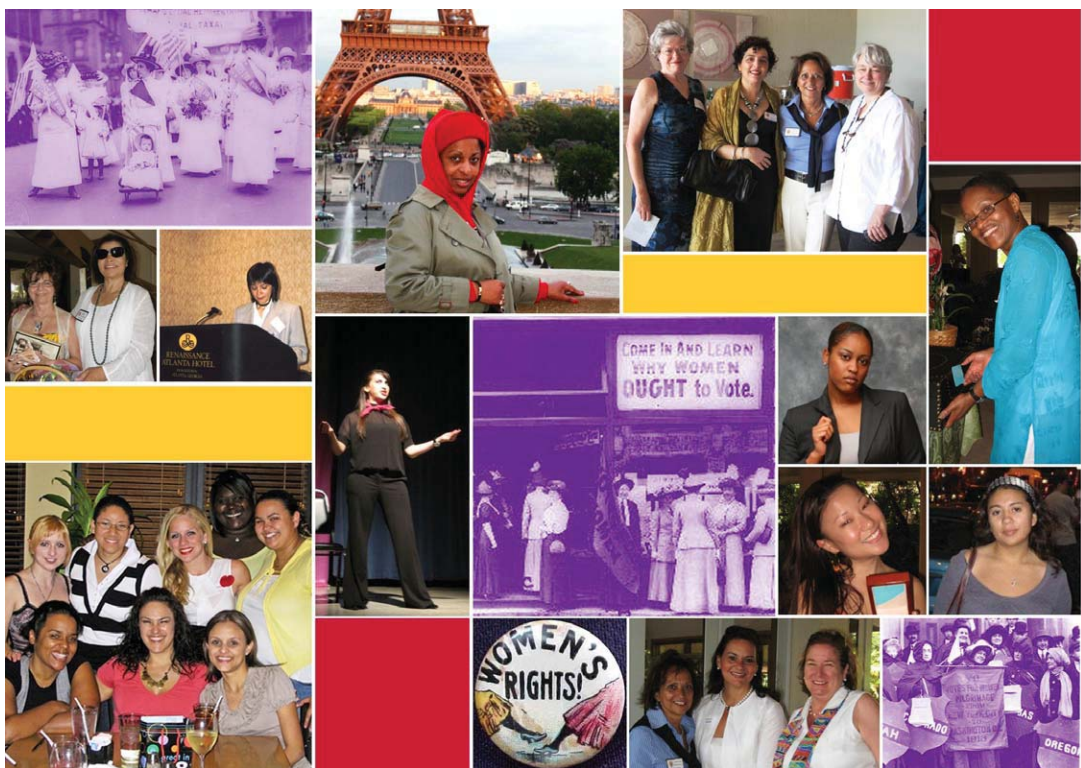


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Florida International University

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:

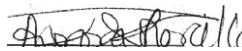
- Hired an Asst. Prof. in Women's Studies (Vrushali Patil, Ph.D., Sociology) for 07-08
- Successfully conducted a search for a Director (Laurie Shrage, Ph.D., Philosophy) that begun in Fall 2008
- Continued collaborations with international consortium partners in Spain, Colombia, and South Africa
- Completed 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,



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. 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.

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 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.

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTER

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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

	<i>Number of courses</i>		<i>Enrollment</i>
	regular	online	
<i>Summer 2007 Summary</i>			
Undergraduate	18	7	693
Graduate	4	0	9
Summer 2007 Total	22	7	702
<i>Fall 2007 Summary</i>			
Undergraduate	33	10	1,541
Graduate	8	1	41
Fall 2007 Total	41	11	1,582
<i>Spring 2008 Summary</i>			
Undergraduate	30	9	1,399
Graduate	15	1	101
Spring 2008 Total	45	10	1,500
<i>Annual 2007 - 2008 Summary</i>			
Undergraduate	81	26	3,633
Graduate	27	2	151
Grand Total	108	28	3,784

