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The University of Montana Women's Studies Newsletter

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

March is National Women's History Month, a celebration inaugurated by the National Women's History Project in 1980 under a Joint Congressional Resolution to increase public recognition of women's lives and accomplishments. And 1995 is a milestone for women, marking the **75th anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States** with the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. The efforts of many American women to win the right to vote will be celebrated: from Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, and Lucy Stone in the 19th century to Carrie Chapman Catt, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Alice Paul, and a cast of thousands in the early 20th century.

Suffrage was, however, not a universal triumph. Suffrage rights for native American women on reservations could not be implemented in 1920 because of the prohibition on native Americans voting. Many African American citizens, including women, in the South were effectively barred from exercising voting rights until the Civil Rights movement of the sixties in which leaders such as Fannie Lee Hamer worked to register black voters and protect their right to vote.

American women won the right to vote later than women in other countries such as Great Britain (1918) and still have many struggles to go. The Equal Rights Amendment was defeated in 1982. Reproductive rights are in jeopardy in many states, with an increasingly menacing and violent anti-choice minority. Comparable pay for comparable work has not yet been attained, with women averaging 72 cents for every dollar earned by men; women's wages for comparable work are lower in Montana than the national average.

But no one would dispute the importance of women's suffrage for American women in this century. Not least, it enabled the many feminists of this half of the century to focus on how "the personal is political." The politics of everyday life include both global and local struggles for social reform in the family, the workplace, and public life. Suffrage movements demonstrated that women can consciously and collectively change their social place.

In recognition of their work to end sexist domination and to transform social relations, the Women's Studies Program offers three speakers for Women's History Month. In conjunction with the Black Students Union and the African-American Studies Program, we are sponsoring two talks on February 28 by **Diane Nash**, an African-American activist and educator from Chicago, Illinois, who was centrally involved in the nonviolent civil rights movement, the anti-Vietnam war protest, and women's rights. Ms. Nash will give an afternoon Philosophy Forum on "The Philosophy and Strategy Underlying the 1960s Civil Rights Movement" and an evening lecture on "The Role of

Women in the Struggle for Liberation: Black Women in the 1960s, and Women Now and in the Future."

Women's Studies is a co-sponsor for the Presidential Lecturer, **Patricia Locke**, Native American Scholar and activist, on March 22. She will present an afternoon faculty seminar on "American Indian Contemporary Issues: Against the Mainstream," and an evening public lecture on "Religious Freedom: A Fundamental Right for All People."

On April 6, the second annual Maxine Van de Wetering "American Women Making History" lecture will be given by feminist author **Gloria Steinem**. Ms. Steinem will also sign copies of her books, including the just-published *Moving Beyond Words*, a collection of essays, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm that afternoon in the UC Bookstore. Ms. Steinem's support for the Blue Mountain Clinic's rebuilding campaign after its 1993 bombing sparked her interest in visiting Missoula and she will also be the featured speaker at their benefit on April 5. Ms. Steinem's visit is made possible through generosity of the Louise Green - Elizabeth E. Smith Endowment Fund.

--Julia Watson, Director

SPEAKERS BUREAU FOR MARCH, WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Women's Studies Program is pleased to announce the formation of a special outreach project during Women's History Month, March 1995. This pilot project provides guest speakers, free of charge, to present a talk on aspects of the history of women to area schools, libraries, and other organizations. For more information, call 243-2584 for a brochure and reservation form.

Maria J. Bustos-Fernández, Latin American Studies/Spanish--"Evita: Latin American Sister of the Suffrage Movement"

Juliette Crump, Dance--"Women Who Expressed Suffragette Values Through Modern Dance"

Sara Hayden, Communication Studies--"Did They Really Burn Their Bras?: The History of the Contemporary Feminist Movement"

Nancy Hinman, Geology--"Better Than Good Enough: An Historical Perspective on Women in Science"

Pat Ojo, English--"African-Americans in the Suffrage Movement"

Bonnie Spence, Mathematics--"Women in Mathematics: 'Hypatia: A Woman of Courage' or 'Monsieur LeBlanc: Who Was She?'"

