (MS Adult Education/ WS Graduate certificate, 2010) is continuing her education as a doctoral student in the Adult Education and Human Resource Development program. Her collegiate activities include participation in the College of Education Research Conference and Women’s Studies Student Research Conference, as well as e-board positions in Golden Key International Honor Society, WSGSA, College of Education Graduate Student Network, and Phi Delta Kappa. She has over 10 years teaching experience in literacy, vocational and corrections education. Her research interests are women, adult education advocacy, adult basic education and the working poor. She is currently a graduate assistant in the College of Education, as the Managing Editor for New Horizons in Adult Education and Human Resource Development.
Maria Murriel is a Religious Studies major, Journalism minor, and a Women’s Studies Certificate earner. She is also a reporter for the FIU’s student newspaper, The Beacon, and the 2010 Associate Editor for Making Waves, the Women’s Studies student journal at FIU.

In her application, Maria wrote: “I am a strong-minded, sure-footed, intelligent woman who will further the cause of gender equality in the workplace through fierce activism, union work and legal battles if necessary…”

We are confident she will continue Rep. Gordon’s legacy of fighting for women’s rights.
200 SCHOLARSHIP: A SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, INC.
2010 Scholarship Winners

Amal Ardito & Guadalupe Juarez

The 200 Scholarship was donated by A Society of Professional Women, Inc., an organization of Dade County women from different professions. The group established this scholarship program for women students at FIU who demonstrate strong ability but face financial need. The award recognizes that women face multiple barriers to furthering their education. This scholarship is intended to help women students focus their attention mainly on education and career goals.

Amal Ardito is a dual Women's Studies and Journalism major. This academic year, she was a Women’s Studies “XX Radio” intern. Amal is also a community organizer who focuses on women’s issues, reproductive rights, equal pay and domestic violence. She is the co-founder of WOMB (Women of Miami Beach) which deals with many of the above issues.

While living in upstate NY, Amal worked with the local Planned Parenthood (PP) to change their policy which denied access to their services to most single women between the ages of 18-21. She did this by approaching Dr. Alan Guttmacher, then head of PP World Federation, who requested that the local group expand its client base to include this group of women.

Amal’s accomplishments demonstrate her courage and commitment to social justice and improving women’s lives.

Guadalupe Juarez is an Elementary Education major and a Women’s Studies certificate earner. This year, she was the President of Women’s Studies Students Association (WSSA) and the director and producer of The Vagina Monologues performance.

In her application, Lupe wrote: “I would like to work in organizations where I can provide some service that will improve the living conditions of women...I strongly believe that two individuals working for the same purpose is more effective than one, so I plan to work with coworkers and colleagues to advance women’s place in society.”

Lupe’s work with WSSA this year and raising funds to combat violence against women demonstrates her dedication to justice for women and her ability to work collaboratively with others.

2009-2010 COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
COLLEGE AWARD CEREMONY
APRIL 25, 2010

FALL 2009 WOMEN’S STUDIES RECIPIENT
Maria Lopez-Boada, Academic & Service Excellence

SPRING 2010 WOMEN’S STUDIES RECIPIENT
Vanessa Santana, Academic & Service Excellence
2010 Vagina Monologues

For more than a decade, *The Vagina Monologues* has been a worldwide tradition that has captivated the hearts of those who see it. More than just a play, *The Vagina Monologues* is a movement that strives to raise awareness to end violence against women and young girls, a movement to make our cities, homes and universities vagina-friendly places.

Since 2004, the Women’s Studies Student Association has had the privilege to host *The Vagina Monologues* at Florida International University. The 2010 production of *The Vagina Monologues* was just another successful year filled with over 200 people in the venue for all three nights (February 26-28th). The cast and production team’s hard work and dedication paid off as they were able to raise $5,556 to support organization within the community and V-Day, the global campaign that strives to end violence against women and girls around the world. WSSA donated the proceeds to V-Day, the Women’s Studies Center, FIU’s Victim Advocacy Center, and Kristi House’s GOLD project (formerly known as CSEC project).

Each cast member gave phenomenal performances and received standing ovations and much applause. Some audience members even asked if the actresses were theatre majors! A special thank you to our Sunday night guest performer, Drs. Aurora Morcillo and Vrushali Patil from the Women’s Studies Center. Unquestionably this year’s production was truly successful and as another journey approaches, WSSA will continue its commitment to making a difference and contributing to the community.

- Guadalupe Juarez, WSSA President (2009-2010)

### 2010 CAST & MONOLOGUES

Hair—Natalie Levy  
The "Wear & Say" Lists—Carolina Perez, Martha Maria Lopez, Adriana Rodriguez, Dr. Aurora Morcillo  
The Flood—Veronique Nydam  
The Vagina Workshop—Sarena Bahad  
Vagina Happy Fact—Claudia Camas  
Memory of Her Face—Stephanie De Las Salas, Natalie Levy, Guadalupe Juarez  
Because He Liked to Look At It—Adriana Rodriguez  
Not-So-Happy Fact—Claudia Camas  
My Angry Vagina—Gabrie Swingler  
My Vagina Was My Village—Stephanie De Las Salas  
The Little Coochi Snorcher That Could—Julie-Ann Haase  
Outrageous Vagina Fact—Claudia Camas  
Reclaiming Cunt—Gabrie Swingler  
A Six Year-old girl Was Asked...—Claudia Camas, Dr. Vrushali Patil  
The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy—Martha Maria Lopez  
I Was There in the Room—Carolina Perez  
Intro Spotlight—Hollis Bubla  
Spotlight—Guadalupe Juarez, Adriana Rodriguez, Julie-Ann Haase  
Narrator—Hollis Bubla  

### 2010 PRODUCTION TEAM

**Director**  
Guadalupe Juarez  

**Technical crew**  
Daly Ruel  

**2010 Vagina Monologues Organizers**  
Guadalupe Juarez, Lis-Marie Alvarado, Vanessa Reyes
The 2010 cast of The Vagina Monologues getting ready for opening night.
student activities & achievements

9th Annual Women’s Studies Student Conference

The theme for the 9th Annual Women’s Studies Student Conference was “Cleaning Up the Down Economy: Women, Gender, and the Global Economy.” The event was sponsored and organized by the Women’s Studies Graduate Student Association (WSGSA).

