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Florida International University

Women’s Studies Center

Director’s Summary of Accomplishments

Year 2007-2008

The major goals of the Women’s Studies Center for 2007-2008 included: (a) building the Bachelor’s degree, Undergraduate Certificate, and Graduate Certificate programs through quality teaching and student recruitment; (b) promoting scholarship and excellence in academic and creative work concerning women and gender; and (c) pursuing outreach and advancement activities in the community through education, cultural programs, and leadership.

A complete report of the activities of the Women’s Studies Center for the period June 2007 to May 2008 is contained in the following pages, including: (1) a summary of the academic program (i.e., enrollment and student activities and student and alumni accomplishments); (2) achievements of the Women’s Studies faculty; and (3) advancement activities.

GOAL 1: To build the B.A. degree, Undergraduate Certificate, and Graduate Certificate programs through quality teaching and student recruitment.

Accomplishments:

- Enrollment was 3633 undergraduate and 151 graduate students
- Courses offered included 107 undergraduate and 29 graduate courses
- Declared and intended majors in Women’s Studies numbered 83; Certificate earners = 150
- Graduate Certificate earners = 7
- Graduated 26 students with a B.A., 20 students with a WS Certificate
- Six students completed a Graduate Certificate
- Offered eight new courses and continued a popular Internship program
- Fifth year of the Women’s Studies Student Association (4 officers/11 members)
- Third year of Iota Iota Iota, the Women’s Studies honors society (4 officers/8 members)
- Hosted the 7th WS Student Conference (24 presentations; 95 attended)
- Published Vol. 6 of *Making Waves*, the student journal
- Gave 3 scholarship awards to students ranging from $100 to $2,000
GOAL 2: To promote scholarship and excellence in academic and creative work concerning women and gender.

Accomplishments:
- Hired an Asst. Prof. in Women’s Studies (Vrushali Patil, Ph.D., Sociology) for 07-08
- Successfully conducted a search for a Director (Laurie Shrage, Ph.D., Philosophy) that begun in Fall 2008
- Continued collaborations with international consortium partners in Spain, Colombia, and South Africa
- Completed the Women’s Studies Program review process concluding with an on campus visit by an external evaluator that led to highly positive recommendations and predictions concerning the future of the Center
- Hosted presentations by 17 noted scholars, authors, filmmakers, artists, performers, and dignitaries
- Sponsored 20 presentations by faculty at national and international conferences.
- Viewings of the WS website (64,970)
- FIU Women Faculty Book Club (www.books.fiu.edu) received about 3,076 viewings.
- Three Women’s Studies core faculty and 18 affiliated faculty were active in publishing, grants and contracts, and editorial roles. Accomplishments included the publication of 6 books, 5 book chapters, 10 journal articles, 1 curatorial project, 1 stories/essays, 4 book reviews and other publications, 3 national recognitions to faculty, 4 external grants, 15 conference presentations, 3 invited presentations, 1 editorial boards, and 1 film

GOAL 3: To pursue outreach and advancement activities in the community through education, cultural programs, and leadership.

Accomplishments:
- Continued Year 6 of the Women of Distinction Series to attract community support; drew audiences ranging from 40 to 200 at each of 6 events
- Communicated with alumni about their current activities; 35 responded and are included in this report
- Year 6 of Friends of Women’s Studies fundraising campaign ($20,326 raised)
- Continued fundraising for Elaine Gordon Scholarship ($8,830.28 contributed; endowment total = $72,325)
- Continued Year 5 of the Women’s Studies Board of Advisors (donor board) comprised of prominent women in the community ($9,150 contributed for 2007-08)
- Hosted (at the home of Charlene and Ron Esserman) the second Women’s Studies Spring Gala; contributions exceeded $5000

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Aurora Morcillo, Ph.D.
Interim Director
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Women’s Studies Board of Advisors, 2007-2008

Mary Lou Pfeiffer
Board Chair

The Florida International University Women’s Studies Center Board of Advisors continued to increase its participation and support to the program during its fourth year. Together, these distinguished women contributed greatly to the success and growth of Women’s Studies.

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. Dunick 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 Careessa-me, an aromatherapy company, and a recipient of the FIU Alumni Torch Award.

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, cosponsored with the University of Miami School of Architecture.

Gayle 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 Marital 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.

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.

Lynda Esserman is a Women’s Studies major and benefactor. She was the hostess of the Spring 2008 Women’s Studies gala.

Maria Millheiser is a benefactor and Women’s Studies alumnus. 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.

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.

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.

Friends of the Women’s Studies Board of Advisors

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 were highly productive because she championed laws that foster job opportunities and economic development, promoted changes that facilitate access to higher education through scholarships and fought public corruption in several fronts along with law enforcement agencies. In 2002, as the Democratic nominee for the new 25th Congressional District in Florida, Annie was not afraid to address thorny issues that had impacts at the national and international level, including a revision to current U.S. policy on Cuba. Betancourt has overcome adversities herself such as breast cancer and losing her husband. Today she lives a happy life in Coral Gables with her daughter Ryanne.

Marie Birts is the South Miami Commissioner and a Women’s Studies benefactor.
Roberta Fox, P.A., Chair, Lawyer and Shareholder for the Law Offices of Roberta Fox. Ms. Fox served as Florida State Senator from 1982-1986 and Florida State Representative from 1976-1982. She was a pioneer in family law reform, equal educational opportunity, employment background screening legislation, and changes to the evidence code concerning testimony by young crime victims. She has received the 1973 One of Ten Outstanding Young Women of America Award, the 1986 Florida Women’s Lawyers Association’s Judge Mattie Belle Davis Award for service, the 1996 Women of Impact VIII Award, and a 2004 Pioneer Award from Miami-Dade County.

Evelyn Langlieb Greer is an attorney with Hogan, Greer & Shapiro, P.A., and was 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.

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.
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WOMEN’S STUDIES CENTER
ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008

I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Enrollment Summary (Summer 2007 – Spring 2008)

A total of 3,784 students were enrolled in the 107 undergraduate and 29 graduate courses offered in Women’s Studies for the Academic Year Summer 2007 – Spring 2008. There were 71 students majoring in Women’s Studies and 150 students pursuing a Certificate. By May 2008, 26 students earned a B.A. and 20 students earned a Women’s Studies Certificate.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2007-2008 SUMMARY

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AFA 5002      Theory & Methods In African New World Studies    Ogundiran    8
AFA 5934 /LIT 5358    Black Literary Cultural Theory    Boyce Davies    1/4

Fall 2007 Pines Center - Undergraduate
REL 3145    Women And Religion    Rowan    20

Fall 2007 Online - Undergraduate
WST 3015    Introduction to Women's Studies    Kai    27
CCJ 4663    Women Crime & Criminal Justice    Chaudhuri    53
ECP 3254    Women, Men, Work    Alonso    35
ECS 3021    Women Econ Development    Alonso    70
MAN 4102    Managing Diversity    Kieban    70
REL 3145    Women and Religion    Gudorf    19
REL 3162    Healers & Mediums    Pfeiffer    36
REL 3171    Sex and Religion    Gudorf    35
SOP 3742    Psychology of Women    Stephens    105
SOP 4774    Female Sexuality    Rose    70

