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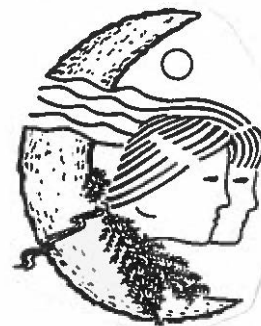
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Notes from the Directors

Women's History Month 2002 is just around the corner, posters are printed, events are scheduled, and the speakers are booked. The Women's History Month Committee – comprised of faculty, students, staff, and community groups- have done an excellent job in planning this year's events and procuring an exciting keynote speaker, Linda Gordon. Professor Gordon, who teaches history at New York University, has written many award-winning books and articles on working women, welfare, and reproductive politics. Professor Gordon will give an afternoon seminar, "Women, Family, and the State," and an evening lecture, "Poverty, Race, and the Politics of Welfare Reform." (See inside for details.) Please mark your calendar to hear this dynamic feminist scholar! We hope you will enjoy the mix of scholarly, artistic, political, and just plain entertaining activities celebrating the experience and contribution of women.

We hope that appreciation for women's history and respect for others is not a once-a-month community affair. However, the serious threats to the lives of Professor Carla Grayson and her family demonstrate, among other things, how far we are from achieving a safe and just place for us all. Our condolences and support go out to Carla, her partner, Adrienne, and their son during this difficult time. A fund to help with offsetting the costs of their house fire and security has been established – checks may be sent to Relief Fund, P.O. Box 775, Helena, MT 59624. Beyond this important material support, let us not forget our commitment to speak out

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against intolerance. If the political lessons of the women's movement have taught us anything, it is that we must nurture genuine community, realizing that each person's fate *is* bound up with every other person's.

Ramona Grey, Program Director
G.G. Weix, Associate Director

Thank You, Farewell, and Best Wishes to Women's Studies Work-study Student Jesse Kirby

Jesse began work for the Women's Studies Program in the Fall of 1999. She will be graduating this Spring with a B.A. in Anthropology along with a Linguistics Option, and an Asian Studies Minor. Jesse will graduate with a 4.0 and an impressive list of scholarship awards. The focus and dedication Jesse applied to her studies, she also brought to her work in Women's Studies. We will miss her presence in our office, but we wish her all the best in her future endeavors!



BECOME A FRIEND !

**Support research and scholarship about women, and activities and programs of
UM Women's Studies Program**

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As a friend, you will receive our newsletter and announcements of our programming.
Please make checks payable to **The University of Montana Foundation**
and note **"Women's Studies"** in the memo portion of your check.

Mail to: UM Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807-7159 **THANK YOU M199**



Montana Women Vote! is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of eight organizations that share a common goal of educating and mobilizing low-income women, many of whom have never voted, to participate in the democratic process. Member organizations address issues of economic self-sufficiency, domestic violence and sexual assault, the environment, reproductive rights, and childcare. The organizations are Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, MT NARAL, Planned Parenthood of Montana, University of Montana Women's Center, Women's Opportunity and Resource Development Inc., the YWCA, Women's Voices for the Earth, and Working for Equality and Economic Liberation. For more information or to volunteer, call Dayna Swanson at 543.3550

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What You Can Do To Take A Stand For Love Without Fear

- 1) Put a Rainbow Flame sign in your home, car, place of business, or worship.
- 2) Sexual orientation is not explicitly included in current hate crimes legislation in Montana. Write or call your state legislators and ask them to sponsor and support such legislation in the next session. For contact information, call 406.444.3064 or go to:
http://leg.state.mt.us/online_publicaitons/laws/57th/legname.htm
- 3) Write a letter to the editor of your local papers and church or business newsletters.
- 4) Contribute to the relief fund for the two couples directly impacted by this violence. Checks can be made out to "Relief Fund" and mailed to PRIDE, P.O. Box 775 Helena, MT 59624-0075
- 5) Add your name to a full-page ad that decries this act of violence and supports efforts to make our communities safe for all. Call PRIDE! At 406.442.9322 for more information.
- 6) Write or call the Montana State University Board of Regents and urge them to extend equal health benefits to all employees regardless of sexual orientation. MT Board of Higher Education, P.O. Box 203101, 2500 Broadway, Helena MT 59620-3101. 406.444.6570 Attn: Commissioner Crofts.
- 7) Volunteer at the Western Montana Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Call them at 543.2224

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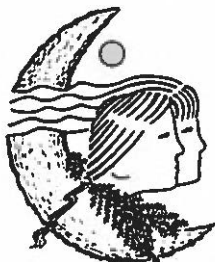
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2002

This year, thanks to the initiative of Women's Studies Programming Co-Chairs Anya Jabour and Maxine Jacobson, a Women's History Month Programming Committee was formed. Since early November a committee of both campus and community groups have been meeting to plan events for March. Not only have they have created a stellar line-up of events, but they have also created new friendships in the process!