Veronica Stewart, English--"Our Literary Legacy: Two 19th-Century Women Writers"

Peggy Tonon, Law--"Taking a New Look at the Women's Suffrage Movement"

Julia Watson, Liberal Studies/Women's Studies--"Writing a Woman's Life"

Vicki Watson, Biological Sciences/Environmental Studies--"The Woman Who Invented Ecology"



A CALL FOR DIVERSE IMAGES

Many people have remarked how few portraits of the "women's history" of The University of Montana women--former faculty, deans, donors and trustees--or Montana heroines grace our halls. The Brantly Hall Presidents Room is, of course, men only; so are most of the classroom halls and athletic displays. Women's Studies believes we need more images of women as inspirational role models for our students--and us!

If you know of a portrait (painted or photographed) of a University of Montana or Montana (territory/state) woman leader that could be donated for a show or on permanent loan, please call the Women's Studies Program Office, 243-2584, with details. Let's change not just the look of things--but the historical consciousness of the campus.

ELECTIONS: WOMEN MAKE PROGRESS

The 1995 Montana Legislature has more women than ever before, with a total of 36. In the House, there are 9 women (18%), and in the Senate, 27% are women. Nationally, there will be 2 more women in the House of Representatives and 1 more in the Senate.

According to a major research study released by the **National Women's Political Caucus**, "Perception and Reality: A Study Comparing the Success of Men and Women Candidates," there are no significant differences between success rates for men and women candidates for public office. **Why then are there so few women in public office?** The common perception has been that women candidates are less likely to win elections. A recent NWPC poll found that two-thirds of voters believe that women have a tougher time getting elected to public office than men do. Surveys show that even voters who say they are more likely to vote for women predict that men will win the election.

To resolve the issue of whether women candidates are less (or more) likely to win elections than men, relying on statistics and facts rather than anecdotes and impressions, NWPC undertook a comprehensive study of 50,563 candidates running for state house, state senate, U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and governor. Using this data base, success rates for male and female candidates (the percentage who won) were calculated for each office, party, year and incumbency status.

The success rates for men and women running in general elections for state house were almost identical. Incumbent women won 95% of their races (men, 94%). Women running for open seats won 52% of their elections (men, 53%). Female challengers won 10% of their races (men, 9%).

Women running in general elections for state senate did as well as men--if not better. Female incumbents won 91% of their elections (men, 92%). Women running for open seats won 58% of their races (men, 55%). Female challengers won 16% of their races (men, 11%).

The study found no significant difference between success rates for men and women running in general elections for the U.S. House of Representatives. Incumbent women won 96% of their races (men, 95%); 48% of women

running for open seats won (men, 51%); and female challengers won 4% of their races (men, 6%).

Just 53 women have run for the U.S. Senate and 33 for governor in elections since 1972, too small a number to make meaningful generalizations or comparisons between men and women. The study found no evidence that women were less likely than men to win these offices, or that women were less likely to win a race for the executive office of governor than a race for the U.S. Senate.

If more women run, more will win. For example, if women made up half of all open seat and challenger candidates in general elections for the U.S. House, they could make dramatic gains. Starting in 1994 and assuming 50 open seats each cycle and the same success rates as those found in this study, a computer simulation found that women would hold one-third of all seats in the U.S. House by the year 2000.

This study by the National Women's Political Caucus proves that **when women run, women win as often as men do.** Perhaps this knowledge in itself will encourage more women to run for public office and lead to higher numbers of women officeholders in the future. For more information, call (202)785-1100 or 1-800-729-NWPC.

--Executive Summary: "Perception and Reality: A Study Comparing the Success of Men and Women Candidates,"
September 1994

PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN ACADEMICS IN THE SCIENCES