Fall 2007 Online - Graduate
PSY 5939    Female Sexuality    Rose    0
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Spring 2008 University Park - Undergraduate
WST 3015    Introduction to Women's Studies    Patil    33
WST 3015    Introduction to Women's Studies    Thompson    34
WST 3641    Gay and Lesbian in the U.S.    Vega    35
WST 4504    Feminist Theory    Morcillo    22
WST 4905    Independent Study    Rose    1
WST 4930    Special Topics: Women & Leadership    Onorato    8
WST 4930/IDS 4920    Special Topics: Gender, Identity & Technology    Walker    9/36
WST 4930/SYP 3456    Societies in the World: Feminist Perspectives    Patil    9/21
WST 4940    Women's Studies Internship    Thompson    4
AMH 4561    Early American Women's History    Wood    26
AML 4300    Major Amer Writers    Luszczynska    49
AML 4607    20C African-Am Lit    Andrade    50
ANT 4211    Discourse, Identity and Gender    Suleiman    14
ENG 4134    Women And Film    Hoder-Salmon    40
EUH 4312    Rdgs in Eur Hist: History of Spain    Morcillo    40
LAH 4721    Hist.of Women in Latin America    Premo    15
MAN 4102    Managing Diversity    Osborne    59
POT 4309    Sex, Power and Politics    Stichno    55
PUP 4323    Women in Politics    Poggione    55
REL 3520    Saints, Witches    Gudorf    41
I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

REL 4937 Latinas and Religions Bidegain 5
REL 4937 Migration & Religion Bidegain 1
SOP 3742 Psychology of Women Stephens 90
SYD 3811 Sociology Of Women West 25
SYD 4820 Sociology Of Men West 34

Spring 2008 University Park - Graduate
WST 5507 Feminist Theory Thompson 1
WST 5905 Independent Study Rose 1
WST 5935 Special Topics: Women & Leadership Onorato 4
AMH 5935 Early American Women's History Wood 4
AML 5305 19c Narratives of Enslavement Andrade 8
EUH 5935 Rdgs in Eur Hist: History of Spain Morcillo 7
LAH 5935 Hist of Women in Latin America Premo 4
PAD 5435 Administration and the Role of Women Patterson 23
PSY 5939 Psychology of Women (online) Rose 2
REL 5502 Saints, Witches Gudorf 13
REL 5937 Latinas and Religions Bidegain 5
REL 5937 Migration & Religion Bidegain 5
SYD 6325 Seminar: Soc Of Gender West 10

Spring 2008 Biscayne Bay - Undergraduate
ENL 3261 19C Women Novelists Rochelson 27
ENL 4412 Anglo-Jewish Lit - 19C To The Present Rochelson 14
LIT 4931 Multi-Cult./Working-Class Women Weir-Soley 10
SYG 4060 Soc of Sexuality Lavender 58

Spring 2008 Biscayne Bay - Graduate
LIT 5934 Humor in Caribbean Literature Weir-Soley 10

Spring 2008 Pines Center - Undergraduate
SYG 4060 Soc of Sexuality Javadzadeh 46

Spring 2008 Pines Center – Graduate
LBS 5155 Workplace Diversity Addy 2

Spring 2008 Online - Undergraduate
WST 3015 Introduction to Women’s Studies Kai 34
ECO 3933 Women, Men and Work Alonso 45
ECS 3021 Women, Culture and Economic Dev. Alonso 26
MAN 4102 Managing Diversity Kleban 45
REL 3145 Women & Religion Gudorf 33
REL 3162 Healers & Mediums Pfeiffer 45
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SOP 3742 Psychology of Women Stephens 80
SOP 4774 Female Sexuality Stephens 80

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PSY 5939 Psychology of Women Stephens 2

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New Courses in Women's Studies

Fall 2007

WST 4930/SYP 3400: Social Change: Border Crossings: Race & Gender - Prof. Vrushali Patil
This is an advanced-level course intended to help you develop a world-historical perspective on issues of race and gender in modern society. We will adopt an explicitly historical approach and examine how each category has developed over centuries. Second, a critical component of our study will be intercultural contact: how has contact between different societies led to power-laden constructions of race and gender? How have the definitions of each relied on the other? What has been the role of these constructions in processes of imperialism and colonialism? What has happened to modern understandings of race and gender with decolonization and the advance of independence movements around the world? What can we say, sociologically, about constructions of race and gender today? In our study, we will look not just to Sociology but also to other disciplines that offer some insight into such questions, including Political Science, History, Anthropology, Postcolonial Studies and Women's Studies.

HIS 4935 Gender in Latin America - Prof. Bianca Premo
This course will expose you to the historical theme of gender in Latin America, from Portuguese and Spanish conquest and colonization in the 15th century to the present. It is not solely about women in Latin America's past, although women's history in the region certainly constitutes an important aspect of the material to be covered. Students will engage in seminar-style discussion of weekly readings (about 100 pages/week) and will produce and present on individual research projects, which culminate in final papers. Our intellectual work will center on how ideas about gender -- the social and cultural attributes that were and are ascribed to individuals on the basis of their biological sex or sexual behavior -- affected the lives of Latin Americans. Thus, we will take an amplified view of the role of gender, asking how both women and men in Latin America understood sexuality and what it meant to be a woman or man, and why those understandings changed over time.

Spring 2008

WST 4930/SYP 3456: Societies In The World: Feminist Perspectives - Prof. Vrushali Patil
This course explores how different societies around the world construct and institutionalize gender relations. We will focus on differing definitions of gender within and across societies, different gender policies having to do with politics, citizenship, work, family, and sexual and other forms of violence, as well as how gender relations in different parts of the world are interconnected and interdependent. Finally, we will also spend some time on gender-related social movements in different parts of the world.

ANT 4211: Discourse, Identity and Gender - Prof. Camelia Suleiman
This course investigates the relationship between language, self and identity. It will also investigate research which focuses on the correlation between linguistic forms and social identity. In addition, there will be more explicitly feminist linguistics readings such as Robin Lakoff's classic work from 1975, and Deborah Tannen’s best selling book from 1991. It will explore the parallel development between feminist linguistics and second and third wave feminism. How do Lakoff’s and Tannen’s writings fit into feminist theory? Where is the field of feminist discourse analysis going in the aftermath of this scholarship? And where is it going in the aftermath of post-structuralism? How does contemporary post-structuralism understand the relationship between language, identity and gender identity?
I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

FULLY ONLINE UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Since its launching in Fall 2005, this program increased in enrollment.

