



Women's & Gender Studies Newsletter

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current schedule, faculty
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Greetings from the Department Chair

Welcome back to the WGS newsletter. There are lots of exciting changes in the Department and we are happy for the opportunity to share them in this format.

I am very pleased to report that the Women's and Gender Studies Department has a new Administrative Coordinator, Jo-Ann Smith. Jo-Ann comes to us from over a decade of work in the SSU Alumni Office and she brings a tremendous amount of energy, knowledge and ingenuity to all aspects of running the department. While she has only been here a few months, she is already a highly valued colleague and excellent contact person for many student and alumni inquiries.

More exciting news: There will be two new part-time faculty teaching in the fall semester. April Harris, who is near completion of her Ph.D. in the Cultural Foundations of Education at Syracuse University, will teach two sections of WGS 350 (Gender, Sexuality and Family). Terence Kissack, who has a Ph.D. in American History from CUNY and is Executive Director of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society in San Francisco, will teach a section of WGS 375 (Gender, Race and Class).

I am delighted to announce that Charlene Tung will take over the position of chair of WGS, beginning in August 2005. I feel confident that WGS will flourish under Charlene's leadership.

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

Cindy Stearns, Chair, Women's and Gender Studies

Register ON-LINE for Fall 2005

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

Cindy Stearns
RCH 32 (x42708)

M 11-12
M 3:45-4:45
TH 2:30-3:30

Charlene Tung
RCH 31(x42086)

TH 10-12
F 12-1

Nan Alamilla Boyd
RCH 11 (x42574)

M 2-3
W 1-3



WGS STUDENTS INTERNSHIPS

WGS students are contributing to both on-campus and off-campus communities while gaining valuable experience for future work! Check out the sites below and consider where you want to intern in the future!

Nicole Andaya interns on-campus as a SAFE Educator and with the **Women's Resource Center (WRC)**.

Serene Cooper participates in the UASA grant writing program this semester. Last semester and summer she interned for the **California Coalition for Fair Trade and Human Rights** in Oakland, California writing a gender analysis of trade agreements.

Kelly Crandall and Silvia Guerrero are both earning units at the **United Against Sexual Assault (UASA) Crisis Hotline**. Last semester, *Kelly* was a research assistant at the **Women's Health and Birth Center in Santa Rosa** testing breast milk for the presence of environmental toxins.

Sarah Davis interned as an editorial assistant last Fall at the **University Affairs Office** working on the *Sonoma Insights* magazine. She is currently with the **WRC** on-campus.

Allison Deering and Carissa Roberts both intern at the **Petaluma After School Program**.

Diana Drips is participating in an internship program with the **YWCA Domestic Violence Hotline**.

Jessica Harmse is spending her internship with the **Hannah House Pregnancy Crisis Center**.

Ellen Heimann earned units last summer as a **Tissue Procurement Specialist for the UCSF Tissue-Bank**.

Megan Izen interns at **GLBT Historical Society of San Francisco**, utilizing and organizing archival documents. She also interns with the **Petaluma After School Program**.

Susan Khamphouphet is gaining experiences with **The Living Room**, a nonprofit daytime drop-in center that serves about 1,200 homeless and at-risk women and their children annually. She also interns at the **Circle of Sisters** afterschool program in Sonoma, at AltaMira School.

Kelli Lamb is earning internship units as a Coordinator of the "**Circle of Sisters**" Conference held on-campus April 27th.

Julie Mayeda is working with SSU's **Project Censored**.

Jamie Nichols interns with the **Circle of Sisters** on-site programs.

Candida Ramos is a research intern at the **Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women** working on an analysis of employment resources/economic opportunities for women over the age of 55.

Alicia D. Said is assisting in the implementation of a study with the **Sonoma County Department of Health Services/Immunization**.

Chelsea Sheridan is interning with **Women's Voices**, a Sonoma County monthly newspaper.

WGS STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nicole Andaya will be studying abroad in Italy next year!

WGS majors **Nicole Andaya and Ellen Heimann**; and WGS minors **Sarina Loeb, Marina Zimmer, and Lauren Castro** were all nominated by SSU faculty or staff for SSU's 9th annual Woman Student Leader of the Year Award.

Congratulations to WGS minor, **Lauren Castro**! She received an Honorable Mention Award at the SSU 2004-05 Woman Student Leader of the Year ceremony on April 6th.