Coinciding with the theme, the Women’s Studies Interns, Stephanie Acevedo and Mirtha Soto gave an exclusive tour of the “Women’s Work/Men’s Work: Labor & Gender in America” exhibit at the Wolfsonian Teaching Gallery at the Frost Museum.

The WSGSA Distinguished Guest Lecture, “Laundry, Cultural Production, and Political Economy in Mexico City,” was given by Dr. Marie-Eileen Francois from California State University-Channel Islands.

The all-day conference was a success with over 125 students, faculty, staff, and guests in attendance.

Conference Panels

WORKERS & DIVERSITY
Discussants: Dr. Dawn Addy, Director, Center for Labor Research & Studies

Gainful Employment Changes Women’s Lives. Janet Dapprich, Adult Education

Pink Collar Ghetto. Janet Evans, Adult Education


Three Generations of Women in the Workforce. Sharon Thompson, Conflict Resolution

Effectiveness of Female-Offender Reentry Models. Naty Treminio, Psychology & Women’s Studies

HISTORICAL PATTERNS IN WOMEN’S POSITION & LABOR
Discussant: Dr. Kirsten E. Wood, History


From Rosie the Riveter to Donna Reed: Women in Propaganda Images, 1940s-1950s. Miriam Kashem (FIU Alum ’09) History, English, & Film Studies

Marriage as a Migration Option in Response to Neoliberal Structural Adjustment Policies. Julia Meszaros, Comparative Sociology

Women Education in Traditionally Male Labor Vocations. Chaundra Whitehead, Adult Education & Women’s Studies

HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS
Discussant: Dr. Laurie Shrage, Director, Women’s Studies Center

Violence Against Women in the Brazilian Amazon: A Case Study of the Madeira River Project. Karyna Do Monte (FIU Alum ’09), Religious Studies

A Case for the Protection of Women by Expanding the Tenets of the UN Declaration on Human Rights. Courtney Just, Liberal Studies

Sex Work in the Global South. Christina Geraldine Mainville, Psychology & Women’s Studies

Eating Problems Come in All Shapes & Colors: Body Image, the Politics of Obesity, & the Health Care Gap. Nicole Muxson-Perez, Global & Sociocultural Studies

What is Left for Unemployed Women. Vanessa Reyes, English & Women’s Studies

“INERTIA” A CREATIVE WRITING STUDENT PANEL
E. Parker Phillips with Jan Becker, Pete Borrebach, Anjanette Delagdo, Amy Hughes, Joseph Lapin, David Landsberger, and Yaddyra Peralta, students from the Creative Writing Program at Biscayne Bay Campus.
Top Left: Worker’s & Diversity panelists from Dr. Addy’s course. Top Right: Dr. Marie-Eileen Francois; Middle Left: Women’s Studies interns Mirtha Soto and Stephanie giving an exclusive tour of the Wolfsonian Teaching Gallery; Bottom left: Christina Mainville presenting on sex work in the global south ; Bottom Right: Paula de la Cruz Fernández (History) introducing a panel.
Top Left: Discussant Dr. Kirsten Wood giving feedback to panel members; Top Right: Nicole Mason-Perez (Global & Sociocultural Studies); Middle Left: WSGSA members Julio Capó and Ashley Mateiro listen intently along with the rest of the audience; Middle Right: Chaundra Whitehead (Adult Education/Women’s Studies) presenting on women in traditionally male vocations; Bottom left: WSGSA president Christi Navarro and WSSA president Guadalupe Juarez presenting Paula Powell with a Outstanding Service Award; Bottom Right: Courtney Just (Liberal Studies) presenting on a case for the protection of women under the UN Declaration for Human Rights.
Most of the essays found in Volume 9 of Making Waves are from the 9th Annual Women’s Studies Student Conference, “Cleaning Up the Down Economy: Women, Gender, & the Global Economy.”

I would like to thank this year’s Associate Editor, Maria Murriel, for her work and dedication to this issue of Making Waves. Maria volunteered her time during Summer 2010 as her work was not part of a for-credit internship or independent study. Please be sure to read Maria’s special interview with Women’s Studies/Wolfsonian interns Mirtha Soto and Stephanie Acevedo.

STUDENT ESSAYS

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**Pink Collar Ghetto.** Janet Evans, Adult Education

**“The Coochied Criminal:” Poverty, Prostitution, and Prison.** Crystal Hicks, Higher Education Administration

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**“Women’s Work/Men’s Work” at the Wolf** Interview with Women’s Studies Interns, Stephanie Acevedo & Mirtha Soto, by Maria Murriel, Making Waves Associate Editor.

EDITORS
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Each of the following students worked at different sites or on projects where they gained practical application and opportunities outside of classroom learning.

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*Left: XX Radio interns Debra Fisher and Pamela Bausher interviewing Dr. Conchita Lundblad, FIU Professor of Social Work.*
"Women's Work / Men's Work: Labor and Gender in America" is the inaugural exhibit of the Wolfsonian. The exhibit displayed the divide in the American workforce due to gender, and how this division was presented through public art, advertisements and announcements. The collection was curated by Drs. Jon Mogul and Alex Lichtenstein who were assisted by two of our Women's Studies interns, Mirtha Soto and Stephanie Acevedo. Below is a partial interview of their experiences working with the Wolfsonian. (Please see the full article in Making Waves, Vol. 9 by Associate Editor, Maria Murriel.)

