



WSU Women's Studies

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Hello to you all and I hope you are enjoying our beautiful and sometimes challenging weather in Northern Utah.

We have been busy in the last few months preparing for Women's History Month as well as other Women's studies initiatives and issues. I am grateful and excited to be working with María Parrilla de Kokal, who will replace me as coordinator at the end of this semester. Maria is an absolute wonder—great ideas, energy and commitment to and for our Women's Studies program. I am honored to be working with her. We are also joined by a work study student this semester, Jennifer Scott, who is our FUN president and adds a great deal to our office.

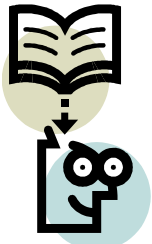
I am excited to announce that our Curriculum Committee and Executive Committee have approved a change to our curriculum, solving some problems and, I believe, making our program stronger and more student-friendly.

We have some great WS classes going on right now: Three 1500's-Introduction to Women's Studies and one very solid section of Feminist Theories taught by Thom Kuehls and Kathryn Mackay, we are also teaching 4990 and are graduating at least three minors this semester. We have been growing in our graduation numbers and I thank all of you for your help in advancing our program. Keep talking about Women's Studies to prospective students, personal invitations appear to be the best way to get the best students into our program.

Women's History Month is shaping up to be fantastic this year and you won't want to miss any of the great activities, especially our national speaker Debra Humphreys. Please come and encourage others, especially students to be to her presentations. Please see the enclosed Women's History Month calendar for more details.

And we have moved this semester! Please come see our new offices just down the hall from our previous location, rooms 301 and 303.

I love Women's Studies and Women's Studies faculty and students. We have a great program and need to let others know just how great it is. I appreciate each and every one of our supporters, staff, faculty and students. Thank you for all your hard work.



Women's Studies Reading Group...

We will meet at Wise Bird Bookery on Friday, March 6 at 2:30 p.m. We will be discussing **"Birth of Venus" by Sarah Dunant.**

Please join us to share your thoughts, even if you've been unable to finish reading the book!

If you have questions or comments about our meetings, please let us know at 626-7632.



How long can men thrive between walls of brick, walking on asphalt pavements, breathing the fumes of coal and of oil, growing, working, dying, with hardly a thought of wind, and sky, and fields of grain, seeing only machine-made beauty, the mineral-like quality of life?

Charles A. Lindbergh, Reader's Digest, November 1939

How can the spirit of the earth like the white man?... Everywhere the white man has touched it, it is sore.

Anonymous Wintu Woman

I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend?

Robert Redford, Yosemite National Park dedication, 1985



"We can work together for a better world with men and women of goodwill, those who radiate the intrinsic goodness of humankind. To do so effectively, the world needs a global ethic with values which give meaning to life experiences and, more than religious institutions and dogmas, sustain the non-material dimension of humanity. Mankind's universal values of love, compassion, solidarity, caring and tolerance should form the basis for this global ethic which should permeate culture, politics, trade, religion and philosophy. It should also permeate the extended family of the United Nations." Wangari Maathai, 2004 **Nobel Peace Prize** winner



A world in need of repair . . .



Faculty and Executive Council Spotlights

Women's Studies Faculty Accomplishments

Donna Hunter, M.A., LPC - Weber State University, Counseling & Psychological Services Ctr.

In June 2008, Donna Hunter completed a M. Phil. in Leadership Studies through The Thierry Graduate School of Leadership based in Brussels, Belgium.

Executive Council Accomplishments

Adrienne Gillespie, Diversity/Unity Center Representative and Women's Studies Adjunct Faculty

Chaired the 2008 State NASPA Conference: "Oh the Places We've Gone and the Places We're Going!" Weber State University (September 19, 2008)

Co-Chaired the 2008 WSU Diversity Conference: Diversity & Music ~ Telling Stories, Shaping Culture, Transforming Lives Weber State University (October 23 & 24, 2008)

Utah Professionals in Student Involvement & Leadership, winter 2009 Conference in St. George, UT (January 28, 2009)
Her workshop was entitled: "Personal Development & Professional Practice: What Rules Do You Live By?"

Upcoming Activities

Women's Studies Winter Social

February 20: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 4th Floor, Stewart Stadium **POTLUCK**

Please join Women's Studies faculty, Executive Council members and students for a Winter Social! Bring a favorite dish to share if you choose. Guests of all ages are welcome!

Women's History Month

March 1 – 31 (see calendar of events in this newsletter)

Women's Studies Scholarships



We are pleased to report that we have received eight scholarship applications from students active in Women's Studies for the 2009-10 academic year! Applications are being reviewed and awards will be announced shortly.

During the 2009/2010 academic year, we hope to acquire additional funding for scholarships; this would enable us to make additional awards in the 2010/2011 academic year.

Scholarship applications are available in the Women's Studies office in SS381 for both the Phoenix Achievement Award (for non-traditional students) and the Women's Studies Traditional (for recent high school students) Scholarships. Applications are due February, 2010 to be considered for the 2010/2011 academic year.

Faculty members, please help us by encouraging students who qualify to apply for aid. We look forward to having many applicants next year!

Scholarship Donations:

If you are interested, or if you know someone else who might be interested, in making a contribution to our Women's Studies Traditional Scholarship or other funds, or if you would like to set up an additional scholarship, please contact the Women's Studies office at 626-7632 or 626-8049.

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CALENDAR



Find out more about Women's Studies; take a Women's Studies course this summer:

CORE:

*Intro to WS
WS 1500 (Ogden-Evening)*

*Research Methodology
WS 4050*

*Directed Readings
1, 2 & 3 credit hours*

CROSS-LISTED:
*PSY 2370 Psychology of Women
& Gender*

*SPAN 4500 Women of
Guatemala*

*More classes may be added,
please see Class Schedule for
full course details and
offerings.*

Upcoming Events:

Winter Social – February 20

**Women's History Month March
2009 - Spotlight:**

**3/5 International Women's Day
Event (Panel)**

11:30 a.m. Diversity Center, SUB

3/17 Poetry Reading

6:00 p.m. Diversity Center, SUB

**3/18 Debra Humphreys
Women in Higher Education**

7:00 p.m. Room 111, Davis Center

**3/19 Debra Humphreys
Women in Higher Education**

Hetzl-Hoellein Room, Stewart Lib.

11:30-12:30 p.m.

Lunch in Wildcat Room

12:30 p.m.

3/31 Environmental Panel

Noon Diversity Center, SUB

**See calendar for all
WHM activities & details!**

Free Legal Advice!

Women's Studies are proud to offer **FREE** legal advice to all WSU students from a long-time practicing and licensed Utah attorney.

Appointments are available on the first and third Tuesday of the month, from 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Please call the Women's Studies office at 626-7632 (or stop by SS381) for an appointment and location.

Suggestions/Comments Are Welcome

We value your input!

If you have any suggestions for activities you would like to see sponsored by Women's Studies, including films, panel discussions, etc., and/or to offer comments and/or suggestions regarding the newsletter, please contact the Women's Studies office (626-7632.)



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