Ellen Heimann, WGS major, continues to volunteer with the Circle of Sisters after school program at Creekside Middle School in Rohnert Park. She was featured in a story in the local newspaper, *The Community Voice*.

Stephanie Horn is currently studying abroad in Italy! Check out her on-line journal at http://www.pzl.addr.com/italy_journal/.

Melody Lindsey, WGS minor, was accepted into the Study Abroad program next year at Upssala University in Sweden.

Sara Wade, WGS major, organized a panel on "Women in Non-Traditional Jobs" inviting a journeywoman carpenter; paramedic; firefighter and police officer to Professor Tung's WGS 490: Gender and Work class.

Marina Zimmer, WGS minor, was accepted into the Masters in Counseling Program at Dominican University starting next Fall.



WGS Student Point Of View

LESSONS FROM STUDY ABROAD

My name is Diana Drips. I am currently a senior in WGS and Sociology. I recently returned from living and studying for two years in Florence, Italy and wanted to share my experience with other students. After having spent these two years abroad, I find I look at things in a new way. People always say that time abroad changes your life. I never knew just how true that could be. I always expected to see another culture in a new way and to learn about a different way of living life. The one thing I did not expect was to see *myself* in a new way and to learn about my *own* culture.

I had always felt like I was somehow “without culture”. However, living abroad helped me realize that American culture is simply invisible to me. Going outside of it, going to a place where I was not part of the dominant culture gave me a glimpse of my life here from a somewhat objective point of view. While I know I will never be able to see my life completely objectively, seeing how others view me, as an American and facing stereotypes of what it means to be an American in the eyes of others really challenged me to look at my life, country and my culture. I was often frustrated by the way that Italians had put me into a box labeled “American”--- and how that box came with labels that I did not identify with. In constantly challenging those labels however, I learned that I had done the same thing about Italians, or Italy even. In defending myself from the war-time stereotypes of Americans I learned what it was that I felt made me American. Without these challenges I am not sure I would have been forced to look at myself in that way, and I am tremendously grateful.

I hate to be cliché but my time in Italy really did change my life. Taking classes in WGS, we learn all the time about the dominant culture, about socialization, but no other experience in my life has shown me just how true these ideas are. It was truly eye-opening and I would recommend study abroad to all students.

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Diana Drips

Senior WGS and Sociology Double Major

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.



Spring Department Events

WGS Lecture Series

All lectures (Women’s Health Lecture Series organized by Professor Cindy Stearns and Queer Lecture Series by Professor Nan Alamilla Boyd) are open to the public. For a complete listing of the speakers for any WGS lecture series, please see our website, www.sonoma.edu/womenstudies!

This Spring Professor Alamilla Boyd invited a diverse panel of speakers with a focus on community activism and civil rights. Speakers early in the semester included **Daniel Bao** from SF’s Gay Asian Pacific Alliance speaking on “The Past, Present and Future(s) of the Queer Asian Pacific Islander American Movement”; **N’Tanya Lee**, director of Youth Policy at Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, and project director of Coleman’s Youth Organizing Project--Youth Making Change speaking on “Transforming the Nation: Black History, Queer Politics and Movement Building”; SSU Assistant Professor of History, **Steve Estes**, on “Ask and Tell: Gay Veteran’s, Identity and Oral History on a Civil Rights Frontier”; and Attorney **Alexis C. Beach** speaking on parental rights and same-sex marriages in queer families. This semester’s Series concludes with **Julia Friedlander** on “Reshaping the Community: LGBT Families Crossing New Boundaries” on May 5th. On May 12th, **Juba Kalamba: Peace Out** conclude the Series with “Performance, Promotion, and Persistence in the Queer Hip Hop Culture and Microeconomics.”

Circle of Sisters-WGS 2nd Annual “Power of Know” Conference

Under Professor Charlene Tung’s guidance, students in WGS 311: Circle of Sisters Conference, earned credit for organizing the 2nd 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. With the supervision of two WGS seniors, Serene Cooper and Kelli Lamb, the conference brought 40-50 girls on campus April 27th from 3-6 p.m. for a series of workshops on sex education, positive self image, and self-esteem and health relationships with peers.

ALUMNI NEWS

Katy Becker (2003) is a legal advocate for the Tubman Family Alliance in Minnesota, the largest domestic violence agency in that state.

