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#### January 2008

### INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES

January 16 -February 8 **ASIS Gallery** Sage Art Center

(en)GENDERED: identity, gender & art Juried Exhibition of Undergraduate Art An exhibition exploring the intersection of gender, identity, and the visual arts

January 22 4:45 p.m. **ASIS Gallery** Sage Art Center

(en)GENDERED: identity, gender & art Opening Reception and Gallery Talk Marjorie Searl

Chief Curator at the Memorial Art Gallery

Three Jurors' Prize Winners will be

announced

January 23 8:00 p.m. 540 Lattimore

Gender & Women's Studies Undergraduate Council meeting

Bi-weekly meetings throughout the semester

January 29 6:30 p.m. 540 Lattimore

Undergraduate Dinner with SBAI Director Honey Meconi and SBAI Curriculum Director Jeff Runner

12:30 -2:00 p.m. 540 Lattimore Archive"

February 13

SBAI Research Seminar Emile Devereaux, Art & Art History "Alan Hart: X-Ray Vision in the

February 14

SBAI Student and Faculty Associate Research Grant applications due

February 21 7:00 p.m. 201 Lattimore

V-Day: Until the Violence Stops Screening presented by Gender & Women's Studies Undergraduate Council

Proceeds from the \$2 admission will be donated to Alternatives for Battered Women and Sojourner House

February 22

Nominations due for students to present at Undergraduate Conference (see April 11 entry)

March 19 Teaching Fellowship applications due

March 25 Meet & Greet

5:00 p.m. Join Gender & Women's Studies 540 Lattimore faculty and students for conversation

and refreshments

March 27 SBAI Research Seminar 12:30 -Christina Koulouglioti, School of 2:00 p.m. Nursing

540 Lattimore Title TBA

March 28 SBAI Fifteenth Annual Gender & All day Women's Studies Interdisciplinary Hawkins-**Graduate Conference** Carlson Room

Kevnote Speaker: 105 Rush Dianne Morrison-Beedy, School of

Rhees Library Nursing

March 28 Graduate Certificate in Gender &

Women's Studies applications due

April 9 SBAI Research Seminar

12:30 -Jennifer Creech, Modern Language &

2:00 p.m. Cultures 540 Lattimore Title TBA

April 10 Dissertation Award applications due

April 11 SBAI Gender & Women's Studies 9:30 a.m. Undergraduate Conference

Hawkins-Students majoring in Women's Studies Carlson Room discuss their internships and/or 105 Rush independent studies, faculty Rhees Library nominated students present

exceptional papers or projects on

gender related topics

SBAI Student and Faculty Associate April 17

Research Grant applications due

April 18 Nominations due for SBAI

> Undergraduate Student Awards for Independent Research in Gender & Women's Studies, and Community

Connections

May 1 SBAL Annual Associate and Affiliate

Time TBA Retreat

Lower Level Interfaith Chapel

May 18 Gender & Women's Studies Diploma

Ceremony and Reception

# Co-Sponsored Events

**February 25** Family Gathering: A Look into the 7:00 p.m. World of Eating Disorders
Hartnett Gallery Exhibit and Panel Discussion

Wilson See Women's Caucus, page 8

Commons

February 27 Jeane Raffer Beck

5:00 p.m. Independent Textile Artist and Teacher ASIS Gallery "Surface Design on Fabric: My Work as a Textile Artist"

Sage Art as a Textile Artist"
Center Followed by a reception

April 18SBAI Reception for Lani Guinier,Time TBAProfessor, Harvard Law SchoolWelles BrownPreceded by Frederick DouglassRoom, RushLectures with Lani Guinier and Gerald

Rhees Library Torres

Requests for co-sponsorship can be submitted online at www.rochester.edu/college/wst

# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

When Dean Lennie and Dean Olmsted asked me last August whether I would be willing to take over as Director of the Susan B. Anthony Institute, I knew this was too exciting an opportunity to pass up. My experiences with SBAI had been overwhelmingly positive—the Institute provides the rare combination of intellectual stimulation and personal warmth and welcome. The extraordinary leadership of Sue Gustafson, Karl F. and Bertha A. Fuchs Professor of German Studies and Director of SBAI from 2002 to 2007, and the day-to-day administrative skills of Program Manager Marilyn Lambert-Fisher and Program Assistant Cricket Fegan, meant that SBAI was in a wonderful position.

