



Women's & Gender Studies Newsletter

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**Register ON-LINE for
Spring 2006!!**

**Registration Period 1:
November 28-Dec. 2**

**Registration Period 2:
Jan. 9- 13**

But first, come in for advising!! Majors/Minors **must** drop in for advising each semester.

**WHO IS MY ADVISOR?
SEE PAGE 6!**

OFFICE HOURS
Alamilla Boyd. MWTh 1-2
Stearns. T TH 10-11:30
Tung. M Th 10-11:30.

Greetings from the Department Chair

Welcome back to the 2005-2006 School Year! As the new Chair, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new WGS majors and minors. Please feel free to drop by my office hours to introduce yourselves if I have not had the opportunity to have you in any of my classes. I would also like to thank Professor Cindy Stearns for her many years of not only serving as Chair, but overseeing the building of the department up to three tenure track faculty! We look forward to continuing her efforts in the coming years.

I'd like to take a moment here to express the department's gratitude to Kris Montgomery, the former Director of the Women's Resource Center (WRC)--who left at the beginning of the semester for a new job opportunity in Santa Rosa. Kris' efforts at building and maintaining the relationship between Women's and Gender Studies and the WRC was unparalleled. She often took pains to program with the interests of the department in mind, as well as the needs of student services. Under her leadership the WRC also was an internship and work-study for scores of WGS undergraduate majors who gained experience in programming, counseling, and event preparation. We wish her the best in her future endeavors. She will be missed!

And finally, a welcome to our many new SSU faculty (in the past year) who have both research and teaching interests that intersect with the WGS department. We are excited to have met the acquaintance of Professors Teresa Ciabattari, James Dean (both of Sociology); Ada Jaarsma (Philosophy); and Chingling Wo (English). We look forward to collaborating and cross-listing courses in the future!

Best wishes to all our alumni, supporters, and students who make the work of WGS so rewarding. Please stay in touch!

Charlene Tung, Chair, Women's and Gender Studies

Graduating Seniors, Alumni, Current Students
STAY IN THE LOOP

The WGS Newsletter, current schedule, faculty office hours, and much more are available ONLINE at
www.sonoma.edu/womenstudies.



**WGS STUDENT INTERNSHIPS:
SERVICE ON-CAMPUS AND IN THE
COMMUNITY**

WGS students continue to make substantial contributions to both our on and off-campus communities! All Majors are required to do 4 units of internship (180 hours). Check out the sites below and consider where you want to intern in the future!

Sabrina Coyle Johnson is interning for 2 units at the **Catholic Charities Family Shelter**.

Allison Deering is interning (for pay) with the **Petaluma After School Program** as an Enrichment Specialist.

Stephanie DeMartini is completing 4 units on-campus with **SAFE (Student Advocates for Education)** on their Sexual Assault Awareness Team as a Team Leader.

Diana Drips interns at the **YWCA** gaining experience with the **Domestic Violence Hotline**.

Lisa Easton is interning with the **Circle of Sisters** middle school after school program.

Claudia Gonzalez interns for 3 units this semester at **The Living Room**, a daytime drop-in facility for homeless women and children.

Ellen Heimann is earning internship units working with the **Circle of Sisters** at Creekside Middle School.

Sarah Johnson is a Medical Services Representative for **Planned Parenthood**.

Erica Klesceswski interned on-campus with **SAFE**, as a Sexual Assault Awareness Team Leader.

Debra Lander interns with both the **Circle of Sisters** as a Program Assistant and at **The Living Room** as a Coordinator of Desk Services and Child Support.

Marina Lira interns as a **Career Guidance Counselor** at **CHDC**.

Elizabeth Martin interns at **Circle of Sisters**--the afterschool middle school program.

Morgan Mellish completed internship units as a Teacher's Assistant over the summer at **Atascadero High School**.

Robin Mangini is interning with **Planned Parenthood** in Petaluma.