Stacy Cohen (2004) works with Sonoma Academy, an independent college-prep high school, leading students on community service projects. She will also work for Lifeschool this summer to lead wilderness trips for teens.

Kimberly Conger (2002) is working toward becoming an elementary school teacher through the Teacher Credentialing Program at Dominican University.

Stacey Fields (2001) is Associate Director for Summer Search Foundation offices in New York City. Summer Search Foundation works with low-income high school students to build leadership skills utilizing mentoring, summer activities and academic enrichment programs. Stacey was actively involved with Summer Search in Sonoma County throughout her years at SSU.

Corey Hale (2000) returned to Sonoma County, living in Santa Rosa and remains enrolled in graduate school at Pacifica Graduate School in their Depth Psychology program. She is working part-time through the Juvenile Probation Department of Sonoma County. Corey is also keeping busy homeschooling her son who just turned twelve.

Jocelyn Hall (2000) will be graduating this May 2005 with her MA in English from SSU as well as an MA in Counseling Psychology from Dominican University. For the past year, she has been working as a MFT trainee in Sonoma County schools. She has also been developing state-wide curriculum for after school programs based on her teaching and counseling experiences in Petaluma afterschool programs for the past four years.

Charli Hoffman (2001) law student at UC-Hastings Law School, is a member of the Hastings Women's Law Journal that recently hosted a conference entitled "Women and Incarceration: Is Justice Gender-Blind?" on Friday, February 25 from 9:00-3:30 in San Francisco.

Verity Lanag (2004) lives in Las Vegas where she works for Americorps. Her placement is at a non-profit organization, United States Veteran Initiatives, which helps homeless veterans get off the street and either in a back-to-work program or in a sobriety support program. She married last December and will be moving into her new home this summer.

Gina Monaco (2004) is currently working in a real estate office in Folsom, California--specifically working with single women homebuyers.

Yissel Carmen Lopez (2004) is currently pursuing a Masters in Social Work (MSW) at CSU-Sacramento.

Jamie Simon (2004) is the After-School Program Coordinator for the Petaluma City Schools. She supervises staff as well as creates curriculum about life skills and service-learning for the children in the programs.

Courtney Pope moved back to Northern California from San Diego. Last Fall, she was working with the AIDS Emergency Fund in San Francisco, while seeking employment in the mental health field.

Amy Williams (1997) was married last summer and resides in L.A. She is currently a consultant to Pharmacy Access Partnership, a center of the Public Health Institute. Her goal is to promote community health by improving consumer education of and access to sexual and reproductive health resources.

Stacey Wood (2004) works for Girls, Inc. in Oakland, California teaching 1st and 2nd graders.

Tanya Wulff (2004) was recently hired by United Against Sexual Assault (UASA) in Santa Rosa as their Crisis Intervention Coordinator.

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

Nan Alamilla Boyd, Assistant Professor WGS, gave a keynote address to the Western Literature Association in Bozeman, Montana last summer and was an invited speaker to the University of Minnesota and at the Organization of American Historians conference. Last Fall she co-organized the first CSU Queer Studies Conference held at CSU-Humboldt State. She has an article forthcoming in Elizabeth L. Kennedy, ed., *Women's Studies for the Future: Foundations, Interrogations, Politics* (Rutgers University Press, 2005), entitled "What Does Queer Studies Offer Women's Studies?: The Problem and Promise of Instability." She has also been volunteering at the GLBT Historical Society (San Francisco) where she is on the Board of Directors and co-chairs the Archives Committee.

Professor **Barbara Bloom**, Criminal Justice Administration, is currently conducting a review of girls' programs in the Sonoma County Probation Department. She is also conducting a 5 year Outcome Evaluation of a Program for Pregnant and Parenting Women in Santa Rita jail.

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COMING UP ...

2005 Graduation



**Congratulations to our
Class of 2005
WGS Majors and Minors!**



Majors

Akhzar, Lila S
Cooper, Serene Marie
Crandall, Kelly L
Davis, Sarah A
Farrar, Mary R
Guerrero, Silvia M
Izen, Megan M
Lamb, Kelli E
Mayeda, Julie M
Nicholson, Jennifer L
Ramos, Candida M
Rasmussen, Jessica Y
Said, Alicia Diaz
Simon, Jamie L
Sheridan, Chelsea A

Minors

Campbell, Lieann L
Castro, Lauren R
Courter, Sherry A
Fulks, Jessica L
Kale, Wendy M
Lococo, Jessica M
Loeb, Sarina J
McCormick, Jessica M
Parkerson, Jenifer L
Zimmer, Marina R

Health Minor

Farrar, Mary R
Harmse, Jessica M.