I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

SUMMER 2007

Term/Course		Faculty	Enrollment
Summer A, B & C 2007 University Park - Undergraduate			
WST 3015, A	Introduction to Women's Studies	Kriegel	14
WST 4930, A	Women and Leadership	Onorato	5
WST 4930/SYP 3300, A	Social Movements, Gender, Justice	Thompson	3/8
ANT 3302, A	Anthropology of Gender	Martin	42
SYD 3804, A	Sociology of Gender	West	31
SYG 4060, A	Soc of Sexuality	West	39
WST 3641/ IDS 4920, B	Gay/Lesbian	Johnsen	23/9
ENL 4212, B	Medieval Women's Lit	Baker	37
REL 3145, B	Women and Religion	Rowan	34
WST 4940, C	WS Internship	Rose	1
PSY 4930, C	Research Plans & Careers	Stephens	18
SOP 3742, C	Psychology of Women	Bennett	43
Summer A & B 2007 Biscayne Bay - Undergraduate			
SOP 3742, A	Psychology of Women	Telan	44
CCJ 4663, B	Women Crime & Criminal Justice	Vincent	32
Summer C 2007 Off Campus - Undergraduate			
LIT 4382, C	Women in Eastern Europe	Weitz	7
Summer A, B & C 2007 Online – Undergraduate			
REL 3162, A	Healers and Mediums	Pfeiffer	33
REL 3145, A	Women And Religion	Gudorf	16
REL 3171, A	Sex and Religion	Gudorf	24
WST 3015, B	Introduction to Women's Studies	Kai	15
ECP 3254, B	Women, Men, and Work	Alonso	18
ECS 3021, B	Women, Culture, and Economic Development	Alonso	41
REL 3171, B	Sex and Religion	Gudorf	20
MAN 4102, C	Managing Diversity	Kleban	48
SOP 3742, C	Psychology of Women	Stephens	54
SOP 4774, C	Female Sexuality	Rose	34
Summer 2007 University Park – Graduate			
WST 5935, A	Women and Leadership	Onorato	5
WST 5905, C	Independent Study	Rose	1
WST 5935, C	Special Topics	Onorato	1
WST 5935, C	Female Sexuality	Rose	2
Summer 2007 Summary			
		Number of Courses	Enrollment
		Regular	Online
Undergraduate		18	7
Graduate		4	0
Summer 2007 Total		22	7
			693
			9
			702

I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

FALL 2007

Term/Course		Faculty	Enrollment
Fall 2007 University Park - Undergraduate			
WST 3015	Introduction to Women's Studies	Thompson	34
WST 3641	Gay/Lesbian in US	Loynaz	35
WST 4905	Women's Studies Independent Studies	Rose	1
WST 4930	Women and Leadership	Onorato	8
WST 4930/SYP 3400	Social Change: Border Crossings: Race & Gender	Patil	5/17
WST 4930/SYP 3300	Social Movements, Gender, Justice	Thompson	3/19
WST 4930/IDS 4920	Women in Technology	Walker	1/34
WST 4940	Women's Studies Internship	Thompson	7
WST4930/AFA 4931/IDS4920	Race/Gender/Sexuality in Hiphop	Stephens	6/3/33
AML 4503	Women & Realism	Hoder-Salmon	36
AML 4606	19C African-Am Lit	Andrade	50
ARH 3930	Women in Latin American Art	Damian	27
HIS 4935	Gender in Latin America	Premo	13
HIS 4935	Slavery in America	Wood	10
LIT 4192	Major Caribbean Authors	Andrade	46
LIT 4931	Contemporary Latina Writers	Luszczynska	48
MAN 4102	Managing Diversity	Osborne	60
PHM 4123	Philosophy & Feminism	Beer	35
REL 3145	Women And Religion	Rowan	36
REL 3362	Islamic Faith & Society	Musa	23
REL 4366	Voice of Prophet	Musa	4
REL 4481	Religion in Contemporary Latin America	Bidegain	3
SYD 3804	Sociology of Gender	West	60
SYD 4820	Sociology of Men	Lavender	50
SYG 4060	Sociology of Sexuality	West	92
Fall 2007 University Park -Graduate			
WST5905	Women's Studies Independent Studies	Rose	1
WST 5935	Women and Leadership	Onorato	7
WST 5935	Race/Gender/Sexuality in Hiphop	Stephens	3
WST 5946	Women's Studies Internship	Thompson	0
ARH 5897	Women in Latin American Art	Damian	2
REL 5368	Voice of Prophet	Musa	2
REL 5937	Religion in Contemporary Latin America	Bidegain	12
Fall 2007 Biscayne Bay - Undergraduate			
AFA 4930	Theory & Methods In African New World Studies	Ogundiran	4
AML 4624	African Am Women Writers	Weir	18
LIT 3383	Women In Literature: Women And War	McCormack	22
LIT 4930	19 Cent. Fiction-School Novels	McCormack	8
LIT 4931	Multi-Cult. Working Class Women	Weir	11
REL 3171	Sex And Religion	Livini	49
SOP 3742	Psychology of Women	Telan	90

