

Women Studies

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Triota

The Women's Studies Honors Society for Students is getting activated again. With help from founder Summer Little, and Ann Skinner-Jones, Karen Foss will be the faculty advisor and she'll be pleased to get applications from, and work with current Triota students on projects they will be developing. Watch for fliers and a Friday pizza party lunch for all Women's Studies students, faculty, and staff in February 2005.

Anne Skinner Jones

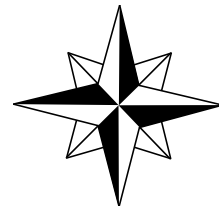
One of the stalwarts of the Women's Studies Program for the last ten years, will be moving back to one of her favorite places, the San Francisco Bay area, in December 2004, to be near her daughter and grandchildren. Ann has been an incredibly generous, savvy, sensitive colleague and mentor to thousands of students, faculty, and staff while she's been at UNM. She was the very first recipient of the prestigious campus-wide Adjunct Faculty Teacher of the Year Award in 2000. An artist of formidable talent who has worked with Judy Chicago. She shared her skills with Women's Studies in a way that will last through the years. Have you noticed the beautiful, colorful conference room? Ann developed the ideas for, and helped to paint that room. Look for her famed Women and Creativity course in the summer of 2005. Women's Studies wishes Ann the best of everything since she always gives her best. Salud!!!

Rinita Mazumdar

Rinita Mazumdar will be teaching her legendary Feminine Sexuality course off campus for the first time in the spring of 2005. The Rio Rancho branch of UNM will feature the course. A brilliant theorist and teacher for Women's Studies and Philosophy, Rinita avidly does small reading groups with students because she loves the material so much and wants to help students crack "theory," which can sometimes seem a difficult task. Many have been mentored by her (she is tireless in her generosity to students) and gone on to do graduate work with her help. Rinita represented UNM Women's Studies at the National Women's Studies Association [NWSA] conference this summer, and she is also actively engaged in studying and expanding the gay rights movement in India.

Spotlight

Women Studies relies on many, many faculty across campus to teach our courses. We are so pleased to have them and their expertise. Checkout our faculty spotlights on our website!



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*"Peace on earth
depends on our ability
to secure our living
environment"
Wangari Maathai*

Maya Sutton

Maya Sutton with her colleagues, Mae Araujo and Candace Maher, created and taught the new Dark Goddess course this fall. As usual, Maya's course has been a hit with students and she will teach it again this spring. Maya has become a legend in Albuquerque and at UNM for her devotion to, and superb teaching of, Goddess courses. She was so inspired by her grass-roots work in the presidential campaign this fall that she is thinking about going to law school, and she's also considering living in Ireland to continue her focus on Celtic goddess study. Maya herself is living the Goddess way of reincarnating herself in ever more beautiful and exciting ways!

Lori Rudolph

Lori Rudolph has created a new course: Women, War and Peace Movements, to be taught this spring. It is based upon her active research into the Palestinian Israeli situation. As last December, she will be returning to Israel/Palestine this December to continue her research and activism. Lori is also active in the Albuquerque area in many causes, including Cambio and the Arab/Jewish Peace Alliance. She is certainly an example of living, activist feminism.

Post-doc

This semester the Women's Studies Executive Committee has been screening candidates for a two-year Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow. The person chosen (we hope to have a decision made by the end of the semester) will begin teaching core courses, and courses in her specialty, in the fall of 2005. We have been amazed by the superb credentials of these candidates and foresee the ongoing Post-doc Fellow as a vibrant and crucial way to increase the excellence of Women's Studies. We'll keep you posted as to our choice!

Visiting Faculty

Women's Studies was privileged to have Maria Betancor, Dulce Rodriguez, and Ann Cacoullas here as visiting faculty. Maria from the Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and Dulce from the Universidad de la Laguna, both in the Canary Islands have been doing work here on Chicana writers. Maria also taught the course on Gloria Anzaldúa. Here from Greece, Ann is teaching the Feminist Theory course. Women's Studies has been infused by the different perspectives and enthusiasm they bring; it has been such a pleasure to have them here. Next semester Charlotte Krolloke from the University of Southern Denmark will come here to do research. We look forward to getting to know her and hearing about her scholarship.

Joint Appointments

Women's Studies is committed to having an increased presence of full-time faculty in order to assure the excellence and stability of the Program. Over the next year, more joint appointments (full-time faculty who teach half-time in their own departments and half-time for Women's Studies) will be teaching more and more of the Women's Studies courses. Karen Foss, Professor of Communications and Journalism, an internationally noted feminist scholar, a teacher whose excellence has been recognized repeatedly at UNM, and a former Women's Studies Director, (and just a downright wonderful person!) is our first joint appointment. She has been teaching the senior seminar for Women's Studies. We'll keep you abreast of the new joint appointments as they are named.

Spring Courses

Check out the vast array of courses we're offering in the spring!

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PTIs

Leigh Anne Chavez will be back this spring to teach her Women and Law course! We are so pleased that she is feeling better and will be continuing her excellent teaching of this important course.

Give to Women's Studies!

Please remember Women's Studies during this holiday season. Your contributions helped us purchase a new book display case for faculty publications, and we would like to build toward having scholarships for students and distinguished faculty chairs. Check out the website link to contribute: <http://www.unm.edu/~womenst/Giving/index.htm>

TAs

Women's Studies has been lucky to have excellent TAs over the years. This year is no different. This year Katherine Greysen, Patricia Perea, Kate Lehman and Fiona Sinclair have done some super teaching and mentoring as well as being activists in their own spheres. Katherine went to China this summer to participate in a conference to share her dissertation work and she expects to finish her dissertation in the next year; she enjoys teaching the Race, Class, Gender course (and students enjoy taking it because she is a popular, dedicated teacher); Patricia, who won last year's Arts & Sciences TA Teaching Award, continues work on her dissertation while also working at WRC

and helping to put on the second Women of Color Conference (which will be in October of 2005). She has taught the Intro course and Engendering Empire: Race, Gender and Colonialism in the Americas. Kate Lehman, who teaches the Lesbian Culture and Politics course, is also the GA for the Feminist Research Institute. Women Studies appreciates her efforts in both those areas. She's someone you can count on! Fiona Sinclair, building on the work of Betsy Erbaugh and Katherine Greysen in shaping a gorgeous Women's Studies website, continues her dissertation on activism while living it in her daily life. Applause, applause!!

Work Study

Women's Studies received approval to get another workstudy to help Joyce in the office! Rachel Decker has been doing an outstanding job, and now Katie Wittman has joined us. What great work Joyce and the workstudy students are doing. They make everything go like clockwork in our digs!



Electronic Newsletter

This edition of the Women's Studies Newsletter has been transformed to facilitate distribution in the electronic age. It is also available for download from our website. Enjoy the new compact, easily transportable, format.

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