A Huge **THANK YOU** to the Women's History Month Committee:

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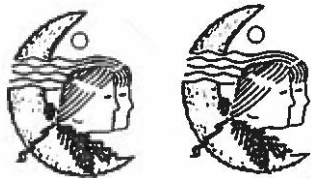
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**THE LOUISE GREENE/
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SCHOLARSHIP IN
WOMEN'S STUDIES**

Two \$500.00 scholarships are available to Women's Studies students. Applications may be picked up in the Women's Studies office, LA 138A. Deadline: March 29, 2002

Women's Studies Faculty Prize

for outstanding research or creative activities in the study of women or gender

One \$100.00 award is available. Applications may be picked up in the Women's Studies office, LA 138A. Deadline: March 29, 2002

**Women's Studies Faculty
Travel Grant**

One award of \$250.00 is available for travel between February 1 - July 1, 2001. Applications may be picked up in the Women's Studies office, LA 138A. Deadline: March 29, 2002



Women's History Month

March 2002



March 1, 4-6pm Davidson Honors College free	UM Faculty and Staff Reception in honor of Women's History Month sponsored by Women's Studies and Foreign Student Services
March 1, 7:30pm Masquer Theatre \$10students \$11general	Drama "The House of Bernarda Alba" by Federico Garcia Lorca, adaptation by Emily Mann after show talk-back facilitated by Janet Finn, SW sponsored by UM Drama/Dance Department
March 2, 8:30-4:30pm University Center 330 \$15 UM \$30 Community	National Coalition Building Institute Workshop "Building Allies: Men and Women" call 248.5776 to register
March 4, 12:10-1pm Liberal Arts 138 free	Women's Studies Brown Bag Lecture "Women's Voice in the Contemporary Russian Prose: Ludmila Petrushevskaye" Anna Brodsky, Assoc. Professor of Russian Washington and Lee University
March 6, 12:10-1pm Liberal Arts 138 free	Women's Studies Brown Bag Lecture "Marriage, Family, & Domestic Violence in the Old South" Anya Jabour, Assoc. Professor of History, UM
March 7, 7pm University Center Theatre free	UC Multicultural Alliance Film "Girls Around the World"
March 8, 5pm Circle Square free	International Women's Day Rally sponsored by UM & Missoula Women's History Month Committee
March 9, 8pm Blue Heron \$15/single \$25/couple	A Fund-Raiser in Celebration of Women "The Many Faces of Women" sponsored by W.O.R.D.
March 11, 7pm North Urey Lecture Hall free	Public Lecture "Twenty-five Years After Love Canal" Lois Gibbs, Exec. Dir., Center of Health, Envir. & Justice sponsored by Environmental Studies Program
March 13, 5-7pm University Center 333 free	A Pro-Choice Public Education Project "Interactive Action Briefing" sponsored by Intermountain Planned Parenthood
March 14, 8pm Wilma Theatre \$16students \$18advance \$20door	In Concert Holly Near & Cris Williamson sponsored by Missoula Folklore Society
March 15, 7pm The Catalyst free	Poetry Reading "Poetry for Sissies" sponsored by local women poets

March 22, 8pm PARTV Bldg Masquer Theatre free	Harvest Project CD Release Event Music: Amy Martin; Speaker: Noorjahan Parwana all proceeds from CD sales donated to the Revolutionary Assoc. of Women of Afghanistan and the Afghan Institute of Learning
March 25, 12-1pm University Center Theatre free	Performance Piece "Philosophical Thought on Women Through the Ages" sponsored by Practical Ethics Center
March 26, 3:30-5pm Gallagher Business Bldg 123 free	Maxine Van de Wetering Seminar "Women, Family, and the State" Linda Gordon, Prof. of History, NYU sponsored by UM Women's Studies Program
March 26, 7pm North Urey Lecture Hall Free after lecture reception	Maxine Van de Wetering Lecture "Poverty, Race, & the Politics of Welfare Reform" Linda Gordon, Prof. of History, NYU sponsored by UM Women's Studies Program
March 27, 12:10-1pm Liberal Arts 138 free	Women's Studies Brown Bag Lecture "Under the Big Sky: A White Feminist Responds to Anti-Indian Rhetoric" Heather Bruce, Asst. Prof. of English, UM
March 29, 12-1pm YWCA free	YWCA Brown Bag Community Conversation "Hmong History and Culture" Yee Lor, Asian Community Liaison
March 30, 8pm University Theatre \$14students \$16advance \$18door	In Concert Karan Casey sponsored by Missoula Folklore Society
Every Thurs., 9:30-10:30p KUFM 89.1 free	Public Radio Show "In Other Words: An Hour of Feminist News and Music"
All Month We come to you! free	Speakers' Bureau In Celebration of Women's History Month To arrange a speaker please contact Liz Ballinger at 243.5509 sponsored by Foreign Student Services, Women's Studies Program, and Women's Center
An Opportunity to Make Women's History in Missoula!	Habitat for Humanity All Women Build "Women Build" Join the team in Missoula as we build a house constructed entirely by women! To volunteer call Cari at 721.2380
It's Never too Early to Think about Voting!	Montana Women Vote! For more information or to volunteer call Dayna at 543.3550

For more information call:

Women's Studies 243.2584, Women's Center 243.4153, or YWCA 543.6691