**Join us for the Ceremonies on
Saturday May 28, 2005
3:00 p.m.**

Commencement Lawn at the Lakes

<http://www.sonoma.edu/uaffairs/commencement/teaser05.html>



WGS Year-End Potluck Celebration!!!

Join our graduates, faculty and students as we celebrate the end of the semester and graduation!

**Wednesday May 25th
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
RCH 20**

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EXTENDED EDUCATION SUMMER SESSION

WGS 330: Psychology of Women (4 units)

When: July 5-28, Monday-Thursday

Time: 6:00-9:45 p.m.

Where: RCH 20

Instructor: Sandi Stein, Ph.D.

For complete listings see

<http://www.sonoma.edu/ExEd/Summer/index.html>

FROM THE SCHULZ LIBRARY



LGBTQ issues are increasingly showing up in the mainstream media, from the joyful images of marriages at city hall, to finger-pointing analysis of political backlash, to television shows with gay & lesbian characters such as “Will and Grace,” “The L Word” and “Six Feet Under.” Fortunately the scholarly community is also focusing its lens on these issues, and some of the resulting research is available in the University Library. A few of the most recent books and videos are highlighted on this page. Search the Snoopy Library Catalog (<http://iii.sonoma.edu/>) to find more. More good research is also available through journal articles (see <http://library.sonoma.edu/search/subjectdb.html> for a complete list). As always, if you would like assistance finding information for a class project, a research paper, or just personal interest, stop by the Reference Desk on the second floor, or call me to set up a research appointment. Hope to see you in the Library! ----Paula Hammett, Librarian, 664-3912, hammett@sonoma.edu

Coming out:

- GLBTQ : the survival guide for queer & questioning teens (Juv. 305.9 H887 2003)
- Mom, Dad, I'm gay: how families negotiate coming out (HQ76.25 .S39 2001)
- It's elementary: talking about gay issues in School [videorecording] (VHS 3724)
- No dumb questions [videorecording] (VHS 5751)
- Psychotherapy with gay and lesbian clients. The coming out process [videorecording] (VHS 3376)
- Scout's honor [videorecording] (VHS 4511)

Marriage and parenting:

- Daddy & papa [videorecording] (VHS 5370)
- The family of woman : lesbian mothers, their children, and the undoing of gender (HQ75.53 .S85 2004)
- A legal guide for lesbian and gay couples (KF539 .L44 2004)
- One wedding and a . . .revolution [videorecording] (DVD 421)
- Our house: a very real documentary about kids of gay and lesbian parents (VHS 5613)
- Why marriage? : the history shaping today's debate over gay equality (HQ76.8.U5 C43 2004)

History & politics:

- Ballot measure 9 [videorecording] (VHS 4253)
- Brother outsider: the life of Bayard Rustin [videorecording] (VHS 5588)
- The Columbia reader on lesbians and gay men in media, society, and politics (P96.H632 U63 1999)
- Courting justice : gay men and lesbians v. the Supreme Court (HQ76.8.U5 M973 2001)
- Encyclopedia of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history in America [electronic resource]
- No secret anymore: the times of Del Martin & Phyllis Lyon [VCR--being processed]
- Officially gay : the political construction of sexuality by the U.S. military (UB418.G38 L44 2003)
- Queer globalizations : citizenship and the afterlife of Colonialism (HQ75.15 .Q45 2002)
- Queer latinidad : identity practices, discursive spaces (HQ76.3.U5 R63 2003)
- Stonewall [videorecording] (DVD 418)
- Wide-open town : a history of queer San Francisco to 1965 (HQ76.3.U52 S2633 2003)

Theory:

- A critical introduction to queer theory
- Identity poetics : race, class, and the lesbian-feminist roots of queer theory (HQ75.5 G373 2001)
- The Judith Butler reader (HQ1190.B883 2003)
- Out in theory : the emergence of lesbian and gay anthropology (HQ75.5 .O936 2002)
- Queer theory : an introduction (HQ76.25 .J34 1996)