I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

Fall 2007 Biscayne Bay – Graduate

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
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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	Kleban	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
PSY 5939	Psychology of Women	Stephens	1

Fall 2007 Summary	Number of Courses		Enrollment
	Regular	Online	
Undergraduate	33	10	1541
Graduate	8	1	41
Fall 2007 Total	41	11	1582

SPRING 2008

Term/Course		Faculty	Enrollment
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	Stiehm	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	
REL 3171	Sex & Religion	Gudorf	45	
SOP 3742	Psychology of Women	Stephens	80	
SOP 4774	Female Sexuality	Stephens	80	
Spring 2008 Online - Graduate				
PSY 5939	Psychology of Women	Stephens	2	
Spring 2008 Summary				
		<i>Number of Courses</i>		<i>Enrollment</i>
		Regular	Online	
Undergraduate		30	9	1399
Graduate		15	1	101
Spring 2008 Total		45	10	1500

I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

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:

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

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.

Fall 2007 Interns

Black, Kathleen
Correoso, Alexander
King, Danielle
Reiter, Louise Gould
Rosenthal, Lindsay
Silva-Fernandez, Ana Karla

Internship Site

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Gay/Straight Alliance
Sexual Scripts Research with Dr. Stephens
High School for Pregnant Teens
Co-Editor, Making Waves Journal
Co-Editor, Making Waves Journal

Spring 2008 Interns

Cardelle, Sara
Finzi-Smith, Zoëann Michelle
Lopez-Boada, Maria
Menes, Francesca

Women's Studies
Planned Parenthood
Kristi House
Teaching Assistantship, Introduction to Women's Studies

I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

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	Lescano, Antonella	Milian, Frances
Conserve, Carlyle	Lopez, Carol	Rubio, Dorcas
Lee, Sze	McAfee, Candace	Ruiz, Cynthia
	Fall 2007	
Bauta, Gloria	Perez, Hellen	Silva, Ana Karla
Kinchen, Raynel	Rodriguez, Michelle	
Miller, Melissa	Rosenthal, Lindsay	
	Spring 2008	
Audain, Mekala	Gomez, Ana	Perez Michelle
Avila, Dayana	Hicks, Crystal	Shpherd Ann
Diaz, Marilyn	Moreno, Shannon	
Flynn, Jessica	Odio, Vanessa	

Undergraduate Certificate Earners = 20

	Summer 2007	
Dardompre, Beatrice		Heblum, Erica
Diez, Luisa		Gonzalez, Cristina
	Fall 2007	
Alvarez, Lily	Gomez Hiliana	Shaftel, Emily
Benford Hashim	Lewis, Makissa	Villalba Carolina
	Spring 2008	
Alegre, Elizabeth	Le Boeuf, Jacqueline	Miranda Andrea
Black Kathleen	Martinez, Cristina	Rico Amanda
Cardell Sara	Middleton,Shanell	
Harris Natasha	Mira Lisette	

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

2007-2008
**Sze
Lee**



2006-2007
**Ivanessa
Arostegui**



2005-2006
**Megan
Kelley**



2004-2005
**Brenda
Contreras**



2003-2004
**Tamara
Persad-Maharaj**



2002-2003
**Cristina
Pelleyá-Toledo**



2002-2003
**Marcela
Piñeros**



2001-2002
**Maria
Ortiz**



I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

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.



l-r: Araceli Leyva, Tiffany Herrero, Andrea Lopez, Vanesa Santana, Nathaly Charria, Paula de la Cruz, Jessica Benshay, and Tiffany Yeomans.