Students who wish to concentrate in Women's Studies but not major, may obtain a certificate in 3 ways:
1) regular classroom
2) hybrid: classroom and online courses
3) fully online

The online certificate program consists of six courses (18 hours): three core concentration and three electives, from the list of core, electives, and online courses. There are now nine fully online courses:

1) WST 3015 Introduction to Women's Studies
2) ECO 3933 Women, Men and Work in the USA
3) ECS 3021 Women Culture & Economic Dev’t
4) MAN 4102 Managing Diversity
5) REL 3145 Women and Religion
6) REL 3162 Healers and Mediums
7) REL 3171 Sex and Religion
8) SOP 3742 Psychology of Women
9) SOP 4774 Female Sexuality

WOMEN'S STUDIES STUDENT INTERNS AND MENTORS

Internship Instructor: Prof. Beverly Thompson

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

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GRADUATE PROGRAM

The Graduate Certificate Program in Women’s Studies was established in Fall 2005 and currently has 7 active students. This year we offered 29 graduate courses to 151 students. The certificate program requires the completion of 5 courses (15 credit hours) at the 5000 level or higher. Six credits must be WST courses. The remaining 9 credits may be chosen from a list of outside courses that count toward Women’s Studies.

The courses I took for the fulfillment of the Graduate Certificate helped me develop my analytical skills, while also introducing me to new approaches and methodologies. In addition, the courses strongly encouraged me to apply a more interdisciplinary framework to my own research. In particular, pursuing the certificate honed my understanding of “gender” as an analytical lens, and prompted me to incorporate theory in my own work. I would also be amiss to disregard the importance of the Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies in making me more marketable in the workplace.

Julio Capo, Jr., Graduate Student, History

Deciding to pursue my Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies was one of the best decisions I have ever made. After getting my undergraduate degree I was not sure what my next step would be, then I recalled hearing rave reviews about the Graduate Certificate program and thought it would be a good option. It wasn't just a good idea, it was a great one! I was able to meet women who would open life altering doors for me, and take classes that would lead me towards my future career goal. I have since then decided to become a therapist specializing in psychological disorders and issues affecting women. I can't help but to give much credit to the Women's Studies graduate program for not just helping me decide a career but significantly helping with my acceptance into my Master’s program. If it were not for my Graduate Certificate I would not have been exposed to the various realms of Women's Studies and all the amazing professions that are associated.

Zoeann Finzi-Smith, WS Grad. Certificate 2008/ Life Span Developmental Psychology

The Women's Studies program exposes one to the diversity of women's experiences and their contributions across cultures. It affords one the opportunity to reflect on the hidden past of humans and empowers one with the knowledge of the world in the light of gender disparities. With the knowledge I have acquired in the program, I hope to pursue a Ph.D. in Women’s Studies. My goal is to explore the meaning of the concept of “woman” and her sexuality and spirituality in an African perspective. I recommend this program to all and sundry.

Genevieve Nrenzah, Graduate Student, Religious Studies

As the director of the Women’s Center here at FIU, I am committed to the empowerment of our women students and to their personal, academic and professional development. Although I have always been passionate about women’s issues and the influence of gender norms on women and men in our society, I had never taken a Women’s Studies course. As I continued my studies at the doctoral level, I decided to pursue the Graduate Certificate to provide me with the theoretical foundation to complement my philosophical foundation. Now that I have completed the certificate, I realize what an important connection these classes were. Class discussions provided an opportunity to critically reflect on the role of women in our society and the impact that gender norming has. In addition, I am now teaching a course for the program called “Women and Leadership.” My goals in attaining this certificate have been achieved and surpassed, it is an amazing program that would complement any profession or education.

Suzanne M. Onorato, WS Grad. Certificate 2007, Director, Women's Center
I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

Women's Studies Graduates

Graduate Certificate Earners = 6

Summer 2007
Montserrat Martinez

Fall 2007
Serena Cruz
Suzanne Onorato

Spring 2008
Zoeann Finzi-Smith
Christi M. Navarro
Isabel Sifuentes

B. A. Degree Earners = 26

Summer 2007
Cabrera, Lisa
Conserve, Carlyle
Lee, Sze
Lescano, Antonella
Lopez, Carol
McAfee, Candace
Milian, Frances
Rubio, Dorcas
Ruiz, Cynthia

Fall 2007
Bauta, Gloria
Kinchen, Raynel
Miller, Melissa
Perez, Hellen
Rodriguez, Michelle
Rosenthal, Lindsay
Silva, Ana Karla

Spring 2008
Audain, Mekala
Avila, Dayana
Diaz, Marilyn
Flynn, Jessica
Gomez, Ana
Hicks, Crystal
Moreno, Shannon
Odio, Vanessa
Perez Michelle
Shipherd Ann

Undergraduate Certificate Earners = 20

Summer 2007
Dardompre, Beatrice
Diez, Luisa
Heiblum, Erica
Gonzalez, Cristina

Fall 2007
Alvarez, Lily
Benford Hashim
Gomez Hiliana
Lewis, Makissa
Shaftel, Emily
Villalba Carolina

Spring 2008
Alegre, Elizabeth
Black Kathleen
Cardell Sara
Harris Natasha
Le Boeuf, Jacqueline
Martinez, Cristina
Middleton, Shanell
Mira Lisette
Miranda Andrea
Rico Amanda
I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

The Elaine Gordon Scholarship in Women’s Studies, 2008-2009

Tiffany Yeomans, Award Recipient

This is the ninth award made from the Elaine Gordon Endowment. Tiffany Yeomans is the ninth recipient of the Elaine Gordon Endowment annual scholarship program. The Elaine Gordon Scholarship program was established in 2000 to honor the life and work of Elaine Gordon, a former state legislator who for 22 years championed equal rights for women and who also served as assistant vice president for University Relations at FIU. The scholarship is open to Women's Studies majors or certificate earners. The amount of the scholarship award was $1,500.

Ms. Virginia Sachs, Tiffany Yeomans, and Aurora Morcillo.

PREVIOUS ELAINE GORDON AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Two Hundred Scholarship: A Society of Professional Women, Inc.

2008 Scholarship Winner
Jessica Benshay

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 a strong ability and 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. The selection is managed by the Women’s Studies Center. Jessica Benshay is the third recipient of this scholarship. The amount of the award was $1,500.

Board Scholarship in Women’s Studies

2008 Scholarship Winner
Tiffany Herrero

Tiffany Herrero was the recipient of the first Board Scholarship in Women’s Studies. The amount of the award was $1,500. This award aims to support students earning a program in Women’s Studies to continue their educational aspirations.
I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

Spring 2008 Annual Women’s Studies Student Conference

Guests of Honor
Brian Gadinsky, Seth Gadinsky and Pam Gadinsky

Elaine Gordon Scholarship Award
Tiffany Yeomans

200 Women Scholarship
Jessica Benshay

Board Scholarship in Women’s Studies
Tiffany Herrero

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Academic Achievement
Nathaly Charria
Francesca Menes
Andrea Miranda

Outstanding Service
Andrea Lopez

Tribute to Suzanna Rose, (see p. 21)

Session at the Student Conference: The Modern Family
“Secret to Her Success: Single-X Schools”

Nathaly Charria, Julio Capo, and Tiffany Herrero.