After working with the exhibit, what are your thoughts about "male work" vs. "female work?"

Stephanie: In this exhibit it is clear that male work is typically seen as something that requires skill while female laborers are often marginalized, labeled "temporary workers," who are just filling in for their male counterparts who are away at war. Not only are the women laborers seen as transient but the skills they do have, like sewing, are attributed to their gender rather than something that must be learned. It is seen as something that is innate in women, something they were born to do since they (supposedly) have tiny hands.

Was there any one thing in particular that now strikes you as amazing, incredible, etc.?

Mirtha: I just find it wonderful and sometimes surprising how telling the kinds of the objects at the Wolfsonian can be when studying the society that produced them. I particularly love how something as seemingly inane as soap advertisement cards can suddenly say so much about women's labor when viewed from a different perspective.

Could you tell us a little bit about "gendered perspectives"?

Stephanie: Gendered perspectives assign roles to men and women in society. While this exhibit focused on labor, gendered perspective impacts every aspect of our lives, downright to the opportunities that we come across and the way we interact with each other.

How would you describe your internship with the Women’s Studies Center?

Mirtha: I truly enjoyed internship because I was able to contribute concretely to a project, and at the same time I was allowed to explore my own capabilities. That is, I felt that there was a balance between the work that needed to be done, and my choice in selecting which tasks I would gain the most from performing.
By Guadalupe Juarez, WSSA President

The Women's Studies Student Association has had another productive year filled with many new ideas, events and accomplishments.

The Fall semester was certainly one of the busiest semesters ever! WSSA had the honor of coordinating the Hijabi Monologues at Florida International University for the first time with organizations like Alpha Kappa Delta and the Student Government Association. In October, WSSA held a successful clothing drive that benefitted Lotus House Women's Shelter. The entire bed of a pick up truck was loaded with many bags of clothes! In December, a toy drive was held for children of farm workers who were part of The Farmworker Association of Florida located in Homestead. That same month we volunteered at The Farmworker Association's annual posada where we took a piñata filled with feminine products for women, played Bingo with the children, and sang Christmas carols with the families.

The latter part of the school year is always filled with excitement, exhaustion, and consistent preparation... and this year was no exception! In February, WSSA held the screening of Until The Violence Stops, a film that depicts how Eve Ensler’s solo show of The Vagina Monologues grew into the V-Day movement, which was a great success. The Vagina Monologues performance was also held in February and again the long months of planning for this event paid off. Not only were we able to raise over $5,000, but we also received gratifying feedback from the audience who provide us with momentum and motivation to continue the tradition at FIU.

Towards the end of the semester, WSSA collaborated with WSGSA to host a panel discussion on natural birth and midwifery. Amongst our panelists were Justine Clegg who was the midwifery chair and professor at Miami Dade College, Tamara Taitt the president of Florida Friends of Midwives. Because of the event’s success, we will continue advocating and educating students about natural birth at FIU.

A special thanks to WSSA’s executive board and everyone at the Women’s Studies Center for their endless support. We look forward to another productive year!
Above: Birth Rights: What You Should Know About Natural Birth. A panel discussion on natural birth and midwives coordinated by WSSA & WSGSA.

Above: Organizers and cast of “The Hijabi Monologues”

Clothing Drive drop-off for the Lotus House Women’s Shelter.

Yanet Gomez, Gabrie Swingler, Liz-Marie Alvarado, Maria Barbaran, and Dalny Ruel at the screening of Until The Violence Stops.
The 2009-2010 academic year was another busy year for WSGSA members!

In the Fall, we hosted a Faculty & Student mixer. It was a great opportunity for new and current Women’s Studies students to meet the faculty and staff of the Women’s Studies Center.

We co-sponsored an international dance show, Gems: Empowering Women through Dance, and were one of the co-sponsors for the Eric Williams Memorial Lecture with Portia Simpson Miller, leader of the Opposition and former Prime Minister of Jamaica.

We continued our community service efforts with the Lotus House Women’s Shelter and were honored to volunteer at their 5th Annual Fundraiser, “Hope Blossoms: An Art Happening,” at the Margulies Art Warehouse.

In the Spring, the fabulous E-board members of WSGSA organized the 9th Annual Women’s Studies Student Conference with a guest lecture by Dr. Marie Francois from CSU-Channel Islands.

In April, WSGSA was also proud to co-sponsor the first joint annual Queer & Transgender Studies Symposium with the University of Miami.

As a result of our amazing achievements, we were able to use our earned special allocations money from CSO to fund the student conference, printing of the Making Waves, Vol. 8 journal, and travel expenditures for two WSGSA members presenting at conferences.

A special thank you to the 2009-2010 WSGSA Executive Board for their hard work and dedication to the organization and the Women’s Studies Center:

- President: Christi M. Navarro
- Vice-President: Ashley Mateiro
- Treasurer: Paula de la Cruz Fernández
- Secretary: Jennifer Sheran
- CSO Representative: Julio Capó, Jr.

In order to encompass more of our students’ research areas, the WSGSA 2010-2011 E-board will be changing the name of the organization to Women, Sexuality, and Gender Studies Association. For more information, please email wsgsa@fiu.edu.