Tori Newburn interns at **Campus Recreation** as a Women's Outdoor Recreation Facilitator working to encourage young women to engage in outdoor recreation.

Jaimie Nichols interns at **YWCA's** domestic violence services at the Safe House as well as Court Accompaniment.

Jacob Shifrine is a research intern with **Project Censored** on-campus--the yearly media watchdog that publishes a book every year with the top 20 underreported stories.

Jenacee Torri is interning for **Area 4 Board, the Department of Developmental Services** (for pay), visiting adults living with disabilities in Sonoma County and assessing quality of life issues. If you're interested in this kind of work, they are always looking for more assistance. Call Cindy Rudder at 707-648-4073.



**Congratulations to
our
Fall 2005
WGS Majors
and Minors!**

Please join us in congratulating the following WGS Majors!

- Serene Cooper**
(double Major Hutchins)
- Kelly Crandall**
- Silvia Guerrero**
- Ellen Heimann**
(& Women's Health Minor)
- Jessica Rasmussen**
(double Major in Art)

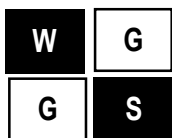
And our WGS Minors...

- Jessica McCormick**
- Melanie Medeiros**
- Jaimie Nichols**
(Women's Health)

*All names taken from the SSU Registrar's official list. We apologize for inadvertently missing any graduates! Please let us know if in fact, we have.



A shout out to WGS majors Erica Klescewski and Allison Deering who are both working part-time at the Women's Resource Center. With some assistance from Heather Howard, these two are keeping the WRC staffed and open, as well as maintaining programming (including Take Back the Night) since former Director Kris Montgomery retired from SSU. A huge thank you to Erica and Alli for their commitment and energy toward this important and necessary campus resource center!



Fall 2005 Department Events

WGS Department Participates in the First SSU Open House!

Under the guidance of Professor Nan Alamilla Boyd and WGS senior Alli Deering, the Women's and Gender Studies Department participated in SSU's first ever Open House. Planned in conjunction with SSU Parents Weekend, numerous departments and students services from throughout the campus engaged in presentations, tours and tabling--in an effort to reach out to family and community. The WGS Department had a fabulous display designed by Alli Deering, highlighting "WGS in the Community" (internship placements), "WGS in Action" (job placements of alumni), as well as "What is WGS". In addition to Alli, Professor Alamilla Boyd and her son Max, WGS majors Marie Akatani and Jacob Shifrine, along with WGS alumna Yuka Kamishii spent the day in the Quad. Thanks to all for taking the time out to educate about WGS!!

Book Reading and Reception for WGS Professor Kay Trimberger

This Fall, the WGS Department and the Dean's Office of the School of Social Sciences were pleased to sponsor a book reading and reception for WGS Professor E. Kay Trimberger. Professor Trimberger's recently released book, *The New Single Woman* (Beacon Press, 2005) has been well-received by the public--with write-ups in local newspapers ranging from the "Press Democrat" to the "San Francisco Chronicle." In addition to hitting Bay Area bookstores including *Cody's* in Berkeley, *Modern Times* in San Francisco, and *Copperfield's* in Santa Rosa, Professor Trimberger also embarked on a short reading tour to several East Coast colleges and universities before returning to the SSU Campus for a reading on Wednesday November 26. The event was well-attended with approximately 50-60 students (many from WGS 350: Gender, Sexuality and Family) and faculty. The SSU Bookstore was in attendance as well, selling copies to the audience, as Professor Trimberger signed books after her talk.

Circle of Sisters-WGS 3rd Annual "Power of Know" Conference

Under WGS Senior and Americorps volunteer Serene Cooper, WGS students and friends organized the 3rd annual "Power of Know" conference with the non-profit community organization, "The Circle of Sisters." The Santa Rosa organization, directed by Amy Chevrolet, provides after-school programming for at-risk girls in middle schools in the Sonoma County area. The conference once again brought together 40-50 girls on campus November 29th for a series of workshops on positive self image and healthy relationships with peers.