The February 1995 *Women's Review of Books* has several interesting short essays by women academics in the sciences, detailing their experiences and perceptions of them in their universities, and describing programs they have undertaken; for example, to reduce math anxiety among women students and to introduce gender consciousness into development agencies. The essays include: **The Theories Behind the Practice**, by Sue V. Rosser, about interactions between feminists and scientific communities; **In the Ant Colony**, a conversation with Deborah Gordon, biologist/entomologist; **Crucial Experiments**, the Douglass Project, a project to counter the drop-out rate of women students in the sciences; **Educating for Persistence**, a discussion about the Douglass Project; **Strategies for Success**, a Project Excel in Calculus based on the Douglass Project; **Stereotypes Under the Microscope**, by Bonnie Spanier, a feminist critique of the biological sciences; **Worlds in Collision**, by Betsy McGregor, geographer/veterinarian; **A Speck in the Ocean**, an interview with Penny Chisholm, Professor of Engineering at M.I.T.; **From Physicist to Physician**, an interview with Judy Lieberman, a researcher/physician at New England Medical Center and Tufts University School of Medicine; **Like Mother Used to Make**, by Martha Crouch, about the history of women and food production; **Thinking Globally, Acting Locally**, an interview with Martha Crouch, scientist/activist; and **Net Gains, Net Losses**, by Cheris Kramarae and Jana Kramer, about gender issues on the Internet. For a copy of one or several of them (please be specific), contact the Women's Studies Program Office at 243-2584.



THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM EVENTS—SPRING SEMESTER 1995



January 25

Writing the Range: Real-life Adventures of a Scribblin' Gal

Deirdre McNamer, Visiting Associate Professor of English--Creative Writing
 BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES, 12:00 noon, Pope Room, Law School



February 8

Challenging Idaho's 1994 Anti-Gay Ballot Measures

Diane Sands, Campaign Manager, "No on One" & Deborah Halliday, Campaign Staff
 BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES, 12:00 noon, Pope Room, Law School

IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, MARCH 1995:

February 22

How Schools Shortchange Girls: Responses to the AAUW Report

Nancy Keenan, Superintendent of Public Instruction, or Kathy Bremer, Gender Equity OPI
 Jean Luckowski & Rhea Ashmore, Professors, Curriculum and Instruction
 BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES, 12:00 noon, Room 202, Law School

February 28

DIANE NASH, Civil Rights Activist

The Philosophy and Strategy Underlying the 1960s Civil Rights Movement

Women's Studies/Philosophy Forum, 3:40 - 5:00 p.m., Pope Room, Law School

The Role of Women in the Struggle for Liberation:

Black Women in the 1960s, and Women Now & in the Future

Public Lecture, 7:00 p.m. (note time change), Urey Lecture Hall

March 2

Reception for Women's Studies Students, Faculty, and Guests

President's Room, Brantly Hall, 3:45- 5:30p.m. (program begins at 4:15p.m.)

March 8

Women in South Africa: Empowerment Begins

Alayne Courtney, Former Diplomat from South Africa
 BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES, 12:00 noon, Pope Room, Law School

March 22

PATRICIA LOCKE, Native American Scholar and Activist, Presidential Lecture Series

American Indian Contemporary Issues: Against the Mainstream?

Faculty Seminar, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Location TBA

Religious Freedom: A Fundamental Right for All Peoples

Public Lecture, 8:00 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall

March 29

The Star Quilt as Native American Symbol

Kim Taylor, Mansfield Library
 BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES, 12:00 noon, Room 202, Law School

April 6

GLORIA STEINEM, Maxine Van de Wetering American Women Making History Lecture

Public Lecture, 7:30 p.m. (note time change), University Center Ballroom

April 12

Gender Equity in Collegiate Athletics

Betsy Duerksen, Head Women's Soccer Coach
 BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES, 12:00 noon, Pope Room, Law School

April 19

The Surrealist Art of Remedios Varo in Images and Poems

Judith Johnson, Visiting Instructor of Liberal Studies
 BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES, 12:00 noon, Room 202, Law School



UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA EVENTS
HIGHLIGHTING WOMEN

*The Women's Studies Program hopes to go online on "Gopher" in a few weeks
to post information on events of particular interest for women. Watch for it!*

February 24 - April 15: Painting Exhibit--by *Josephine Hale*, Paxson Gallery, PARTV Center, Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

March 7 - March 11, March 21 - March 25: Drama/Dance--"Three Sisters," by Anton Chekhov, 8:00 p.m., Masquer Theatre. \$8 general and \$7 seniors/students.

March 8: Ethics in Public Affairs Lecture Series--"The Triumph of Hope Over Experience," by *Dorothy Bradley*, Director, Montana University System Water Resources Center, and Chair, Montana Health Care Authority, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Journalism 304.

