

GENDER STUDIES NEWSLETTER:

° Please welcome Jan Schaeffler as the new Coordinator for the Program in Gender Studies. Her office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. or by appointment. The office is new: PME 124, but the phone and e-mail remain the same: X 4645; genderstudies@ncf.edu. Please stop by and say hello.

° **Welcome back faculty!** We will be holding an **open house** on Tuesday, September 18 in the new **Gender Studies Office (PME-124)**. This is a chance to meet Jan and to find out more about what we are planning for the coming year. Drop in for a bit anytime between the hours of noon and 5 p.m. There will be refreshments, so please join us!

Announcements

° In August, GS was again represented at the annual Equity Day Luncheon hosted by the Manatee County Commission on the Status of Women. This was an opportunity for us to meet representatives of an array of local organizations and to let them know about New College and our program. Thanks to those who attended: Kim Anderson, Wendy Bashant, Maribeth Clark, Amy Clore, Cathy Cuthbertson, Aron Edidin, Sandra Gilchrist, Sarah Hernandez, Julie Morris, Chavalla Pittman, Caroline Reed, Amy Reid, Jan Schaeffler, and Katie Walstrom.

A hearty thank you to members of the steering committee: Miriam Wallace (Humanities) and Kathryn Dungey (Social Sciences), and Amy Clore (Natural Sciences).

° The Gender Studies Brown Bag lunch series continues! Several faculty members have already signed up to share their on-going research. If you would like to discuss your work, please contact Andrea Dimino (dimino@ncf.edu) or Jan Schaeffler (gender studies@ncf.edu).

° Thank you to those faculty members who have cross-listed their courses with the Gender Studies Program. With your help we were able to offer 21

courses this fall to students. Please remember to cross-list your courses with Gender Studies for the spring semester. The Registrar's office is now

compiling a list of cross-listed courses, which should streamline the process in the future.

Also, if you are teaching a course that is not cross-listed but which deals with issues of gender, please consider allowing students to count the course towards the fulfillment of their GS requirements (provided that they focus their work for the course on issues of gender).

GS already has a number of students who are expressing interest in ISPs for this January. Last year we had 12 students complete an introductory-level group ISP on the writings of late 19th-early 20th-century American Feminists. If you would like to sponsor a group ISP, to give presentation on your work for a group of advanced GS students, or invite a colleague to speak during ISP, please contact Amy Reid or Jan Schaeffler.

° This summer we received donations of GS books from two members of the Sarasota Community: Liane McCurry, Attorney at Law, and Nick Boyer. These are now being catalogued and, along with our collection of past tutorials, syllabi, articles and journals, including the NWSA Journal, are available for your use. Jan is now working to update a bibliography of the books and files. We also maintain a collection of book and film catalogs. Please send us any pertinent materials that you receive. New College faculty, staff, and students are free to borrow any materials in the GS collection.

° We are looking for third- and fourth-year students in Gender Studies to get feedback on their needs and expectations for the program. Please forward the names and contact information of students you think should be contacted to Jan Schaeffler. GS will also be holding an informational meeting for new (first- and second-year) students after fall break.

What does one do with a GS degree? We want to find out. This fall we will be contacting alumni to learn how their concentration in gender studies has affected their life paths. If you have contact information for any alums who might not be on our

list, please let Jan know. Also, if you would like to help develop the GS alum survey, we would love your input!

Would you be interested in serving on a GS scholarship committee? Please contact Amy Reid.

°The Program in Gender Studies is always looking for suggestions on speakers and event ideas. If you have someone you would like to invite to campus, or if you would like GS to co-sponsor a talk, please contact Jan Schaeffler X 4645.

°We would love to link our web sites to each other. Please feel free to add our site to your web page. Send your URL to us at genderstudies@ncf.edu and we will link you too.

Site:

<http://www.ncf.edu/academics/gender/index.htm>

Mark Your Calendar - Upcoming Events:

On Campus:

October:

Gender Studies is honored to announce that Sonia Pressman Fuentes will be coming to speak to us about her life, her work, and her activism. Ms. Fuentes, who retired after a ground-breaking legal career with the EOC, is a founding member of NOW, and the author of *Eat First – You Don't Know What They'll Give You*. Arrangements are currently being coordinated so watch for our announcement of the date and time.

November:

We have invited Dr. Darieck Scott to campus the week of November 12 to give a public talk and to hold a round-table discussion with students interested in creative writing. Dr. Scott's talk will address the construction of black masculinity and

abjection in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. He is currently assistant professor of African American

studies at UC Berkeley and his forthcoming book is entitled "Black Bottom: (Male) Rape and the Body of History in the African American Literary Imagination." In addition, he is the author of two novels, *Traitor to the Race* (1995) and *Hex* (2007), as well as a number of short stories.

Please be sure to mention this to interested students in gender studies, literature and creative writing.

Watch for announcements of Dr. Scott's visit to campus in November.

In the Community:

° **The Sarasota-Manatee chapter of NOW's monthly meeting is held the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Selby Public Library.**

More information is available at

<http://www.erights4all.com/nov/sarasota-manateenow/>.

December

° On Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unity Church on Proctor off Beneva, after a brief service, Sonia Pressman Fuentes will be speaking on "The Women's Rights Movement: Where It's Been, Where It's At." This talk is sponsored by the Congregation for Humanistic Judaism, to which she belongs, and is for members of the congregation. There'll be a short service and then she'll be speaking. It's free and open to the public. New College faculty and students are welcome to attend as well as members of your affiliated organizations.

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