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Top Row: Lotus House Thrift van; At the opening of the Lotus House Thrift store in September; Second Row: Christi, Paula, and Jennifer taking a break while volunteering at the Gems performance; Belly dancers practicing before the show. Third row: Paula, Ashley, Julio, and Christi at the opening of the “Women’s Work/Men’s Work” exhibit at the Frost Museum; WSSA & WSGSA members Maria Lopez-Boada and Guadalupe Juarez sharing a table with Paula at the CSO Club Fair. Right: Flyer for the Queer & Transgender Studies collaboration with the University of Miami.
“Welcome” To Our New Advisory Board Members

**Commissioner Katy Sorenson** has been representing District 8 since 1994, has been an outspoken advocate for her community and all of Miami-Dade County. Commissioner Sorenson has worked diligently to enhance the quality of life for South Miami-Dade through wise economic and growth management policies, crime prevention initiatives, and protection of the region’s environmental resources. She has also been a staunch advocate for human rights, a champion of regional cooperation, a leader in child welfare issues, and a promoter of the arts. Commissioner Sorenson is the Chairwoman of the Budget, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, Vice Chair of the State Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, and is a member of the Housing & Community Development, Recreation, Culture & Tourism, and Transit, Infrastructure & Roads committees of the Board of County Commissioners.

**Lourdes Castillo de la Pena** has been active in civic affairs in Miami-Dade County for the past several decades, holding leadership positions on a myriad of prestigious not-for-profit Boards, committees and organizations, helping to raise thousands of dollars to benefit the needy and less fortunate in our community. Ms. Castillo de la Peña has also served on several national boards such as: The American Red Cross, Voices for Children, National Alzheimer’s Association, Republican National Senatorial Committee, as well as local boards; Miami Children Hospital, Fisher Island Philanthropic Fund, Miami City Ballet, Angels of Mercy, she is presently serving a four year board term on the Florida Friends of the Orphans. She was appointed by Governor Bush to the Florida Alzheimer Disease Initiative in 1999 - 2003, in 2002 she serves a two year term on the Board of Miami-Dade County Historical Advisory Board and in 2008 Florida’s Attorney General appointed her as a Commissioner to the Florida Status of Women.
The FIU Women’s Studies Center Board of Advisors continued to increase its support of the program during its fifth year. Together, these distinguished women contributed greatly to the success and growth of Women’s Studies.

The Board was established in Fall 2003. The term of membership is two years and the members of the Women’s Studies Board of Advisors assume the following responsibilities:

- Provide advice to the Women’s Studies Center, makes linkages to individuals and business contacts in the region, nationally, and internationally, helps develop strategic and long range planning, provides community perspectives and perceptions.
- Actively seek funding for Women’s Studies by participating in solicitation, donor prospecting, generating and facilitating contacts, attending ongoing development activities and events, and cultivating others.
- Provide financial support through donations and helps obtain donations. Members of the Founding Board will make an initial annual donation of $1,000 annually (i.e., to give or get donations).
- Take time to become informed about the Women’s Studies Center, and promotes the center through daily contact. May assist with public sector lobbying. Helps project the Center programs regionally and nationally.
- Attend board meetings is available for consultation by appointment, by phone, or email on a pre-notified basis.
- Cultivate and recommend qualified people who have the potential to be future members of the Board.

**Mary Lou Pfeiffer** served on the Advisory Board in the College of Arts and Sciences at FIU and the Board for the FIU Center for Spirituality as well as the Women’s Studies Board of Advisors. She was the contributor of the Helen J. Dunnick Endowment to teach American Indian Studies at FIU. She received a LL.M. in Intercultural Human Rights from St. Thomas University School of Law and a Master’s Degree in Religious Studies from FIU. She is the owner and operator of Pfeiffer Originals art glass studio, President and partner in Caressa-me, an aromatherapy company, and a recipient of the FIU Alumni Torch Award.

**Suzanna M. Rose** is the Senior Associate Dean for the Sciences and Professor of Psychology & Women’s Studies in the College of Arts & Sciences at FIU. She previously served as Chair of Psychology and as Director of Women’s Studies at FIU. Prior to coming to FIU, she was Professor of Psychology and Director of Women’s Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Dr. Rose has published extensively on issues related to women and gender, including professional networks, career development, leadership, and personal relationships. Dr. Rose has been a member of eight editorial boards for journals in psychology and women’s studies and also served on APA grant panels. More than thirty universities nationally and internationally have consulted with her concerning strategies for recruiting and retaining women faculty in science and engineering.

**Lynda Esserman** is a Women’s Studies major and benefactor. She was the hostess of the Spring 2008 Women’s Studies gala.
WS Advisory Board & Fundraising Activities

Friends of the Women’s Studies Center’s Board of Advisors

The “Friends of the Board of Advisors” donate $500 a year or more to the Women's Studies Center.

Marjorie H. Adler is Human Resources Director for the City of Coral Gables (2004-present). Previously, she was Chief Personnel Officer of Human Resources for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (2003-2004) and for the school district of Philadelphia (PA) (1997-2002). She has extensive management experience in the private sector as well. Her areas of expertise include labor relations and recruitment strategies, organization development, and risk management. Previously a 40-year resident of Philadelphia, she was very active in the wider community, particularly in women's issues and cultural affairs.

Carol Alexander is Founder and President of Carol Alexander, C.P.A., PA, a public accounting firm serving the South Florida business community, providing income tax planning and preparation as well as business evaluations. She serves on the boards of several professional and not-for-profit organizations. She also served two years as Club President of the Rotary Club of Miami Sundown. Among her personal interests are fitness, music and art.

Maria Anderson, Vice Mayor & Commissioner, City of Coral Gables, FL. Ms. Anderson is a Board Member of the Urban Environment League and a Commission Representative for the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. She spearheaded a successful community visioning process for the revitalization of downtown Coral Gables, co-sponsored with the University of Miami School of Architecture.

Gayle Ann Bainbridge has made a career as an insurance agent in Coral Gables after her graduation from FIU in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She currently is Vice President of Elliott, McKiever & Stowe, Inc., insurance company. She serves on the Boards of the FIU Alumni Association, UM Friends of Music, and was Chairman of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Bainbridge was the 2006 recipient of the Thelma Gibson Excellence Award for Leadership from the Miami-Dade Women’s Chamber of Commerce. Her hobbies include traveling, gardening and reading.