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 Charia
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.*”
Bernale, Veronica, “*A Genealogy of Islamic Political Movements within Palestine, the Rise and Success of Hamas as a Political Entity and the Role of Women.*”
Capo, Julio Jr., “*Diaper Dude: How Diaper-Changing Stations in Men’s Restrooms Transformed American Fatherhood.*”
Charria, Nathaly, “*The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict in the United States: Activists’ Responses to the Mainstream Media.*”
Clark, Zoila, “*A Reading of Kate Chopin’s “The Awakening” Through Bird Imagery.*”
Cogua-Lopez, Jasney, “*Through the Prisms of Gender and Power: Agency in International Courtship Between Colombian Women and American Men.*”
de la Cruz-Fernandez, Paula A., “*Jesus’ Calling: Women’s Experience in an Evangelical Community.*”
Finzi-Smith, Zoëann, “*Rape: The Hidden Tool in Society’s Tool Belt.*”
Herrero, Tiffany, “*Secret to Her Success: Single-X Schools.*”
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.*”
Middleton, Shanell, “*Are African-American Women’s Issues Being Addressed by Current Policies?*”
Miranda, Andrea, “*The Woman of Many Names.*”
Nrenzah, Genevieve, “*The Mame Wata Healing Churches of Half Assini.*”
Pattison, Sarah, “*Jewish Feminism: Reinventing the Language of God’s Love.*”
Placide, Sharon, “*Intersections of Race and Gender Among Mixed-Race Jamaican Immigrants.*”
Snyder, Amanda, “*Proper Ladies and Girls About Town: The Changing Representation of the Domestic in the Victorian Novel.*”
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 Domestica, 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 McAnamey - The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy
Jessica Muñoz - Introduction, The "Wear and Say" List
Lauren Northover - My Vagina Was My Village
Bidlose "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



Zoila Clark, Michel Potop, Nathaly Charia, Paula de la Cruz, Melissa Armitage, and Prof. 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.



Miami's Women's Movement Now.



Chassah Perez and Serena Cruz.

I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

2007-2008 WSGSA Events

- Miami's Women's Movement Now in the King Mango Strut Parade in Coconut Grove. The "condolicious" 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)

<http://www.fiu.edu/~wssa/>

WSSA Officers

President: Maria Lopez-Boada
Vice President: Yahurys Vanessa Gomez
Secretary: Guadalupe Juarez
Treasurer: Ravenna Schneider
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Aurora Morcillo

WSSA Members

Nicole Albanese
 Johana Augustin
 Rosenny Augustine
 Tania Babienko
 Brigitte Becquer
 Stephanie Garay
 Hiliana Gomez
 Janice Lacorce
 Araceli Leyva
 Vanessa Santana
 Adrienne Trujillo

- 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.



Take Back The Night: Yahurys Vanessa Gomez, Raven Schneider, Maria Lopez-Boada, and Lupe Juarez.



YAT Training.

I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

Iota Iota Iota, The Women's Studies Honor Society (Triota) www.fiu.edu/~triota

Iota Iota Iota Officers

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

Iota Iota Iota Members

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



Sex Power and Politics



Lotus House



Triota in D.C.

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.
- Toy Drive with The Kids in Distress, Winter 2007.
- 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 Furion, Arts & Sciences. 2: Mary Lou Pfeiffer, Chair, Women's Studies Board of Advisors; Sze Lee, Women's Studies alumnus. 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; Yahurys 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.

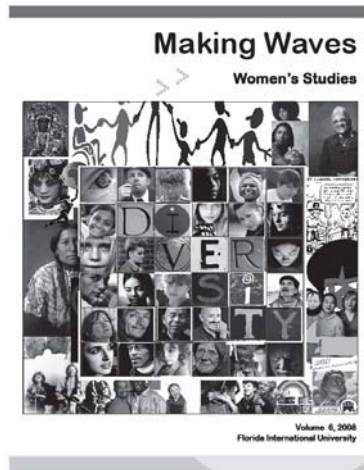
My goal as head of the consortium is to increase the strength, visibility, and significance of Gender and Women's Studies in the Global economy in a predominantly minority serving institution where Women's Studies has achieved a tremendous growth as a result of student and community demand. The consortium 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.

I. ACADEMIC PROGRAM CONTINUED

Making Waves, Vol. 6: Journal Publication



Editors

Lindsay Rosenthal, Content Editor
Ana Silva-Fernandez, Production & Layout

Advisory Board

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Vrushali Patil, Ph.D.
Suzanna Rose, Ph.D.

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Women's Studies Student & Faculty Travel

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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.