Author Readings

The WGS Department co-sponsored several guest speakers on-campus this semester. Chicano and Latino Studies Assistant Professor Patricia Kim-Rajal, invited **Daisy Hernandez**, writer and Editor of *ColorLines* magazine as well as *Colonize This!: Young Women of Color on Today's Feminism*, to campus on Tuesday November 1st. Professor Kim-Rajal teaches a course cross-listed with WGS entitled, "Chicana Feminisms". The invite worked out well since Professor Nan Alamilla Boyd's "Feminist Theory" class is also reading excerpts this semester from Daisy Hernandez and Bushra Rehman's (Eds). *Colonize This!*

Through the invitation of Assistant Professor of German Michaela Groebbel (and along with Associated Students, Departments of Modern Languages and Literatures, California Cultural Studies Program, and the SSU German Club) the WGS Department was pleased to co-sponsor German author **Ika Hügel-Marshall** who read from her book *Invisible Woman: Growing up Black in Germany* on Tuesday, November 29, at 1:00 p.m. in Schulz 3001. In 1996 Ika Hügel-Marshall received the Audre Lorde Literary Award for her autobiography. The book was published in Germany in 1998, and shortly after translated into English. WGS students, particularly those in WGS 375: Gender, Race and Class, were encouraged to attend.

ALUMNI NEWS

Lauren Castro (2005) is currently in Shanghai, China as part of an SSU-China program. She reports that she is enjoying herself immensely and the experience is providing her with new perspectives on the U.S. and herself! Check out her photos at <http://community.webshots.com/user/laulena83>. You can contact her at lauren_castro@hotmail.com.

Megan Izen (2005) is employed as an Editorial/Marketing Intern at *ColorLines* Magazine in Oakland, California-- a position she took originally as a volunteer this past summer. She has an article in the Fall Issue of *ColorLines* entitled, "Lit for Chicks of Color: A girls' guide to desirable reading". This issue was the 2nd annual issue on Sex, Race and Gender. Check it out on the newsstands today!

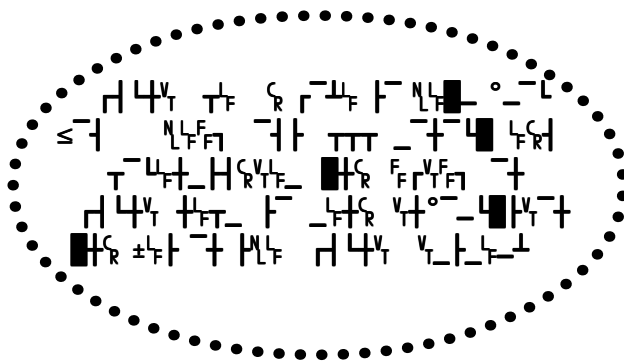
Mary Farrar (2005), is the Regional Marketing Director for the assisted living facilities, Avalon at Brush Creek (Santa Rosa) and Avalon-Sonoma. Congratulations to Mary on her quick promotions!

Verity Lanag (2004). After completing a year of Americorp in Las Vegas, Verity was offered three jobs! She accepted a case manager position with HELP of Las Vegas. HELP is a transitional housing program for homeless veterans.

Andrea Martini (2004) currently resides in Austin, Texas where she is in the process of applying for a Masters degree program in Human Development and Family Science at UT-Austin.

Lana Tyer (2004) is an Instructional Assistant in the Orinda School District for Special Education. She is also working toward her Associates Degree in Nursing, with a longterm goal of becoming an RN and midwife.

Jessica Vibberts (Prosch), married this past summer. She has also been promoted to Associate Director of Summer Search Program of Napa-Sonoma. Summer Search is a national program that works with at-risk youth. In October, she presented to their National Board of Directors on factors contributing to the low participation of boys (compared to girls) in merit-based nonprofit organizations.



**COME CELEBRATE DECEMBER GRADS
AND THE END OF THE SEMESTER!**



END OF THE SEMESTER POTLUCK!!!!