Elizabeth Baker is a lawyer with Baker & Cronig, LLP (family, real estate, banking and business law). She has been continuously certified by the Florida Bar in Matrimonial and Family Law. She has been actively involved in SafeSpace Foundation, a private charity which supports the Miami-Dade County shelters for battered women and their children, for over 25 years. In 2006, she was recognized by the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Miami-Dade County chapter, with the Mattie Belle Davis Award. Her personal interests include the study of Shakers, a utopian religious sect, and collecting vintage costume jewelry.

Glenda (Rusty) Belote, Ph.D. is the retired Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Florida International University. She served for many years on the Women’s Studies Faculty Board, the FIU Title IX Committee (concerned with equity in women’s sports), and the Women’s Center Board (Student Affairs Division). She also developed and taught a popular interdisciplinary course, Gay and Lesbian in the U.S.

Annie Betancourt epitomizes the consummate change agent. She is a graduate of University of Miami and attended the Senior Executive Program at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. Also, Ms. Betancourt is a former member of the Florida House of Representatives (1994-2002) and Democratic nominee for Florida’s 25th Congressional District. Her experience allowed her to work across diverse political, social, cultural and economic lines. The time she spent in the Florida Legislature was highly productive because she championed laws that foster job opportunities and
Marie Birts is the South Miami Commissioner and a Women’s Studies benefactor.

Ann (Annie) Goodrich retired from FIU recently but is still active with Women’s Studies and at the University. She received numerous awards during her many years of service, including the Outstanding Employee of the Year Award from FIU in 1988 and 1995 and the FIU United Way Volunteer of the Year award in 1996. She was the University of Miami Medical School Woman of the Year in 1990 for her outstanding efforts in building the Ronald McDonald House at Jackson Memorial Hospital. The FIU Executive Council in 1997 named an award in her honor, the Ann H. Goodrich Volunteer of the Year Award.

Evelyn Langlieb Greer is an attorney with Hogan, Greer & Shapiro, P.A., and was formerly elected as the Miami-Dade County School Board Member from South Miami-Dade in 2004. She was the founding mayor of the Village of Pinecrest from 1996-present. Ms. Greer was also President of Greer Properties, Inc., a Director of City National Bank of Florida, N.A. from 1998-present, a Trustee of Barnard College, Columbia University, NY, from 1995-2004, the Vice Chair for the Board of Visitors, Columbia Law School from 1996-present, Director of Our Kids, Inc., the Miami-Dade foster care umbrella organization, and a Director of the Miami Performing Arts Center.

Margaret McCaffery is the director of the Soroptimist of Coral Gables, a national organization focused on supporting women and girls in distress.

Maria Millheiser is a benefactor and Women’s Studies alumna. Her early career was in nursing. After raising a family, she returned to FIU to complete her undergraduate degree in 2006. She is committed to helping other women gain the knowledge they need to grow and thrive, as well as to protect themselves.

Diana Parker is Director of Office Brokerage at Cushman & Wakefield of Florida, Inc. Cushman & Wakefield is the world’s largest privately held real estate services firm. It delivers integrated solutions by actively advising, and managing on behalf of Landlords, tenants, and investors through every stage of the real estate process.

Pat Klock Parker, Broker-Salesperson, has been with The Klock-Parker Real Estate Group at Coldwell Banker since 1977. She was a top Real Estate Broker-Agent, selling homes in Coral Gables, Coconut Grove, Pinecrest, South Miami and East Kendall. She was a charter member of the Master Broker’s Advisory Board of the top 200 agents in Dade County and the International President’s Elite top 5% of Real Estate Agents in the Country. She was a past Board of Directors’ member of the Miami Choral Society and past parent board member of Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart. She and her husband are actively involved at Epiphany Parish.

E. Linnea Pearson is an adjunct FIU professor in Religious Studies and a Women’s Studies Center affiliated faculty member. Dr. Pearson is also the chair of the Inter-Faith Task Force on Domestic Violence, and the NCCJ of South Florida.

Joyce Shaw Peterson is Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the Biscayne Bay Campus. She is a long-term friend of Women’s Studies, having served on the committee that recommended the creation of a Women’s Studies Program for FIU. At the end of the summer she will be stepping down from her administrative position and embarking on a sabbatical. She looks forward to returning to full time teaching and research in the Department of History and Frequently offering Women’s Studies History courses.

Carolina Rendeiro is Founder and CEO of Business Centers International in Coral Gables and Brickell, a concierge-type service that provides customized workspaces, offices, and lobby and conference rooms that create a luxurious, high tech, executive business environment. She is the Chairman-elect of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce.

Helen Venero has been in the scientific instrumentation industry for 29 years. She currently is president of VTI Corporation, based in Hialeah, Florida, a small company that designs, manufactures and markets scientific instruments all over the world. Venero’s educational background reflects her many interests over the years: Spanish literature, social work, and business. The importance of entrepreneurial skills and the support and mentoring of women in business has been of great interest.
The Elaine Gordon Scholarship Endowment was established in 1999 to honor the life and work of Elaine Gordon (1931-2000). Ms. Gordon was a pioneering feminist elected to the Florida House in 1972 who was a leading advocate on issues involving health care, mental health, children and women’s reproductive rights. In 1982, she was one of the first six women inducted into the Florida Women’s Hall of Fame in Tallahassee. After retiring from the legislature in 1994, Ms. Gordon worked for FIU as an Assistant Vice President until 1999.

Five donors contributed to the endowment this year. Their generous contribution makes it possible for one Women’s Studies student to receive a scholarship each year.