Andrea Lopez and Alexandra Alfonso.
I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

FIU Women's Studies Student Conference 2008 – Year VII
March 25, 2008

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Aurora Morcillo
Symposium Chairs: Andrea Lopez, Dr. Sarah Mahler

Presenters:
Alfonso, Alexandra, “Gender Differences in the Adoption Life Cycle.”
Audain, Mekala, “Happy to be Nappy? Black Female Use of Natural Hairstyles.”
Bernal, Veronica, “A Genealogy of Islamic Political Movements within Palestine, the Rise and Success of Hamas as a Political Entity and the Role of Women.”
Clark, Zoila, “A Reading of Kate Chopin’s “The Awakening” Through Bird Imagery.”
de la Cruz-Fernandez, Paula A., “Jesus’ Calling: Women’s Experience in an Evangelical Community.”
Finzi-Smith, Zoeann, “Rape: The Hidden Tool in Society’s Tool Belt.”
Lall, Shivanna, “Human Trafficking.”
Marin, Maria, “Immigrant Mothers: The Path to Acculturation and their Struggles for a Voice.”
Mateiro, Ashley M., “Portuguese Gender Politics: Marriage, Motherhood and Family Legislation of Salazar’s Portugal in Comparison to Franco’s Spain.”
Menes, Francesca, “Intersectionality: A Social Construct.”
Miranda, Andrea, “The Woman of Many Names.”
Pattison, Sarah, “Jewish Feminism: Reinventing the Language of God’s Love.”
Placide, Sharon, “Intersections of Race and Gender Among Mixed-Race Jamaican Immigrants.”
Thompson, Hayley Anna, “The Global Governance of Women’s Rights.”
Vanderkooy, Tricia, “Walls Surround Dreams: Life Aspirations and Outcomes of Haitian Young Adults.”
Yeomans, Tiffany, “Speak Into the Mic.”
Zelaya, Guadalupe, “Images of Women in Music Videos.”

Interactive Session on Art, Activism, and Academia

Exilio Productions: Contra la Violencia Dominica, Isabel Viera and Alina de Varona
Human Trafficking Dance Ensemble
Imagine Miami-Corinna Moebius, and Our Girls-Erica Morris
MWC (Miami Workers Center), LIFFT (Low Income Families Fighting Together), MIA (Miami In Action)
NOW (National Organization for Women), Triota (Women’s Studies Honor Society), WSSA (Women’s Studies Student Association)
Planned Parenthood/VOX
USAS (United Students Against Sweatshops), SUPER (Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights), VOICE
I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

Performance: The Vagina Monologues
V-Day Florida International University 2008
A Production of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues As Part of the V-Day College Campaign
Performance Dates: February 8, 9, 10, 2008

WSSA was able to raise $4,720 from tickets alone, and with the sale of merchandise and donations we raised over $5,500 which exceeded last year’s proceeds.

The Vagina Monologues cast.

The Crew:
Hiliana Gomez - Producer
Yahurys Vanessa Gomez - Director
Guadalupe Juarez - Stage Manager, Organizer
Maria Lopez-Boada - Steering Committee
Ravenna Schneider - Steering Committee

The Cast:
Tania Babienko - Narrator
Tanika Mangum - Introduction, The Little Coochie Snorcher That Could
Cassandra Marin - Hair, Welcome to the Wetlands
Alexandra McAnarney - The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy
Jessica Muñoz - Introduction, The “Wear and Say” List
Lauren Northover – My Vagina Was My Village
Bidhose “Bibi” Olivier – Vagina Happy Fact, No-So-Happy Fact, Outrageous Vagina Fact
Amanda Partee – The Vagina Workshop, The Memory of Her Face
Adriana Rodriguez – My Angry Vagina
Ginelle Rosenberg – The Memory of Her Face
Vanessa Santana – Introduction, Reclaiming Cunt
Charity Vergara – The “Wear and Say” List, A Six-year-old Girl Was Asked…
Nicole Zauner – Because He Liked to Look at It
I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

Student Associations and Activities

Women’s Studies Graduate Student Association (WSGSA)

2007/2008 Officers
President: Melissa Armitage
Vice-President: Julio Capo
Secretary: Paula De La Cruz
Treasurer: Jeff Austin
GSA Rep: Ashley Mateo
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Aurora Morcillo

The Women’s Studies Graduate Student Association (WSGSA) exists to serve the needs of graduate students interested in the study and research of Women’s Studies at Florida International University. Our mission is to promote an interdisciplinary structure of research. The WSGSA aims to educate and promote the Women’s Studies consortium on a national and international level, host an annual multidisciplinary student conference, publish the Women’s Studies Academic Journal, Making Waves, advocate equal gender rights at all levels, and promote upcoming Women’s Studies events through different cultural manifestations. The WSGSA is necessary to unite students from interdisciplinary fields to increase their overall contribution to FIU while also promoting solidarity while respecting our differences and building on our commonalities. The Women’s Studies Graduate Student Association was initiated in the Fall 2007 semester and had a successful series of Spring 2008 events.
I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

2007-2008 WSGSA Events

- Miami’s Women’s Movement Now in the King Mango Strut Parade in Coconut Grove. The “condo-licious” float brought attention to the housing bust and the sometimes shameless advertising used to sell condos.
- Sponsored a room in the “Tunnel of Oppression” which revealed the difficulties students face in regards to domestic violence. The students were guided through a dark tunnel of rooms featuring live actors who provided a first hand experience of oppression. The students ended in a “Room of Hope” where information was provided regarding the services available on campus for students to help them fight oppression.
- WSGSA and Iota Iota Iota (Triota) co-sponsored Feminist Film Nights showing Solas, Volver, and Waitress. Our graduate students hosted writing sessions year-round for peer review of each others’ papers. Many of our members participated in the Women’s Studies Student Conference as well as the South Eastern Women’s Studies Association (SEWSA) Conference.

Women’s Studies Student Association (WSSA)
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- Young Activist Training – YAT (Feb. 23) - WSSA members attended this training and expanded their knowledge on how to lobby and affect political change. Hosted by Planned Parenthood.
- Hosted International Women’s Day (March 6). Other organizations such as VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood, Triota, and Amnesty International contributed materials in order to give a diverse view on issues facing women.
- Take Back the Night (April) - WSSA volunteered for the Women’s Center’s Take Back the Night Event.
I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

Iota Iota Iota, The Women's Studies Honor Society (Triota)

www.fiu.edu/~triota

Iota Iota Iota Officers

President: Tiffany Yeomans
Vice President: Andrea Lopez
Secretary: Francesca Menes
Treasurer: Lindsay Rosenthal
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Aurora Morcillo

Iota Iota Iota Members

Melanie Austin
Jessica Benshay
Sara Cardelle
Nathaly Charria
Tiffany Herrero
Christi M. Navarro
Vanessa Santana
Ana Silva-Fernandez

Fall 2007:
- Presented “Sex, Power, and Politics,” a conversation with Jackie Payne.
- Women's Emergency Network fundraising mailing. This mailing aids young women with financial need who are facing unwanted pregnancies.
- Conducted a special project with Lotus House, a community based organization, which assists women and children in need. This shelter is unique and creative. It offers a holistic approach to addressing women and infants most in need within the community of Overtown, Miami. Lotus House offers a program which cares for the mind, body and spirit of both women and their children.

Spring 2008:
- Feminist Film Nights- film watching every month in Everglades Hall, with the assistance of the Women’s Studies Graduate Association (WSGSA).
- Women's Emergency Network fundraising mailing.
- Take Back the Night, in collaboration with NOW, Planned Parenthood, WSGSA and VOX.
- YAT training and involved in facilitating this event along with Planned Parenthood.