When: Monday December 12 2-3:30

Where: RCH 20

**Why: CELEBRATE THE END OF
THE SEMESTER**

And you have to eat anyway.....



**WGS Student
Point
Of
View**

POV will return in the next issue! Please contact the Editor if you are interested in submitting an article.

Guidelines for Submission to Point of View (POV)
The WGS Newsletter welcomes future POV articles sharing the experiences and opinions of WGS students. See WGS department website for more information or contact Editor, tung@sonoma.edu to submit.

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES SPRING 2006 CLASS SCHEDULE

COURSE	GE	TITLE	UNITS	DAYS	TIMES	INSTRUCTOR
280.1	E	Women's Bodies: Health & Image	3.0	F	9 -11:40	Cindy Stearns
280.2	E	Women's Bodies:	3.0	Th	1-3:40	Cindy Stearns
301.1		Queer Studies Lecture Series	1.0	T	12-12:50	Nan Alamilla Boyd
311.1	(x-list Soc) (x-list Psyc)	Single Women in the U.S.	3.0	Th	9 -11:40	Kay Trimberger
311.2		Sociology of Gender	3.0	MW	12-1:50	Teresa Ciabattari (SALZ 2019)
311.3		Third Wave Feminism	3.0	Th	4 -6:40	Jocelyn Hall
311.4	C2	Women Writers	3.0	W	7-9:40	Thaine Stearns (SALZ 2019)
330		Psychology of Women	4.0	Th	8-11:40	Pat Hansen (ST 3046)
350.1	E	Gender, Sexuality & Family	3.0	T	9 - 11:40	Nan Alamilla Boyd
350.2	E	Gender, Sexuality & Family	3.0	M	9-11:40	Sandi Stein
350.3	E	Gender, Sexuality & Family	3.0	W	9-11:40	April Harris
375.1	D1 Ethnic Studies	Gender, Race & Class	3.0	W	4 - 6:40	Terence Kissack
375.2	D1 Ethnic Studies	Gender, Race & Class	3.0	W	7 - 9:40 p.m.	Terence Kissack
485		Senior Seminar	4.0	M	1-4:40	Nan Alamilla Boyd
490		Gender, Work and Organization	4.0	T	1-4:40	Cindy Stearns
492		Syllabus Design	1.0	TBA	TBA	TBA
493		Teaching Supervision	1.0	TBA	TBA	TBA

All classes are held in Rachel Carson Hall Room 20, unless otherwise noted.



Looking to fulfill those extra GE units? Check out
the Winter Intersession Offerings

WGS 350: Gender, Sexuality and Family (3 units)
GE E and required course for WGS Major/ Minor
Dates: January 4-24.
Times: 1-4:15
Location: RCH 20

**For complete course
descriptions**

<http://www.sonoma.edu/ExEd/>

Did You Know?

You've been assigned your own WGS Advisor!

For answers to this and many other questions, check out the WGS website Frequently Asked Questions.
<http://www.sonoma.edu/womenstudies/faqs.htm>.

WGS majors

If your last name begins with....

A-H --- your advisor is: Nan Alamilla Boyd

I-P --- your advisor is: Charlene Tung

Q-Z --- your advisor is: Cindy Stearns

WGS minors

If your last name begins with....

A-L --- your advisor is : Nan Alamilla Boyd

M-Z --- your advisor is: Charlene Tung

Women's Health minors

(aka Career Minor in Women's Health):

Cindy Stearns: All Women's Health minors

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Nan Alamilla Boyd. 11 Rachel Carson. 664-2574

Charlene Tung. 31 Rachel Carson.664-2086

Cindy Stearns. 32 Rachel Carson. 664-2708

FOR UP TO DATE FACULTY OFFICE HOURS

<http://www.sonoma.edu/womenstudies>

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If you are interested in connecting with old friends, making new friends and discussing great books, please contact Cindy Stearns (stearns@sonoma.edu) to get in touch with others in your area!