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The success of the Friends of Women’s Studies fundraising drive enabled our students to acquire valuable educational experiences outside the classroom and lent support to other Women’s Studies events. Women’s Studies Donations from friends and corporate sponsors funded scholarships, student travel to professional conferences, and outreach activities. The Friends’ donations were greatly appreciated. Below are the friends we received donations from for the 2009-2010 Academic Year.

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## Lecture Series & Events

### SEPTEMBER

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"Gender Bias in the Media"
*Roundtable Discussion and Annual Meeting of the Florida Commission for the Status of Women*

### OCTOBER

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**Hijabi Monologues Performance**
*Co-sponsored with WSSA*

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**“Dance, Gender, & Culture”**
*Panel Discussion With: Dr. Kenton Harris (Philosophy), Dr. Abdolrahim Javadzadeh (Global & Sociocultural Studies), Dr. Zoila Clark (Modern Languages & Women’s Studies)*

And special guests: Adriana Echeverri (Belly 2 Abs Wellness Studio), Tiffany Hanan Madera, M.A. (Dance ethnographer and performer), Ilhan Jamal (ADORa World Dance Productions)

*Co-Sponsored with the Women’s Studies Graduate Student Association (WSGSA)*

### NOVEMBER

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**“The Feminist Revolution: Then and Now”**
*Panel Discussion with Professors Carol Damian, Aurora Morcillo, Meri-Jane Rochelson, Dionne Stephens, and Laurie Shrage*

*To complement the current exhibit at the Jewish Museum of Florida, Judy Chicago: Jewish Identity*

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**The 11th Annual Eric Williams Memorial Lecture**
**“A New Vision for a New World Reality: Prospects for the Anglophone Caribbean”**
*By Portia Lucretia Simpson-Miller*

*Organized by the African & African Diaspora Studies and co-sponsored with the College of Arts & Sciences, SIPA, the Women’s Studies Center, WSGSA, and LACC.*

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**“The Emergence of Transnational Subjects: The EU Eastern Enlargement and Women’s Activism in Poland”**
*By Joanna Regulska*

*Co-sponsored with the EU Center & European Studies Program*

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**“Anatomy is Not Destiny: Sex, Gender, & Sexual Orientation Meet Transgender Studies”**
*By Professor Laurie Shrage*

*Part of the Philosophy Department Speaker Series, Fall 2009*
Top Corner: Shellie Levin opening the roundtable discussion. Left: Dr. Joyce Elam, Executive Dean, Business Administration. Above: Commissioner Katy Sorenson, Helen Agüerre Ferré (Journalist, WPBT 2), and former Florida Representative Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall. Below: FL Commission on the Status of Women panel.

Top: Zoila Clark (WS Alum) at the "Dance, Gender, and Culture" Panel Discussion. Right: Former Jamaican Prime Minister and leader of the Opposition, the Honorable Portia
### JANUARY

**Body and Sold Performance and “Trafficking as a Social Pandemic in Florida”**
Panel Discussion with R. Alexander Acosta (Dean, FIU College of Law), Trudy Novicki (Executive Director, Kristi House), Carmen Pino (Assistant Special Agent in Charge, I.C.E. - SAC/Miami), and Professor Roza Pati (St. Thomas University).
Co-sponsored with WSGSA and FIU Theater Department

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**Women’s Work/Men’s Work: Labor and Gender in America**
Inauguration of the Wolfsonian Teaching Gallery at the Frost
Co-sponsored with The Wolfsonian and Frost Museums

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**“The Poetry of Young Afghan Refugees in Iran”**
By Zuzanna Olszewska
Co-sponsored with FIU’s Middle Eastern Studies Center (MESC) and The Sociology-Anthropology and Geography Students Association (SAGSSA)

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**“Indigenous Women’s Studies and Feminist Theory”**
By Dr. Michaela Moura-Kocoglu, WS Visiting Scholar

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### MARCH

**Pray the Devil Back to Hell: Film Showing and Panel Discussion about the Liberian Civil War and the Women’s Peace Movement**
Panel discussion with: Dean Alexander Acosta (FIU Law School), Professor Ophelia Weeks (FIU Biology Department), Professor Peggy Maisel (FIU Law School), and Professor Jean Rahier (FIU African and African Diaspora Studies Program)

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**“Madonna, Oprah, and Angelina: Gender and the politics of celebrity activism in Africa”** By Professor Zine Magubane
Co-sponsored with African and African Diaspora Studies

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**Women Healing Women and the World: Confronting Religious Misogyny**
Co-Sponsored with Religious Studies, Theta Alpha Kappa, and WSGSA

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**4th Annual Women Who Lead Conference**
Keynote speaker: Beth Sobol, President, Sobol Fashion Productions
Co-sponsored with FIU’s Women’s Center

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### APRIL

**Orgasm, Inc. Film Showing and Discussion with Filmmaker Liz Canner**
Co-sponsored with The Wolfsonian Museum, WSGSA, and the College of Arts & Sciences

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**Women’s Studies Center’s Annual Spring Gala**

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**“Reading the End of Daniel Deronda: Victorian Women Writers on Jewish Exile and Return”** by Professor Susan David Bernstein
Co-sponsored with FIU’s Judaic Studies Program and English Department