Cricket has now gone on to be Program Manager of Film

## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

The Susan B. Anthony Institute is pleased to offer grants to faculty associates, graduate and undergraduate students to support their research in Gender & Women's Studies. Proposals may include any items relevant to research, including publication subventions, purchase of materials, research-related travel and so on.

Spring semester applications are due **February 14** and **April 17**.

### **Awarded April and October 2007**

#### <u>Associates</u>

Sylvie Beaudette, Chamber Music, Eastman School of Music

Lecture-recital presentation with soprano Eileen Strempel on the song settings of Margaret Atwood's poetry at the Feminist Theory Music Conference



Marilyn Lambert-Fisher, Editor, Program Manager (585) 275-8318 538 Lattimore Hall mslf@mail.rochester.edu Anthea Butler, Religion & Classics

Presented about how historians can craft richer narratives that are more attentive to black women's religious leadership and their distinctive religious experiences on the Future of American Women's Religious History panel at the American Academy of Religion Meeting

Emile Devereaux, Art & Art History, Film & Media Studies

Research for Alan Hart: X-Ray Vision in the Archive

Jeffrey McCune, Frederick Douglass Institute Presented "Whiteness as Queerness: Brokeback, the Down Low, and the Telling of Queer History" at Lavender Languages Conference

#### **Graduate Students**

Kathleen Casey, History

Preliminary research to access and obtain copies of archival materials for Dissertation Prospectus tentatively titled, "Crossdressers and Racecrossers: Blackness and Gender on the American Popular Stage"

Jessica Crabill, English

Presented "Of Silly Toasters Proud: Women Writing Graffiti in the Eighteenth Century" at the Canadian Society of Eighteenth Century Studies Conference

Kelly McNelis, Clinical & Social Sciences in Psychology Research about what motivates women to exercise and maintain exercise

Megan Morris, English

Presented "Eagles within the Ranks: Constructing Female Authorship in Nineteenth Century British Literature" at the Women Writing and Reading: Past and Present, Local and Global Conference

Ellen Volpe, School of Nursing

Research to test a proposed model of the correlations between sexual relationship power and intimate partner violence (IPV) and HIV risk related sexual behaviors in a sample of at-risk adolescent girls

#### Undergraduate Students

Stephanie Yurchyk Attended Family Planning Advocates 30th Annual Conference major in Women's Studies and Religious Studies, is recipient of the Jane R. Plitt Award. The award is named for the first executive director of the National Organization for Women and was endowed in 1999 to be given to "a woman undergraduate who is a leader dedicated to constructive social change in her community." Storey's many activities include President of the Gender & Women's Studies Undergraduate Council, Community Outreach Chair for Women's Caucus, organizer of numerous Grassroots events, work at Alternatives for Battered Women, and work since beginning college in the SBAI office. Especially noteworthy is her creation of a course on Feminism and Women's Rights for residents of Sojourner House, a home for women in crisis in Rochester. Storey is now in her third semester of organizing and co-teaching this course, which has had a powerful affect on the women taking it. This is a moving example of how an education in Women's Studies can have a direct effect on the community. Storey has recently been chosen as a Take Wendi Chang, "The Unfinished Piece"

Becky Cheung, "Reconstruction"

Kali Mae Crandall, "Eggs"

Kelly Crews, "Untitled"

Madeline Cutrona, "A Query of Fiction"

Zach Darling, "Shadows of the Future"

Katelyn DeSieno, "Layers of Me"

**Lyudmila Didovets**, "Who defines Beauty?" and "Mostly Invisible - 'til I embrace myself"

Wendy Epstein, "Who I am behind the Screen"

Emily Grzybowski, "Self Portrait No.7"

**Shannon McCarter**, "Treading Water," "Feminine Kitsch (I hate Desires)," and "Push. Tear. Repeat."

Alexandra Olsen, "Eight Women, Including Myself"

Cindy Paauw, "Her Rules, You Play"

Sarah Plumridge, "Reflections"