Paula de la Cruz, University of California at Sta. Barbara Lawrence B. Romaine Trade Catalog Collection research

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



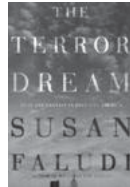
*Zoila Clark (right) with other
conference participants.*



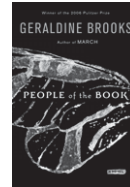
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II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Women of Distinction Series 2007 – 2008



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



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.
Minister of The Universal Truth Center
Rev. Linnea Pearson, Ph.D.
Unitarian Universalist Chaplain
and Professor of Religion, FIU
March 5, 2008

Cosponsored by: Center for the Study of Spirituality

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



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 Colombia, 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

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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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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)

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Women's Studies Speaker Series & Events

Planned Parenthood's Young Activist Team Lobbying Training United Way of Miami-Dade County, Ansin Building July 26, 2007. Sponsored by: Planned Parenthood of Greater Miami, Palm Beach and Treasure Coast.

"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.

Circling My Mother, Mary Gordon, Author, Books & Books, Coral Gables Oct. 1, 2007.

The Theater of Teaching: Inspiring Students and Each Other, Ophelia Weeks, Assoc. Prof., Biology; Tara Kai, Instructor, Women's Studies; Ana Luszczynska, 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.

Documentary Film Screening, Poto Mitn: Haitian Women, Pillars of the Global Economy, Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL, Oct. 6, 2007. Co-sponsored by Haitian Studies Association.

National Coming Out Day, Faculty-Student-Lawyer panel on coming out perspectives, Law School, UP Campus, Oct. 11, 2007. Organized by The Law School Sexual Minority Group, the Stonewall Legal Alliance.

Planned Parenthood Young Activist Training, Palm Beach, FL, Oct. 13, 2007.

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



Elizabeth Sackler

What does "National Security" Look Like to Women: Some Feminist Lessons from the US-Iraq War, Dr. Cynthia Enloe, GC Ballroom – East, Nov. 1, 2007. Co-sponsored by the Departments of Geography & International Relations, and Political Science.



Cynthia Enloe

Re-envisioning Feminism Today, Dr. Elizabeth Sackler, public historian and philanthropist, GL 100. Nov. 9, 2007. Co-sponsored by The Frost Art Museum.



Jackie Payne

What Young Activists Need to Know, Jackie Payne, Director, Government Relations, Planned Parenthood, D.C., GC Ballroom – East, Nov. 29, 2007. Co-sponsored by Triota and Planned Parenthood.



International Women's & Gender Studies Consortium: Women Crossing Cultures, Jan. 6, 2008. A cocktail reception hosted by Chancellor Mark Rosenberg and Ms. Rosalie Rosenberg at the home of Ann (Annie) Goodrich.

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.

Walking the Mother Path, Carole Rose, A Jewish feminist spiritual teacher from Canada, GC 150, Feb. 26, 2008.
Co-sponsored by Center for the Study of Spirituality.

Women in Hip Hop - Women's History Month, Confessions of a Hip Hop Feminist, Prof. Mark Neal, African-American Studies, Duke University, WUC Ballroom, BBC, Mar. 4, 2008. Cosponsored by African New World Studies.

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

Women's Studies Colloquium, Colonizing Gender: Why Children's Literature Is Part of Women's Studies, Claudia Nelson, Professor of English, Texas A&M, Dean's Conference Room, ECS 451 with videoconferencing to ACI 306, BBC, April 2, 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.

II. ADVANCEMENT & OUTREACH CONTINUED

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 21 st
Meet & Greet Gala and Goal Setting	September 26 th
Just Desserts Networking Social	January 25 th
End of Year Celebration	April 2 nd

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 Conference – February 29, 2008



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.*

National Organization of Women Programs

Love Your Body Day
Sex, Power and Politics with WSSA
National Girls and Women in Sports Day
Safe Space Clothing Drive
Take Back the Night – Self Defense Station

October 17th
November 29th
February 6th
March
April 8th



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



Shyla Boyd

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.



Frances Milian

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 II.

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.



Chonti Valenzuela

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.

Valenzuela, Chonti (WS/International Relations/Asian Studies 2006) – Executive Assistant at The George Washington University School of Engineering and Applied Science. Expecting to complete her MA in Women’s Studies with a concentration in International Affairs in Spring 2009. Passed her comprehensive examination with Honors.

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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.



Dr. Maria Martinez

- 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.

Pellini, Kimberly (WS Certificate 2001) – Assistant District Attorney in Northeastern North Carolina. Hopes to eventually become an Assistant United States Attorney.