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Top left: Cast members from the Body and Sold Performance. Top right: “Trafficking as a Social Pandemic in Florida” Panel Discussants. Left: In the Wolfsonian Teaching Gallery with Dr. Jon Mogul, WS Fall Intern Mirtha Acevedo, Dr. Alex Lichtenstein, and Dr. Laurie Shrage. Bottom left: Women Healing Women and the World participants (clockwise from the top): Lisa Van Ostrand (Taoist Temple for Healing), YeyeJini (Institute for African Studies and Culture), Sister Charitra Prajna (FIU Religious Studies), Dr. Ozlem Pala, M.D., (University of Miami School of Medicine and the Turkish Anatolia Cultural Center), and Rev. Dr. Lori Cardona, (LMC Inter-Faith Ministries). Bottom right: Women’s Studies Faculty at the closing night of the Vagina Monologues performance.
The 4th Annual Women’s Studies Spring Gala was held in April at the Frost Art Museum. Women’s Studies scholarship recipients for the Elaine Gordon and 200 Scholarships were announced at this year’s gala. Guests were treated to music by students from the FIU School of Music and a Columbian folk dance performance by Vanessa Urbina.
Clockwise from the top left: Vanessa Urbina and Lis-Marie Alvarado; 2010 Elaine Gordon Scholarship recipient Maria Murriel meeting Seth and Liebe Gadinsky; 200 Scholarship recipient Guadalupe Juarez receiving hugs from Professor Aurora Morcillo; Gala guests and their families view a slide show of the WSSA and WSGSA student organizations 2009-2010 accomplishments.
International Conference on Gender and Interculturalism in honor of Dr. Fatima Sadiqi in Fez, Morocco. The conference was attended by Dr. Aurora Morcillo.
GENDER & WOMEN’S STUDIES ACROSS CULTURES INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM

The Women’s Studies Center has a strong commitment to international education. In 2005, the Gender and Women’s Studies Across Cultures International Consortium was launched and includes the following institutions: Universidad de Granada in Spain; Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University in Fez, Morocco; Universidad Nacional de Colombia, and FIU. The primary organizers of the Consortium are:

Dr. Margarita María Birriel Salcedo, Professor of Modern History, Moderna, Universidad de Granada, Spain.

Dr. Fatima Sadiqi, Professor of Linguistics and Gender Studies, University of Fez, Morocco, and President of Isis Center for Women and Development

Dr. Souad Slaoui, Associate Professor of Linguistics, Universite Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Morocco.

Dr. Ángela Inés Robledo Palomeque, Associate Professor, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Dr. Aurora Morcillo, Associate Professor of History and Women’s Studies, FIU

Dr. Ana Maria Bidegain, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, FIU

The upcoming Consortium meeting will be held at Florida International University October 28-30, 2010. Attending the conference will be no more than two delegates from each member university. The meeting will focus on administrative and program development. A public roundtable will then be held on “Beyond the Secular/ Religious Divide: Building a Shared Feminist Space.” Schedule and additional details are forthcoming.

From left to right: Dawn Addy, Vrushali Patil, Angela Robledo Palomenque, Laurie Shrage, Fatima Sadiqi, Maya Boutaghou, Aurora Morcillo, Souad Saloui. Sitting: Margarita Birriel Salcedo and Margarita Sanchez.
International Conference on Gender and Interculturalism

in honor of Drs. Moha Ennaji & Fatima Sadiqi

The University of Fes, in partnership with the American Embassy in Rabat and the Moroccan-American Commission for Educational & Cultural Exchange, organized an international conference on Gender and Interculturality in honor of Professors Moha Ennaji and Fatima Sadiqi. The event took place on May 27-28, 2010 in the Palais des Congrès, in Fez, Morocco. Members from the Gender and Women’s Studies Across Cultures International Consortium, including our own Dr. Aurora Morcillo, participated in the event.

Professor Aurora Morcillo (center) with Fatima Sadiqi (left) at the International Conference of Gender and Interculturalism at the University of Fes in Morocco.

Dr. Morcillo with Dr. Margarita Birriel Salcedo from Universidad de Granada, Spain.
Featured Consortium Member: Dr. Fatima Sadiqi

Fatima Sadiqi is a former Fulbright Scholar and recipient of a Harvard Fellowship. She is Senior Professor of Linguistics University of Fez in Morocco, director of the Isis Centre for Women and Development, and co-founder of the International Institute of Languages and Linguistics. Dr. Sadiqi has written extensively on Moroccan languages and Moroccan women’s issues. She is the author of Women, Gender, and Language in Morocco (Brill, 2003), Grammaire du Berbère (L’Harmattan, 1997), Images on Women in Abdullah Bashralil’s Poetry (The Beirut Institute: 2004). She has also edited and co-edited a number of volumes, including Migration and Gender in Morocco (with Moha Ennaji, Red Sea Press: 2008) and Women Writing Africa. The Northern Region (with Amira Nowaira, Azza El Kholy and Moha Ennaji, The Feminist Press, CUNY). Her article on “Morocco” in Women’s Rights in the Middle East and North Africa (Freedom House and Roman & Littlefield) will be published in March 2010. Recently Dr. Sadiqi was elected President of Morocco’s National Union of Feminine Associations.

Women in the Middle East and North Africa: Agents of Change
By Fatima Saqiqi and Moha Ennaji

This book examines the position of women in the contemporary Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Although it is culturally diverse, this region shares many commonalities with relation to women that are strong, deep, and pervasive: a space-based patriarchy, a culturally strong sense of religion, a smooth co-existence of tradition and modernity, a transitional stage in development, and multilingualism/multiculturalism.