Lauren Schleider, "The 200 things I wish I could tell you"

Jessica Socha, "It came from under the kitchen sink"

Alexander Squier, "Sick of Hearing about gender"

Carlos Tejeda, "Self Portrait"

Emma Vann, "Eye Patterns"

Eva (Dan) Xie, "Form"

#### **Undergraduate Dinner**

January 29, 6:30 p.m., 540 Lattimore Hall Undergraduate Dinner with SBAI Director Honey Meconi and SBAI Curriculum Director Jeff Runner

#### Film Screening

February 21, 7:00 p.m., 201 Lattimore

V-Day: Until the Violence Stops

Film Screening presented by Gender & Women's Studies Undergraduate Council, \$2 admission will be donated to Alternatives for Battered Women and Sojourner House

#### Meet & Greet

#### March 25, 5:00 p.m., 540 Lattimore

The Undergraduate Student Council invites you to meet Gender & Women's Studies faculty, get to know fellow students, and enjoy the refreshments.

#### **Undergraduate Conference**

**April 11**, 9:30 a.m. Hawkins-Carlson Room, Rush Rhees

Students majoring in Gender & Women's studies discuss their internships and/or independent Studies, and faculty nominated students present exceptional papers or projects on gender related topics. All are welcome!

#### **Undergraduate Council**

#### Biweekly meetings start January 23

The Gender & Women's Studies Undergraduate Council provides a place for majors, minors, clusters, or anyone interested in Gender & Women's Studies to meet each other, plan related events around campus, and work closely with the faculty. In the spring semester, we will be holding a Welcome Back Dinner, a pre-class registration Meet & Greet with students and faculty, and a film screening. We meet biweekly on Wednesdays (starting on January 23rd) at 8:00 p.m. in 540 Lattimore. All are welcome!

If you would like to take part in the Undergraduate Council email sstorey@mail.rochester.edu.

#### **SBAI** Awards

Irina Zahari Barahona '07 and Lucia Spinelli '07 were recipients of the 2006-2007 Susan B. Anthony Institute Award for Community Connections.

Marie Colette Carmouche'08 and Alison Jeanne Delpercio'07 were the recipients of the 2006-2007 Susan B. Anthony Institute Award for Independent Research in Gender & Women's Studies.

#### Alumnae Available to Consult with Undergraduates Students

There are more than 65 Gender & Women's Studies alumnae who welcome inquiries from current Gender & Women's Studies students. They have expertise in many areas including marketing, social action, social work, health education, teaching, college admissions, crisis intervention, school psychology, medicine, Peace Corps, law, public interest law, military police, management, and public policy. Read about work that women's studies alumnae are doing on **page 6** under **Alumni Update**. Email mslf@mail.rochester.edu for more information.

#### **Spring 2008 Courses of Interest**

Please see www.rochester.edu/College/WST/ for an up to date list of spring courses.

WST 100 (2 Credits) Introduction to Women's Studies: Gender & Bodies in Performance Art – M. Dauner

WST 244 Kemedjio	Mutilated Bodies, Mutilated Discourse – C.
WST 247	Contemporary Women's Writing – B. London
	The Biochemistry of Male-Female s in Health and Disease – T. Platt
WST 255 Monshipou	Perspectives on Modern Middle East – S.
WST 268	Contemporary Japanese Culture – D. Pollack
WST 270	Art of the Floating World – D. Pollock
WST 288 Post-War (	Mothers, Comrades & Whores: Women in German Cinema – J. Creech

# **GRADUATE STUDENT**

#### **Mailing List**

Graduate students who are on the Institute's mailing list receive information about opportunities and events. If you would like to be added to the list, send your coordinates to mslf@mail.rochester.edu.

## **A**LUMNAE **U**PDATE

The Alumnae Section includes news from undergraduate alumnae and those who were associated with SBAI as graduate students.

**Jennifer Ailles** '07 Ph.D., English defended her dissertation entitled "The Fairy/Queen/Mab: 3eti Q BT 320.25 721.5 TD 0 0 0 rg /F2 9 Tf 0.0039 Tc 0.2781 Tw (Encounters: A

of characters, including *Madama Butterfly*, *West Side Story*, and Tan Dun's *Marco Polo*, as well as Josephine Baker's famous recording of the song Petite Tonkinoise.