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.

Townsend, Melissa A. (WS Certificate 2006) – A substitute teacher for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Plans to continue as an educator and writer locally.

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New Faculty in Women's Studies 2007-2008

Vrushali Patil, Ph.D.



Vrushali Patil

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 II 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

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Beer, Michelle, Associate Professor, Philosophy
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Burns, Kristine, Associate Professor, Music
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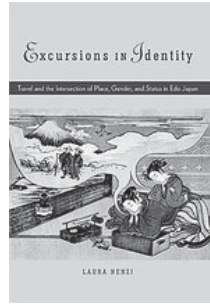
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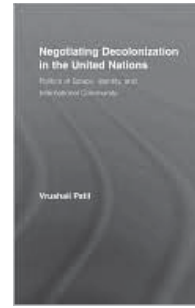
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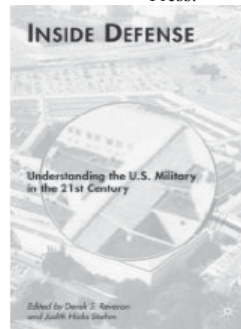
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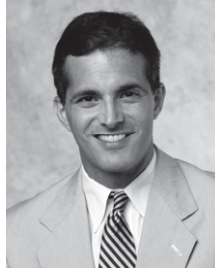
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- Gabilondo, Jose.** (Forthcoming, 2008). *Monetizing Diaspora: Liquid Sovereigns, Fertile Workers, and the Interest-Convergence Around Remittance Flows*, Symposium: Law and the State in the Transnational Legal Order, 25 Penn. State Int'l L. Rev.
- Hoder-Salmon, Marilyn.** (2008). "The Hollywood Icons: Josephine Baker and Marlene Dietrich". *The Journal of the National Women's Studies Association*.
- Kostadinova, Tatiana.** (2007). Ethnic and Women's Representation under Mixed Election Systems. *Electoral Studies*, 26, 418-431.
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- Prugl, Elizabeth** (forthcoming). Does Gender Mainstreaming Work? Feminist Engagements with the German Agricultural State. *International Feminist Journal of Politics*.
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Curatorial

- Damian, Carol.** (2007). Co-curator, "Intersections: Art and Nature." Art Miami.

Stories/Essays

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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 Cumí, 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

Barrett, Lynne. "Editors on Editing," panel, Gulf Coast Association of Creative Writing Teachers Annual Conference, University of South Alabama, Fairhope, AL, April 27-28, 2007.

Barrett, Lynne. "A Hell of A Woman, A Conversation with Women Writers," with Megan Abbott, Lynne Barrett & Vicki Hendricks. Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, Miami, FL and Miami Dade College, Hialeah Campus, Hialeah, FL. Co-presented by the Florida Center for the Literary Arts and the Student Life Department at Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus. Monday, March 10, 2008.

Barrett, Lynne. Reading & Panel, "Noir Fiction: The Darker Side of Literature," Megan Abbott, Lynne Barrett, John Bond, John Duffresne, and Vicki Hendricks, Miami Book Fair International, Miami, FL, Nov. 11, 2007.