March 28: Wilderness Issues Lecture Series--"Activism: What's New for the Future?," a panel discussion including *Hannah Stebbins* of the Alliance for the Wild Rockies, and *Bryony Schwan* of the Women's Environmental Network, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Social Sciences, Room 356.

April 20: Recent Advances in Clinical Medicine--"Menopause/Osteoporosis," by Gary Harvey, MD, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Science Complex 221. To register call 243-2094.

April 25: Wilderness Issues Lecture Series--"Community, Ecotourism and Environmental Conservation: An Example from Belize," by *Jill Belsky*, UM Assistant Professor of Sociology, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Social Sciences Room 356.

April 26: Ethics in Public Affairs Lecture Series--"The Trouble with Journalism Ethics," by *Joanne Byrd*, Ombudsman, The Washington Post, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Journalism 304.

May 4: Recent Advances in Clinical Medicine--"STDs," by *Nancy Fitch*, MD, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Science Complex 221. To register call 243-2094.



UNIVERSITY RESOURCES

The reality of violence against women in the United States in fact is staggering. One out of every eight adult women, or at least 12.1 million American women, has been the victim of forcible rape sometime in her life, 75 percent by someone known to the victims. Strikingly, of those rapes by someone known to the victim, rapes committed by spouses, ex-spouses and neighbors are most likely to involve the use of a gun against the victim. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women ages 15-44, and guns in the home put women at greater risk of physical abuse escalating to homicide. --*Missoulian*, June 9, 1994

Sexual Assault Recovery Service (SARS)

24-Hour Hotline: 243-6559
Drop-In Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays
Student Health Service, Private Entrance, East Side

Women's Center

243-4153
University Center 211
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



MISSOULA COMMUNITY RESOURCES



YWCA

Breast Cancer Wellness Program:

Open Support Group: Thursdays, 6:00- 7:00p.m.
Body Conditioning Classes: Mon. & Wed., 6:00- 7:00p.m.
Water Exercise Classes: Tuesdays, 7:00- 8:00p.m., and
Fridays, 12:00noon - 1:00p.m.

Monthly Computer Classes:

Intro to Computers: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m. - noon
Lotus 1,2,3: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00- 4:00p.m.
Advanced WordPerfect 6.0: Wed. & Fri., 9:00a.m. - noon
Intro to Computers: Mon. & Wed., 5:30- 7:30p.m.

Domestic Violence Shelter:

Hotline: 542-1944
Support Groups: Tuesdays, 6:30- 8:00p.m.

Women's Place

24-hour Crisis Line: 543-7606
Women's Place offers a variety of ways to help the fight against domestic and sexual violence. If you would like to be part of a strong women's community, please call Catie at 543-3320 to discuss your volunteer options.

Planned Parenthood of Missoula

10th Annual Auction: *A Choice Celebration*
Silent and Live Auction
Friday, March 3, 1995
Elks Lodge, 7:00p.m.
\$10 Admission, Complimentary hors d'oeuvres

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

~~Brochures available for some conferences at our Women's Studies Office, LA 435, University of Montana~~

February 24-26: Interdisciplinary graduate student conference on *The Intersections of Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Sexual Orientation in Scholarship and Teaching*. Contact: Renee Gralewica, GRECSO Conference, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-3140.

March 3-4: Women's Studies Conference on *Women and Power* sponsored by Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Contact Angela Hague at 615-898-2579.

March 17-19: Third Annual Graduate Student Conference on *Theoretical Approaches to Marginalized Literatures*. Contact Marginalized Literatures Conference, English Department, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812 for more information.

March 29 - April 1: Fourth Women's Studies Symposium on *Creative Tensions: Women Across Ages* sponsored by Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Call 317-494-7685.

March 31 - April 1: 22nd Annual Richard R. Baker Philosophy Colloquium on *Ecofeminist Perspectives*. Contact: Dr. Pamela L. Thimmes, Department of Religious Studies, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 45469-1530.

April 12-15: Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association joint convention with a focus area on *Gender Studies* in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Contact Carol Pierce-Jones at 606-257-4651.

May 12-14: Conference on *Women and Gender in Science* at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Contact Lori Graven at 612-625-9023.