FIU - National Organization for Women (FIU – NOW)

Executive Board
President: Andrea Lopez
Vice President: Zoeann Finzi-Smith
Secretary/Treasurer: Francesca Menes
Activities Director: Alexandra Schneider
Faculty Advisor: Suzanne Onorato, Director, Women’s Center

NOW EBoard members (counterclockwise from bottom left): Zoeann Finzi Smith, Suzanne Onorato, Alex Schneider, Cheryl Urbina, Francesca Menes, Andrea Lopez, Vanessa Santana and Melanie Austin
Tribute to Dr. Suzanna Rose

In 2008, Dr. Suzanna Rose accepted the position of Senior Associate Dean for the Sciences in FIU's College of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Rose served as the Women's Studies Center Director from 2000 - 2007. During that time, Dr. Rose increased the number of Women's Studies majors, initiated the graduate certificate program, and increased the number of students earning both undergraduate and graduate Women's Studies certificates. She also began the Women's Studies Internship program. Dr. Rose founded the Friends' Drive and Board of Advisors to support student and faculty travel, student scholarships, and community outreach projects. She increased the profile of Women's Studies in the university and community. She also increased the number of core Women's Studies faculty (including adding a Post-Doctorate faculty position). Dr. Rose initiated a number of events and projects that have evolved into Center traditions: the Women's Book Club Bookmark, the Women of Distinction lecture series, the annual Student Conference, the annual Making Waves student journal, and a year-end brunch (at her house for several years) which has become our year-end Women's Studies Gala. She fostered the founding and growth of the Women's Studies Student Organization (WSSA), the Women's Studies Graduate Student Association (WSGSA), and a chapter of the Women's Studies Honor Society (Iota Iota Iota). Through her dedicated leadership, she forged a community of faculty, students, staff, and administrators, who continue to collaborate on developing our degree programs, courses, and events. Dr. Rose has agreed to join our Board of Advisors, and to stay involved with the Women's Studies Center. Her friends, colleagues, and students wish her the best in her new position, and look forward to her continued support and leadership in the university.

Welcome Dr. Laurie Shrage!

Dr. Laurie Shrage joined FIU as Director in Women’s Studies in Fall 2008. Professor Shrage's areas of research include feminist political theory, reproductive rights/justice, and feminist debates about sex work and women's health issues. Much of her work investigates how good social policies can be achieved on morally divisive issues in secular and pluralistic democratic societies. She especially focuses on laws and regulations that pertain to women, and gender and sexual dissidents. She received her Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego, in Philosophy in 1983. For two and a half decades she has taught courses that relate theories about social justice to demands for women's equality, reproductive justice, and respect for non-conventional gender and sexual expression.

Dr. Shrage taught at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona for 21 years. There she served as Chair of the Philosophy Department and Interim Chair of the Ethnic and Women’s Studies Department. She also served as Co-Editor of the journal Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy from 1998 to 2003.
Women’s Studies Spring Gala 2008

The second Spring gala held at the home of Charlyne and Ron Esserman was attended by more than 100 guests, faculty, and alumni.

1: Senior Associate Dean Suzanna Rose, Science; Prof. Aurora Morcillo, Women’s Studies & History; Dean Kenneth Furton, Arts & Sciences. 2: Mary Lou Pfeiffer, Chair, Women’s Studies Board of Advisors; Sze Lee, Women’s Studies alumna. 3: Prof. Suzanne Koptur, Biological Sciences with husband. 4: Charlene Esserman, hostess; Prof. Judith Stiehm, Political Science; guest. 5: Trudy Novicki, Kristi House; Bob Callahan, Sr. Director of Development, Arts & Sciences; Dr. James & Ms. Lynda Esserman, host. 6: Assoc. Dean Joyce Peterson, Arts & Sciences; Kathleen McCormack, Assoc. Prof, English; Assoc. Prof. Tomero Hopkins, English. 7: Rusty Belote, Women’s Studies Board Member; Jackie Gopie, artist.
Women’s Studies Student Activities

Student groups, WSSA and Iota Iota Iota participated in several activities held on- and off- campus.

Clockwise from bottom left: Alex Schneider, Andrea Lopez, Tiffany Yeomans at the Sex, Power, and Politics; Ana Silva-Fernandez, Lindsay Rosenthal at the Clinic Defense; Julia Dawson and Ana Silva-Fernandez at the Clinic Defense; Vanessa Santana and Sarah Cardelle at Lotus House; Yahury Vanessa Gomez, Maria Lopez-Boada, and Hiliana Gomez at The Vagina Monologues; Maria Lopez-Boada and Ana Gomez at the Spring 2008 Gala.
Message from Dr. Aurora Morcillo
Interim Director (January – August 2008)

The internationalization of our Women's Studies program has been my most significant contribution as an administrator not only to Women's Studies but to the FIU community at large. I facilitated the creation of the International Consortium for Women's Studies (consisting of FIU, University of Granada, National University of Colombia, and University of Western Cape South Africa). Representatives of these four institutions met in Miami in early December 2005 to sign a declaration of intentions. Last October 2007 we officially signed the agreement that launched the International Gender and Women's Studies Consortium at the University of Granada, Spain. Two more universities joined the four original members of this unique and truly global feminist network: University of Fez in Morocco and Bundelkhand University, Jhansi (U. P.) India. The Consortium brings together six universities from five continents.

My goal as head of the consortium is to increase the strength, visibility, and significance of Gender and Women's Studies in the Global economy in a predominantly minority serving institution where Women's Studies has achieved a tremendous growth as a result of student and community demand. The consortium is in its beginning stages. In order for it to grow funding is critical. We secured an Action 3 grant with the University of Granada in Spain as our partner. Erasmus Mundus Gemma Masters program the Instituto de Estudios de la Mujer at the Universidad de Granada asked the FIU Women's Studies Center (WSC) to join last November 2007. This collaboration will bring a total investment from the European Community of 70,000 Euros in Faculty and student exchanges. This grant will enable the WSC to set the foundations of its important international bridging function in gender and women across cultures:

- It will enhance and diversify interdisciplinary research within FIU;
- within the broader academic community it will bring nationally and internationally renowned scholars into interaction with FIU faculty and students; and
- It will benefit from the flow of knowledge from South to North that the new third wave feminism demands.

This is just one area of funding that we need.

I am extremely happy to have Dr. Laurie Shrage on board as our new director. Her intellectual stature will make the center stronger and further our international vision.
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Prof. Victoria de Grazia, History, Columbia University, lectured on Globalizing Commercial Revolution, UM

Zoila Clark, South Atlantic Modern Language Association 2007 annual convention, Atlanta, GA.

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Jan Persens, Director, International Relations, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa, UWC Priorities & International Partnerships.

Zoila Clark (right) with other conference participants.