Ernestine McHugh, Anthropology and Religion, Eastman School of Music, presented a paper about the personal reconfiguration of belief by a woman in Nepal who had become a Hindu renouncer: "'God is in your heart': Re-imagining self and the sacred in the Himalaya." It was presented as part of the symposium entitled "Playing with Reality and Beyond: Imagining the Everyday and the Transcendent" at the 2007 Biennial meetings of the Society for Psychological Anthropology.

She returned to London to interview people from the Gurung village in Nepal in which she did her original fieldwork in the 1970s and 80s, to learn about changing ideas of gender, family relations, and religion. This is part of an ongoing project on globalization and change in Nepal and its influence on personal experience and identity.

Honey Meconi, SBAI Director; Music, read the paper "The Last Chansonnier: Brussels, Bibliothèque royale 228" at the Annual Meeting of the American Musicological Society in Québec City. The paper dealt with Margaret of Austria and was an outgrowth of her SBAI research seminar two years ago.

With Sylvie Beaudette and graduate student Katherine Hutchings, she took part in an hour-long discussion about Women and Music on Arts Friday (February 2), a live call-in show on WXXI led by Peter Iglinski. WXXI producer Isobel Neuberger interviewed Meconi and taped excerpts of the Hildegard Players as they prepared for last February's concert ("The Story of Hildegard), generating a ten-minute radio spot on Hildegard that was broadcast multiple times on both the A.M. and F.M. components of the station.

**Nora Rubel**, Religion & Classics, published "'Muggers in Black Coats': The Alleged Hijacking of American Judaism" in *350 Years of American Judaism in Popular Culture*, edited by Leonard Jay Greenspoon and Ronald A. Simkins. Omaha, Nebraska: Creighton University Press, 2007.

**Claudia Schaefer**, Modern Languages & Cultures, was named the Rush Rhees Professor.

### CONFERENCES

March 2-3 "Black Power, Black Feminism: Black Women's Activism and Development of Womanist/Feminist Consciousness in the Era of Black Power," Women's History Month Conference Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY tjames@slc.edu

April 4-6 "From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom" Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts http://clpp.hampshire.edu

June 19-22 "Resisting Hegemonies: Race and Sexual Politics in Nation, Region, Empire," 29th Annual National Women's Studies Association Conference Cincinnati, Ohio www.nwsaconference.org

## Scholarships-Awards-Fellowships

American Association of University Women Fellowships, Grants and Awards www.aauw.org/ Check application dates on web site

Information about national fellowships and scholarships can be found at the University of Rochester College Center for Academic Support www.rochester.edu/College/CCAS/fellowships/

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

National Women's Studies Association Job listings, www.nwsa.org

Feminist Career Center Job listings www.feminist.org/911/jobs/joblisting.asp

### **INTERNSHIPS**

Women and Public Policy Internships, Washington, D.C. Fall, spring, and summer semesters www.plen.org/internships.html

Feminist Majority Foundation Internship Program, year round opportunities www.feminist.org/intern/

Ms. Magazine Internships www.msmagazine.com/about.asp

For information about internships in the Greater Rochester area, please stop by the SBAI office.

Eggers, and Joy Christianson (the artist) We will invite UCC therapists to join us and ask if they can be available to speak with people after the panel discussion.

February 26- Opening of Family Gathering at the Hartnett Gallery.

February 29- The Vagina Monologues at 8pm in Strong Auditorium.

#### Susan B. Anthony Legacy Dinner

Thursday, February 7, 6 p.m., May Room, Wilson Commons, University of Rochester www.rochester.edu/SBA/

#### Susan B. Anthony Exhibit

In 2006 the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections in Rush Rhees Library mounted an exhibition to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Susan B. Anthony's death. The exhibition, which included letters, photographs, printed material and memorabilia drawn from the Department's extensive collection of Anthony and woman suffrage material, is now available online at

www.library.rochester.edu/rbk/exhibits/sba Mary M. Huth, Assistant Director, Rare Books & Special Collections

#### Susan B. Anthony Birthday Luncheon

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