Literature, culture & biography:

- Angels in America [videorecording] (DVD 366)
- De colores: lesbian & gay Latinos [videorecording] (VHS 5546)
- Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender myths from the Arapaho to the Zuni : an anthology (E98.R3 G38 2002)
- Trembling before G-d [videorecording] (DVD 365)
- Warrior poet : a biography of Audre Lorde (PS3562.O75 Z66 2004)

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES FALL 2005 CLASS SCHEDULE

COURSE	GE	TITLE	UNITS	DAYS	TIMES	INSTRUCTOR
280	E	Women's Bodies: Health & Image	3.0	Th	1 - 3:40	Cindy Stearns
311.1	(x-list Soc)	Sociology of Reproduction	4.0	T	1 - 4:40	Cindy Stearns
311.2	(x-list Soc)	Chicana/Latina Feminisms	4.0	T	1 - 4:40	Patricia Kim-Rajal Room TBA
350.1	E	Gender, Sexuality & Family	3.0	W	4 - 6:40	Charlene Tung
350.2	E	Gender, Sexuality & Family	3.0	T	9 -11:40	April Harris
350.3	E	Gender, Sexuality & Family	3.0	F	9 - 11:40	April Harris
355		Queer Theory, Queer Lives	4.0	MW	10- 11:50	Nan Alamilla Boyd
375.1	D1	Gender, Race & Ethnic Studies Class	3.0	TH	9 - 11:40	Nan Alamilla Boyd
375.2	D1	Gender, Race & Ethnic Studies Class	3.0	W	7 - 9:40 p.m.	Terrance Kissack
385	(x-list Soc)	Gender & Globalization	4.0	MW	12 - 1:50	Charlene Tung
425	(x-list Soc & Psych)	Feminist Research Methods	4.0	F	8 - 11:40	Cindy Stearns
475		Contemporary Feminist Theory	4.0	MW	2 - 3:50	Nan Alamilla Boyd
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.

FALL 2005 COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

311.1 Sociology of Reproduction. The sociology of reproduction is an undergraduate seminar. Topics include contraception, abortion, pregnancy, childbirth, reproductive technologies, breastfeeding, and more

355 Queer Theory, Queer Lives. This course offers an introduction to Queer Theory and Queer Studies by looking at queer lives in the context of U.S. history, politics, and culture. We will begin by tracing the emergence of same-sex sexual identities and LGBT communities in the U.S. We will also consider the limits of identity politics and conflicts within queer communities. And finally we will address contemporary questions of religion and the religious right, gay marriage and adoption, queer representation in popular media, and transgender culture.

385 Gender and Globalization. This course examines how globalization processes impact women around the world, including within the U.S. Utilizing sociological, historical, and anthropological studies, literary essays, and films we will examine the role the U.S. plays in the global political economy in relation to women's labor migration, sweatshop labor, and sex trafficking among other topics.

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Dr. Barbara Bloom was the Keynote Speaker at the Western Society of Criminology meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii this past Febuary and will be the Keynote Speaker at "What Works with Women Offenders" conference this June in Prato, Italy.

Cindy Stearns, received a RSCAP summer research fellowship to continue her research on breastfeeding and more specifically to conduct additional interviews on women's experiences of weaning. If you know of someone who might like to participate in the research, please contact Cindy at 664-2708 or stearns@sonoma.edu.

Kay Trimberger, Professor Emeritus of WGS currently teaching "Single Women in the U.S.", was interviewed about the new TV series, "Jack and Bobby." This was published in the Cultural Watch feature in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, November 9, 2004. She also worked last Fall with the Swing States Project under the East Bay Wellstone Demo-

Charlene Tung, Assistant Professor of WGS, presented a paper "From Saskatchewan, Canada to Monterey Park, California: Taiwanese Women's Migration" at the National Association of Asian American Studies conference in Los Angeles, California, April 21-24 on a panel on Taiwanese American women's history.

Lakin Khan, Administrative Assistant Math, stepped in for a couple months at the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year to assist WGS in their transition between permanent Administrative Assistants. Thank you to Lakin for all her assistance!

And WELCOME to our new Administrative Coordinator as of last Fall, **Jo-Ann Smith**.

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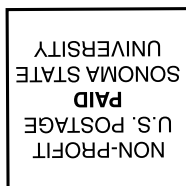
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