Special Collections research at UCSB done by Paula de la Cruz.
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The Terror Dream: Fear and Fantasy in Post-9/11 America
Susan Faludi, Author
Oct. 29, 2007
Books & Books, Coral Gables

People of the Book
Geraldine Brooks, Author
Jan. 14, 2008
Books & Books, Coral Gables

Women's Studies Center Spring Gala 2008
“A Day in the Tropics”
April 6, 2008
Hosted by Ms. Lynda and Dr. James Esserman
Held at the home of Charlene and Ron Esserman

The Yin Must Rise Again:
Spirituality in an Age of Global Terrorism
A dialogue of women religious leaders:
Lama Karma Chotso
Rev. Mary Tumpkin, Ph.D.
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Rev. Linnea Pearson, Ph.D.
Unitarian Universalist Chaplain
and Professor of Religion, FIU
March 5, 2008
Cosponsored by: Center for the Study of Spirituality

Grand Designs: Labor, Empire and the Museum in Victorian Culture
Prof. Lara Kriegel, History, FIU
Feb. 13, 2008
Books & Books, Coral Gables

Women Who Lead Conference
The White House Project
Marie Wilson, Director & Founder
Feb 29, 2008
GC Ballrooms
II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

International Programs

The International Women's Studies and Gender Consortium
Women Crossing Cultures

In October 2007, Dr. Aurora Morcillo, Associate Director - Women’s Studies Center, arranged for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with FIU to create an International Gender and Women’s Studies Consortium.

The Consortium is made up of the following six universities Women's Studies Programs:

- Florida International University, U.S.A.
- Universidad de Granada, Spain
- University of the Western Cape, South Africa
- Universidad Nacionale de Colomba, South America
- Bundelkhand University, India
- Fez University, Morocco

This consortium brings together six Women’s Studies programs from universities on five continents to build a long-term exchange program between faculty and students. A cocktail reception was held to celebrate the establishment of the International Women's & Gender Studies Consortium. The theme is Women Crossing Cultures.

Hosted by
Chancellor Mark Rosenberg and Ms. Rosalie Rosenberg
Sunday, January 6, 2008
At the home of Ann (Annie) Goodrich

Brought by
The FIU Women's Studies Board of Advisors
Mary Lou Pfeiffer, Chair, Marjorie Adler, Carol Alexander, Maria Anderson, Gayle Bainbridge, Elizabeth Baker, Glenda (Rusty) Belote, Annie Goodrich, Maria Millheiser, Pat Klock Parker, Helen Venero, Mary Young, and Friends of the Board: Annie Betancourt, Marie Birts, Roberta Fox, Vivian Izsack, Evelyn Langlieb Greer, and Carolina Rendeiro.

Czech Summer Study Abroad Program

Florida International University’s Czech Summer Program was founded in 1992 as an academically accredited program that offers students the opportunity to receive upper-division credits in English, Film Studies, Architecture, European Studies, History, and Women’s Studies in the Czech Republic. Professor Barbara Weitz of the English Department leads this study abroad program which includes the literature course Women in Eastern Europe. Students also explore the role of women in the new restructuring of democratic society in the Czech Republic and throughout the former Soviet bloc.
II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Friends of Women’s Studies

The success of the Friends of Women’s Studies fund-raising 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 98 Friends funded scholarships, student travel to professional conferences, and outreach activities. The Friends’ donations were greatly appreciated. These are those from whom we received donations for the year 07-08.

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Elaine Gordon Scholarship Endowment

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.

Seven donors contributed $8,830.28 to the endowment this year. Their generous contribution makes it possible for one Women’s Studies student to receive a scholarship each year. Recent donors are listed on the next page. The Gordon endowment now stands at about $72,325.
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Elaine Gordon Scholarship Donors

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FIU Women’s Studies Center Spring Gala

The second Spring Gala fundraiser was held at the home of Charlene and Ron Esserman. The event raised about $5,153 for scholarships. A good time was had by all! (see centerfold pictures)

Hosted by

Ms. Lynda and Dr. James Esserman

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Volunteers: l-r: Roseline Mondesir, Kristi House; Nemy Aballi, Kristi House; Greg, Miami International Film Festival; Karime Abdala, Kristi House; Sze Lee, Kristi House and WS alumna, and Maria Lopez-Boada, WS major.
II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Women's Studies Speaker Series & Events


"Empowering Women: A Key to Iraq's Democratization?", Eleana Gordon, U.S. Director, Center for Liberty in the Middle East, Academic 1 Building, BBC, Sep. 9, 2007. Co-sponsored by Department of International Relations, "Middle East Society" (MES).

WS Faculty Meeting & Social Hour, DM 140, Sep. 14, 2007.


The Theater of Teaching: Inspiring Students and Each Other, Ophelia Weeks, Assoc. Prof., Biology; Tara Kai, Instructor, Women's Studies; Ana Lusczynska, Asst. Prof., English; Andrea Miranda, President, Women's Studies Student Assn; Tiffany Yeomans, President, Iota, Iota, Iota Women's Studies Honor Society, DM 140, Oct. 3, 2007.


Young Activist Team Advocacy Institute, Planned Parenthood Admin. Office, West Palm Beach, Oct. 21, 2007.


The Vagina Monologues, Green Library 100, University Park Campus, Feb. 8, 9; Feb. 10, 2008.
II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Colloquium: Internationalizing the Curriculum in Western Cape, Dr. Jan Persens, Director, International Relations, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa, GC 314, Feb. 11, 2008.


Women's Studies Student Conference - Year VII, Graham Center Ballroom - West, UP Campus, Mar. 25, 2008.


Women's Studies Colloquium, Does the Government Need to Know Your Sex?, Dr. Laurie Shrage, Professor of Philosophy, California State Polytechnic University – Pomona, Dean's Conference Room, ECS 451 with videoconferencing to ACI 306, BBC, April 7, 2008.
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Women’s Center Programs and Services (Division of Student Affairs)
Suzanne Onorato, Director

Mentoring Partnerships Program

This year the center paired 38 women students on the UP and BBC with a faculty, staff or alumna to serve as their mentors. Throughout the year the women’s center sponsored a variety of programs to support the development of these relationships and create a mentoring community.

- **Mentor Training**
  - September 21st

- **Meet & Greet Gala and Goal Setting**
  - September 26th

- **Just Desserts Networking Social**
  - January 25th

- **End of Year Celebration**
  - April 2nd

Wild Succulent Women

A programmatic series designed to facilitate candid talk about personal issues that affect college students. This series is held on a monthly basis, late night in the residence halls. This year’s topics included Sexuality; Love, Lust and Intimate Relationships; Body Image; Sexual Harassment and Sexual Encounters; and Religion and Spirituality.

The Sisterhood Retreat

A weekend retreat designed to enhance the personal development of our women students and create a community of sisterhood across campus. Forty-one women students attended this weekend retreat November 2 – 4th in LaBelle, FL and participated in workshops, team building activities and personal reflection exercises.

*Left photo: Sisterhood Retreat Group Shot.*


Women Who Lead was a day long conference designed to accomplish three goals: promote leadership development of women students, provide opportunities to network with women leaders in the community, and promote discourse related to the status of women and leadership in our society today. Approximately 520 individuals participated in this conference which was held concurrently at the University Park and Biscayne Bay Campus.