June 14-July 18: National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on *The Image and Reality of Women in Ancient Near Eastern Societies* at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Call 401-863-3900.

June 15-18: Fifth Annual Virginia Woolf Conference on *Virginia Woolf: Texts and Contexts*. Contact: Beth Daugherty, English Department, Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081, or call 614-823-1659.

June 19-July 27: National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers on *Autobiographical Acts—Gender/Culture/Writing/Theory*. Contact Nancy Miller, English Department, Graduate & University Center, City University of New York, 33 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036.

June 25-July 21: Twentieth Annual Summer Institute for *Women in Higher Education*, offering women faculty and administrators intensive training in educational administration. Apply by **April 3** to Cynthia Secor, HERS--Mid-America, University of Denver, Park Hill Campus, 7150 Montview Blvd., Denver, CO 80221, or contact Betsy Metzger at 303-871-6866.

June 20-25: National Women's Studies Association 16th Annual Conference on *Women's Movements: Cultural, Intellectual and Political (R)evolutions*, hosted by the Women's Studies Program, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY. Call 307-766-6871. Brochure copies available in our Women's Studies Office, LA 435, University of Montana.

September 4-15, 1995: Fourth World Conference on Women on *Action for Equality, Development and Peace* in Beijing, China. Contact: Department of Public Information, United Nations, Room S-1040, New York, NY 10017, or call 212-963-1262. (Western Montana NOW Chapter locally)

PROGRAMS ABROAD

Women's Studies in London. July 4 - August 4, 1995, **March 31 deadline.** Contact: Overseas Study, 108 International Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035, or call 517-353-8920.

Syracuse University Women's Studies Abroad. England, France, Italy, Spain, Zimbabwe. Contact Susan Loevenguth at 800-235-3472.

Antioch Education Abroad: Comparative Women's Studies in Europe. Britain, Germany, Poland, Netherlands (Fall 1995); Thailand (Winter 1996). Call toll free, 800-874-7986.

Center for Global Education at Augsburg College. Contact Don Christensen at 612-330-1159.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Watkins Scholarships for Seniors: Applications available from The Davidson Honors College, 303 Main Hall, 243-2541, **March 1 deadline.**

Helen J. Olson Scholarship for Juniors or Seniors: Contact advisors in English, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Liberal Studies, and History, **March 10 deadline.**

American Association of University Women Scholarships for Juniors/Seniors: Applications available from the Women's Studies Program Office, Liberal Arts 435, 243-2584, or contact Cindy Garthwait at 243-2954, **April 15 deadline.**

**Position Announcement (Internal Search):
Interim Director of Women's Studies Program, 1995-96**

The Women's Studies Program seeks an interim director as a sabbatical replacement for the academic year, 1995-96. The Director, in consultation with the Women's Studies Steering Committee, is responsible for budget, planning, curricular coordination, and staff supervision, and for representing the Women's Studies Program on university committees. An experienced half-time administrative assistant is in place. The position is a 10-month .5 administrative position without additional stipend. The director retains .5 teaching status within the home department (with compensatory stipend to department for back-up funding for courses to be taught). Applications are sought from within the tenure-line faculty currently at The University of Montana--Missoula.

Qualifications for the position include:

- (1) Established track record of service to the Women's Studies Program
- (2) Record of previous teaching of courses with women or gender focus (crosslisted with Women's Studies, as permitted within constraints of home department).
- (3) At least two years of tenure-line service to the university completed before start of appointment.
- (4) Demonstrated experience in relevant aspects of program administration.

**Please address a brief letter of application with vita to:
Search Committee, Interim Director of Women's Studies**

Send letters of application to:

Colleen Hunter, Adm. Asst., Women's Studies, LA 435

Contact Julia Watson, Director, x2104, with questions.

Application Deadline: March 10, 1995

This position is announced within established EEO--Affirmative Action guidelines. For a complete position description, contact the Women's Studies Program, x2584.

WOMEN'S STUDIES CROSS-LISTINGS

Faculty: Please submit Autumn 1995 courses to propose for cross-listing with Women's Studies by March 1, at the latest. We need your contribution. Call x2584 if you have questions.

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