Experts from within the region and from outside provide both theoretical angles and case studies, drawing on fieldwork from Egypt, Oman, Palestine, Israel, Turkey, Iran, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, and Spain. Bringing to light often marginalized topics and issues, the book underlines the importance of respecting specificities when judging societies and hints at possible ways of promoting the MENA region.
In addition to the Women’s Studies Across Cultures International Consortium, the Women’s Studies Center is part of the GEMMA Master’s degree in Women’s and Gender Studies in the European Union. This is the first Erasmus Mundus Master’s in Women’s and Gender Studies in Europe. GEMMA is an interdisciplinary program that provides high quality academic education and professional competencies for personnel working or intending to work in the areas of Women’s Studies, Gender Studies and Equal Opportunities across Europe. There are eight universities in this European consortium:

- KOZE-P-EUROPAL EGYETEM (CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY), Hungary
- UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA, Italy
- UNIVERSIDAD DE GRANADA, Spain
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- FAKULTETA ZA PODIPLOMSKE HUMANISTICNE STUDIJE - INSTITUTUM - STUDIORUM HUMANITATIS, Slovenia
- UNIVERSITY OF HULL, England

Partners of the GEMMA Consortium in GEMMA World include:

Prof. Dra. Norma Blazquez Graf, Feminist Research Program, Center of Interdisciplinary Research on Sciences and Humanities, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico.

Prof. Dra. Nora Domínguez, Interdisciplinary Institute of Gender Studies, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Prof. Dra. Mary E. Hawkesworth, Women’s and Gender Studies Department, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, USA.

Prof. Dra. Aurora Morcillo, Women’s Studies Center, Florida International University, USA.

Prof. Lucero Quiroga, Center for Gender Studies, Technological Institute of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

GEMMA World makes it possible for European students of the GEMMA program to visit non-European research and higher education institutions. The students receive a scholarship of 3,100 euros to spend a short research or study period (up to 3 months) in one of these prestigious third country institutions during the 4th semester of the program. For more information on the GEMMA program, please see: http://www.ugr.es/~gemma/index.php
As part of our international cooperation GEMMA Action 3 with the European Masters GEMMA in gender and women’s studies we welcomed the following scholars between January and July

**Prof. Jasmina Lukic** Central European University, Budapest, 2 months

**Prof. Gdynya Zygolado** University of Lodz, 1 month, doing research on Chicana writers specially Gloria Anzaldua

**Prof. Margarita Birriel Salcedo** Universidad de Granada, 1 month (July-August)

**Prof. Dorota Golanska** University of Lodz, 1 month doing research on gender and political movements

**Prof. Nuria Romo** University of Granada, 1 month (June-July)

**Prof. Marta Zarzycka** University of Utrecht, 1 month (January) doing research on her work on Images of pain and gender.

**Prof. Rachel Alsop** University of Hull, 1 month (end of March) doing interviews with the book club at FIU.

These faculty were funded through GEMMA Master’s program. The Women’s Studies Center provided them with use of our office space and lounge, access to a computer as well as library privileges.

The same opportunity is open to Women’s Studies faculty. One may establish a working relationship with these scholars and apply for funding within GEMMA to spend research time in the eight universities part of this consortium. They are considered faculty members in our program during their time at FIU and can be guest speakers in our classes.
WOMEN’S STUDIES FACULTY

NEW CORE FACULTY MEMBER
DAWN E. ADDY
Dr. Addy directs the Center for Labor Research and Studies (CLRS) at Florida International University. Dr. Addy not only administers, but also teaches and conducts workshops and seminars nationally and internationally. She has taught in the areas of Women and Work, Workplace Diversity and Conflict Resolution, and Women’s Studies at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

WOMEN’S STUDIES CORE FACULTY

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DAWN E. ADDY, Director, Center for Labor Research & Studies; Professor Education and Women’s Studies

MAYA BOUTAGHOU, Assistant Professor Women’s Studies and Modern Languages (Fall 2010)

AURORA MORCILLO, Associate Professor Women’s Studies and History

VRUSHALI PATIL, Assistant Professor Women’s Studies and Global & Sociocultural Studies

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Rebecca Salokar, Political Science
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WOMEN’S STUDIES VISITING SCHOLARS

Michaela Moura-Koçoğlu studied New English Literatures and Cultures at Goethe-University in Frankfurt, Germany. In 2009, she completed her doctoral thesis with the title "Narrating Indigenous Modernities: Transcultural Dimensions in Contemporary Māori Literature". Her current research focuses on Indigenous Women’s Studies, Native Pacific Writing, Postcolonial Literatures and Transculturality as a critical methodology. Michaela lives in the United States and will teach her first class as an adjunct professor at Florida International University’s Women’s Studies Center this Fall (2010) at the Pembroke Pines FIU campus.

Recent publication:

Asia Eaton served as a Post Doctoral Associate at Florida International University with a joint appointment in Psychology and Women’s Studies in 2009-2010. As a social psychologist, Dr. Eaton’s interests include gender and sex roles, social power, and attitudes and persuasion, and she has published research in these areas in journals such as Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, Social and Personality Psychology Compass, and the European Review of Social Psychology. In the 2009-2010 school year Dr. Eaton taught a special topics Psychology course on "Power, Women, and Relationships" at FIU in conjunction with her research lab (i.e., the "PWR Lab") with Dr. Suzanna Rose. Dr. Eaton’s accomplishments for this year include the submission of a $3 million dollar grant to the Institute of Education Sciences proposing to assess the effectiveness of an early intervention program for the development of children born prematurely. She co-organized FIU’s 1st ever Leadership Institute for Women Faculty successfully held in April 2010. She also received a FIU Technology Fee Proposal Award for her proposal to adopt online survey software at the University-wide level. Currently, Dr. Eaton is teaching “Social and Personality Development” in the Psychology department over the Summer of 2010. In 2010-2011 Dr. Eaton will be serving as a Visiting Assistant Scholar/Scientist at FIU with a joint appointment in Psychology, the College of Business, and Women’s Studies.
A total of 3,693 students were enrolled in the 89 undergraduate and 19 graduate level courses offered by the Women’s Studies Center for the Academic Year 2009-2010 (Fall 2009 - Summer 2010). There were 49 students majoring in Women’s Studies and 37 students pursuing a certificate. By July 2010, 21 students earned a B.A. in Women’s Studies and 8 students earned a Women’s Studies certificate.

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