*Left photo: A group of students participated in the Women Who Lead lunch.*

At University Park the event opened with a luncheon which afforded students an opportunity to interact with community leaders who volunteered to dine with our students and share their experiences. Lunch was followed by
II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH CONTINUED

three breakout sessions with more than 20 topics of interest including “Women in Politics,” “Women in Finance,” and “Negotiating Your Salary: What Glass Ceiling.” Next, the plenary speaker Erin Vilardi of The White House Project shared why it is important for young women to be involved and engaged citizens and the event ended with a networking reception.

At the Biscayne Bay Campus the event opened with keynote speaker Moriah Murphy, CEO of 1812 Amber Ale, followed by a brunch with women leaders and a workshop entitled “Developing Your Strategic Plan for Leadership.”

Take Back the Night – April 8th UPC, April 10th BBC

An annual march and rally held in April, Sexual Assault Awareness month, which promotes awareness about sexual assault and violence against women. This event opened with keynote speakers who are also survivors, followed by a march through educational stations created by student organizations and university departments.

(Left photo) Staff and Student members of the Take Back the Night Planning Committee: ZoeAnn Finzi Smith, Andrea Lopez, Vanessa Santana, Raquel Wright, JD Louk and Katie McGee.

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Students at Love Your Body Day: ZoeAnne Finzi Smith and Christi Navarro from NOW and VOX.

Laura Davis, member of Sisterhood Planning Committee and Take Back the Night Planning Committee, Student Life Awardee for Junior of the Year, with Suzanne Onorato.
II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Accomplishments of Women’s Studies Alumni, 2007-2008

Graduate Certificate Alumni

Cruz, Serena (WS Graduate Certificate, 2007) – Currently a doctoral student in International Relations and Geography at FIU and recently completed her Ph.D. comprehensive examinations. Traveled throughout Southern Africa in Summer 2008, specifically in Zambia and Botswana, where she conducted preliminary field research, volunteered for Planned Parenthood of Zambia, and provided technical support for the United Nations International Office of Migration. Attended the 20th International AIDS conference in Mexico City. Accepted a nomination to sit on the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health Institutional Review Board. Continues to serve as a member of the Cultural Diversity Steering Committee for the National Board of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Co-Founded the Florida Reproductive Justice Alliance in partnership with the Women's Fund of Miami Dade County, MI-LOLA, and the South Florida Women's Health Center. Received the National Council of Women's Organizations, Younger Women's Task Force, Alexis Knox Fellowship.

Navarro, Christi (WS Graduate Certificate, 2008) – She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Health (Health Promotion and Disease Prevention track) at FIU. Her research interests lie in areas of women’s health behavior, maternal and infant health, and their relation to access, equity, and quality of care of health services across minority populations in South Florida and the Caribbean. Christi is a recent recipient of the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship and is currently a working as a graduate assistant and advisor in the Women’s Studies Center at FIU.

BA Alumni

Boyd, Shyla (WS 2004) – A teacher at Clewiston High School in Florida. She will soon begin a Ph.D. in Psychology in San Francisco.

Fuller, Julie (WS/English 2005) – Currently an English teacher for Broward County Schools while pursuing an MS in Information Science at Florida State University. She plans to work as a librarian for several years before completing a Ph.D in Women’s Studies and becoming a professor.

Garzon, Gabriela (WS/International Relations 2006) – Trained as an Image Consultant, and Etiquette and Protocol Consultant and then opened her own company, G.G. Image & Etiquette Consulting, Inc. She offers some of her services pro bono to low-income women entering the work force.

Kinchen, Raynel (WS/English 2007) – A substitute teacher for the Broward County Public Schools. She is exploring ways to become a part of a local activist group.

Lalama, Christina (WS/Psychology 1999) – A therapist for Family Counseling Services of Greater Miami. Through FCS/The Journey Institute, she also works for W.I.N.G.S. (Women in Need of Greater Strength) for Life, South Florida providing group therapy and counseling to pregnant teens on relationship safety and violence prevention.
II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Lee, Sze (WS/Political Science 2007) – Executive Assistant at Kristi House, Inc., a children’s advocacy center in Miami. She was appointed to the Commission for Women by Commissioner Jose Diaz in 2008 and plans to begin law school in the Fall of 2009.

Martinez, Rita (WS/English 1996) – Rita received an MFA in Creative writing in 2003 and now works as a Writing Consultant for Academic Services at the Kendall campus of Nova Southeastern University. Her book Jane-in-the-Box, a collection of poetry based on Charlotte Bronte’s Jane Eyre, has been accepted for publication by March Street Press and is due out later this year. She has also published poetry in the magazine MiPOesias, read at Books and Books in Coral Gables and at the Miami Book Fair International, and recently started a private tutoring business.

Millheiser, Maria (WS 2006) – Self-employed. May return to pursue a Master’s degree in the near future. In the meantime is enjoying traveling and playing with her grandchildren.

Milian, Frances (WS 2007) – Currently working at Assurant as an Insurance Specialist.

Moghimi-Kian, Ida (WS 2004) – Graduated from FIU College of Law in May 2008 and sat for the Bar Examination in July. While in law school, she was a member of the FIU Board of Advocates and the FIU Trial Team. Placed 1st for Best Brief and 3rd for Best Oralist in the 2007-2008 Susan J. Ferrell Intercultural Human Rights Moot Court Competition at St. Thomas University. Is currently looking for employment with an attorney in South Florida.

Morris, Ian (WS/History 2004) – Pursuing a Master’s in History at Florida Gulf Coast University and researching a thesis on women involved in the Manhattan Project. He has given a number of lectures at FGCU and published an article titled “Rush to Judgment” at ezinearticles.com. He was married last year to a woman “who recognizes me as her equal partner.”

Pekel, Bryan (WS/History 2004) – Currently pursuing a Ph.D in history at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Reyes, Vanessa (WS/Journalism) – A freelance journalist who has published in the major south Florida newspapers Miami Herald, Sunpost, and Sun-Sentinel. She is currently engaged and living in New Jersey while looking for additional freelance opportunities.

Rodriguez, Michelle (WS/English 2007) – Works for the City of Miami as a Special Aid.

Sowers, Milagros (WS/English 2002) – Serving as Language Arts Department Chair for East Lee High School in Lehigh Acres, FL. She has also been recently appointed to the Community Council of Lehigh Acres as a representative for education. She received the Rookie Teacher of the Year Award in 2004 and was nominated for the Golden Apple award in 2005 and 2007. She plans to pursue a Master’s Degree in School Counseling in the near future.

Talavera, Kristen (WS/Psychology 2005) – Currently working in Miami as a research Specialist for the University of Delaware Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies. She will begin the Master’s of Public Health program at FIU in the fall of 2008.

II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

WS Certificate Alumni

Alonso, Raquel (WS Certificate 2006) – Has completed her first year as a graduate teaching assistant and MA student at Florida Atlantic University. She traveled during the summer term to complete research on a thesis topic related to US-Latina women.

Brannon, Taquesha (WS Certificate 2006) – Has been accepted into five different graduate schools and will begin a master’s program at UCLA in the Fall of 2008. After completing the master’s degree in Afro-American Studies with a specialization in Sociology, she plans to continue into a Ph.D program and study female representation in popular media. She hopes to eventually create her own “magazine that showcases positive images of women” and to write books. Awarded the Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, which covers tuition, stipend, and fees at UCLA. The amount of the award is $37,175.50.