III. WOMEN'S STUDIES FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED

- Barrett, Lynne.** Three-day Fiction Workshop, Florida Gulf Coast University Sanibel Writers Conference, Sanibel, FL, Oct. 4-6, 2007.
- Barrett, Lynne.** "Plot, the Heart of Your Story," International Women's Writing Guild Conference, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, June 15-21, 2007.
- Curry, Ginette.** (2007, September). African Women, Tradition and Change in Cheikh Hamidou Kane's *Ambiguous Adventure* (1962) and Mariama Ba's *So Long a Letter* (1981), presented at the AfrICANDO Conference: Panel on African Women and Development, Florida International University, Miami. Sponsored by FIU African New World Studies Program and The Foundation for Democracy in Africa.
- Gabilondo, Jose.** (2008, March). *Heterosexuality Offspring Preference: Pricing and Policy Implications*, Conference on Contested Commodities, Olin Program in Law and Economics, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL.
- Gabilondo, Jose.** (2007, November). *Disability, Perspective and Contingency: Responding to Johnson and Singer*, Feminism and Legal Theory Project, Emory University School of Law.
- Gabilondo, Jose.** (2007, November). Federalist Society Debate on Same-Sex Marriage, College of Law, Florida International University, Miami, Florida.
- Gabilondo, Jose.** (2007, June). *Equity Pedagogy in the Classroom*, Conference on New Frontiers in Teaching and Learning, Institute for Law School Teaching, Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Gabilondo, Jose.** (2007, June). *The Cultural and Legal Status of Multi-sectarian Alliances: New Risks for Sexual Minorities*, Feminism and Legal Theory Project, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Lifshitz, Felice.** (2008). "Apostle to the Apostles, Reformed Prostitute, Royal Baby Machine: The Many Faces of Mary Magdalen". Presented at the International Congress on Medieval Studies.
- Lifshitz, Felice.** (2008). Chair/Organizer for "'Feminist' Men of the Middle Ages?" International Congress on Medieval Studies.
- Martin, Kathleen.** (2008). "The Lent Voice of Felipa Poot, an early 20th century Maya activist". South East Council of Latin American Studies.
- Martin, Kathleen.** (2008). Chair/Presenter for "Framing the 'Rights' Discourse: Social Movements and the Negotiation of Inequalities". American Anthropological Association.
- Martin, Kathleen.** (2007). "Indigenous Women as Gramscian Organic Intellectuals". Latin American Studies Association.
- Morcillo, Aurora.** (2008, January). Spanish Projections in Modern Europe. 147th Annual American Historical Association Conference, Washington DC.
- Nenzi, Laura.** (2007, September). Women on the Verge of a Political Breakdown: Journeys and Visions in the Lives of Nomura Bōtō and Kurosawa Toki. Presented at the Annual meeting of the Italian Association for Japanese Studies. University of Venice, Italy.
- Thomas, T., Kleinert, K., Dollinger, R, **Stephens, Dionne.**, Adams, K & Menedez, R. (2008) Clinical Interventions to Address High Reported Rates of Sexual Risk Taking in an Ethnically Diverse Population of Emerging Adults. [Paper] Presentation for the annual meeting of the Society of Applied Anthropology. Memphis, TN.

III. WOMEN'S STUDIES FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUED

Stephens, Dionne. & Aguilar, E. (March, 2008). The effects of skin color on ethnically diverse young adult Black Women's attitudes toward dating and physical attractiveness. Presentation for the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescents. Chicago, IL

Invited Addresses

Barrett, Lynne. Fiction reading and discussion, American Association of University Women Book Brunch, Riverside Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, FL, March 8, 2008.

Barrett, Lynne. Reading, with Vicki Hendricks, Murder on the Beach Bookstore, Delray Beach, FL, Dec. 7, 2007.

Barrett, Lynne. Fiction Reading, with Steve Almond & William Gibaldi, Florida Gulf Coast University Sanibel Writers' Conference, Sanibel, FL, Oct. 6, 2007

Barrett, Lynne. Reading, International Women's Writing Guild Conference, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY, June 17, 2007.

Martin, Kathleen. (2008). "Las indigenas y el concepto del 'intelectual organico.'" Social Sciences Colloquium. Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan, Mexico.

Nenzi, Laura. (2008, January). Prophecy and Politics in Nineteenth-Century Japan: Women Activists on the Verge of the Meiji Restoration. Pennsylvania State University.

Nenzi, Laura. (2007, October). Journeys and Travel Diaries of Women in the Early Modern Period. Senshū University, Tokyo (via videoconference).

Rose, Suzanna. (2007, November). Comment for "Decline of the Tenure-Track Raises Concerns at Colleges," by Alan Finder, *New York Times*, p. A1 & A16.

Rose, Suzanna. (2007, March). "Doing the Thing You Think You Cannot Do," Keynote address, Women Who Lead Conference, FIU.

Editorial Boards

Barrett, Lynne. Editor, *The Florida Book Review*.

Lifshitz, Felice. Editorial Board, *Medieval Feminist Forum*.

Films

Thompson, Beverly. (2007). *Defending a Choice for Women*. Distributed by Nomadsland.com and AK Press. Reviewed by Ms. Magazine.

National Service

Patil, Vrushali. Co-chair of the Transnational Gender Caucus within the American Sociological Association.

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

Alonso, Irma. Organizer for the Honors College's Student Research and Artistic Initiative (SRAI) Research Day, April 4, 2008. Students made poster presentations and participated in panels.

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

Stephens, Dionne. (2008). District 12 Representative for Equal Opportunities Board of Miami- Dade County.

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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