Duarte, Ivette (WS Certificate 2004) – Assistant Director for Internships and FIU and currently pursuing a Master’s degree in religious studies.

Gonzalez, Cristina (WS Certificate 2007) – Recently became a certified teacher and hopes to return to school to complete a Master’s in psychology in the near future.

Green, Nicholas (WS Certificate 2004) – Worked for one and a half years at KILDEN – Information Center for Gender Research in Norway. He is applying to the Master’s program in Political Science at the University of Norway.

Hayez, Monique (WS Certificate 2000) – Has worked as a dispatcher for the Coral Gables Police Department for eight years. She plans to begin nursing school in 2008.

Llaguno-Feria, Evita (WS Certificate 2003) – Staff Attorney for Dade County Legal Aid Society representing low-income clients in paternity, divorce, custody, and abuse cases. She notes that more than half of these clients are women who have “finally gotten the courage to take legal action.”

Lopez, Anisley (WS Certificate 2006) – Import Specialist for Customs and Border Protection. She is awaiting promotion to a new position within the Department of Homeland Security and plans to continue a career in the federal government.

Macri, Melissa K. (WS Certificate 2006) – Earned a Master’s of Social Work in 2007 and currently working to become a licensed clinical social worker. She is employed as an intake coordinator at Memorial Healthcare System in Hollywood, FL.

Martinez, Maria (WS Certificate 1997) – Has worked as a counselor for Miami-Dade Public Schools since 2000 and received a Ph.D in psychology with a specialization in counseling and adolescent studies in April 2008. Plans to open a private practice in 2009. She has also recently taught as an adjunct at Miami-Dade College and FIU and would like to continue doing so.

Meyer, Laura (WS Certificate 2006) – A graduate student in marital and family therapy at Barry University. Since graduation, she has had a daughter and presently owns the professional life coaching business, Divorce Recovery Coaching Unlimited, LLC.
II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Parker, Caroline (Women's Studies Certificate 2004) - Curator of Education at the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum at FIU. Collaborated with many university departments, including the Women's Studies Center, in an effort to provide art education through interdisciplinary approaches to art. These collaborations included lectures by art critic and scholar Eleanor Heartney, controversial feminist author Camille Paglia, artist/architect Maya Lin and performance artist Marina Abramovic. Admitted at Boston University to pursue a graduate degree in Arts Administration. She hopes to continue to incorporate feminism and the visual arts into her programming initiatives.


St. Clair, Michael (WS Certificate 2006) – Currently self-employed. He plans to study constitutional law and hopes to join the FIU law school in the Fall of 2009.

Stone, Alissa (WS Certificate 2003) – A full-time instructor of English Composition at Keiser University. She also works as an adjunct at Miami-Dade College and as a tutor. She plans to seek publication of her first book of poems and to apply to doctoral programs in Comparative Literature.

III. WOMEN’S STUDIES FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

New Faculty in Women's Studies 2007-2008

Vrushali Patil, Ph.D.

Dr. Vrushali Patil, Assistant Professor (Joint Appointment with Sociology/Anthropology)
Ph.D., University of Maryland, College Park, 2006

Dr. Patil is interested in exploring categories of identity such as gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, culture and nation, their interrelationships, and how they are formed and reformed within historical processes of globalization. She is particularly interested in how such categories of identity were formed within European imperialism and colonialism and how they continue to be negotiated by people in the so-called Third World. She is also interested in the South Asian diaspora. She is author of the forthcoming book, Negotiating Decolonization in the United Nations: Politics of Space, Identity and International Community.

FIU Women’s Studies Faculty Book Club

The Women’s Studies Faculty Book Club participants are all FIU women faculty who enjoy reading women’s literature and discussing it with colleagues. The Book Club has met once a month during the academic year since its founding in 1991. The Book Club is open to FIU women faculty and professional staff. For information about book selections, go to www.books.fiu.edu.

Marilyn Hoder-Salmon, Coordinator

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Readings for 2007-2008

Middlemarch and Daniel Deronda by George Eliot
Gabriela Mistral: Selected Poems by Ed. Ursula K. LeGuin
Nelly Sachs: Collected Poems 11 by Nelly Sachs
Monologue of a Dog by Wislawa Szymborska
Doris Lessing’s 2007 Nobel Prize For Literature: The Golden Notebook and The Grass Is Singing

The Man In The White Sharkskin Suit by Lucette Lagnado
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
The Fig Eater by Jody Shields
The Way Forward is With a Broken Heart by Alice Walker
Vindication: A Life of Mary Wollstonecraft by Lyndall Gordon
The Bastard of Istanbul by Elif Shafak
### III. WOMEN’S STUDIES FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

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III. WOMEN’S STUDIES FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED

Book Publications (Published)

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Books (in Press)

Curry, Ginette. (forthcoming). *New Perspectives on Race in the African Diaspora: An Interview with Danzy Senna*

Book Chapters in Press


Curry, Ginette. (forthcoming). *In Search of Maba: An Epic Play from Senegal, West Africa*.

Book Chapters (Published)


Journal Publications


III. WOMEN’S STUDIES FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED


Curatorial


Stories/Essays


Book Reviews & Other Publications


III. WOMEN’S STUDIES FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED


Recognition

Alonso, Irma. Excellence in Teaching Award, 30 Years of Service Award, and 30 Years of Service to the College of Arts and Sciences Award.

Martin, Kathleen. A.B. Thomas Book Award for Discarded Pages: Araceli Cab Cumi, Maya Poet and Politician.

Stiehm, Judith. 2008 Frank J. Goodnow Award for scholars who have helped shape the profession and who have made outstanding contributions to both the development of the political science profession and the building of the American Political Science Association.

Weeks, Ophelia. “Best in Class” feature in Miami Herald twice and on FIU Home homepage.

Funding/Grants

Kostadinova, Tatiana. College of Arts and Sciences summer research grant ($5,000).

Nenzi, Laura. National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Research Award. ($50,400).

Weeks, Ophelia. National Science Foundation (The Mathematics and Biological Sciences Scholarships Program at FIU). $500,000.

Weeks, Ophelia. FIU Provost Office (Quantifying Biology in the Classroom: The FIU Q’BIC Program). $822,292.

Conference Papers


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Gabilondo, Jose. (2007, November). Federalist Society Debate on Same-Sex Marriage, College of Law, Florida International University, Miami, Florida.


III. WOMEN’S STUDIES FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED


Invited Addresses


Editorial Boards


Films


National Service


Wood, Kirsten. Interviewed about women in 19th century America for a PBS documentary on Andrew Jackson.
III. WOMEN’S STUDIES FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED

Community Service


Rose, Suzanna. (2007-09). Vice President, Miami Dade Women’s History Coalition.


Weeks, Ophelia. (2008). Pinecrest Elementary School 7th Grade Class Guest Speaker. Talked with the students about heat transfer and skin color, as well as other anatomy and physiology type questions.
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