

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S STUDIES

SPRING 2006



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tuesday, January 24 **Asha Hagi Elmi, Somalian Peace Activist** 4pm, Cinema, Connelly Center
- ◆ Wednesday, January 25 **Andrea Smith, "Human Rights and the Native American Genocide"** 7:30pm, Villanova Room, Connelly Center
- ◆ Monday, February 20 **Love the Skin You're In Fashion Festival** 7:00pm-9:00pm, Villanova Room, Connelly Center
- ◆ Tuesday, February 21 **Eating Disorders Panel.** 7:30 pm, Falvey Memorial Library Holy Grounds.
- ◆ Thursday, March 23 **Marilyn Nelson, Literary Festival.** 7:30pm, President's Lounge, Connelly Center.
- ◆ Monday, March 27 **Feminism in Black and White.** Details TBA.
- ◆ Tuesday, March 28 **The Yellow Dress**-Dramatic one-woman play based on the stories of young women who were victims of dating violence. 7:30 pm, Villanova Room, Connelly Center
- ◆ Wednesday, March 29 **Elizabeth Cady Stanton Student Research Conference, Bonnie Dow,** (U Georgia), keynote speaker.
- ◆ Friday, March 31 **Global Violence Against Women Open Forum & Discussion.** 2:00pm, Falvey Memorial Library Holy Grounds.
- ◆ April 17-21 **Gr. Philadelphia Women's Studies Consortium Scholar-in-Residence Janet Jakobsen (Barnard College).** Topic: "Religion, Sex, and the Politics of Moral Values." Jakobsen will speak at Villanova on April 18.

From The Director's Desk

Over the past year, the Women's Studies Program has developed a working relationship with the Center for Health and Wellness Education. Many of the topics the center works on have feminist underpinnings, and our collaboration can only enhance the link to a larger body of thinking and research that directly relates to students' lived concerns. Some of these issues include: eating disorders, sexual assault and violence, sexual health, and alcohol and substance use/abuse. We have participated in the training of their peer

educators, and co-sponsored programs related to issues of gender. Working with the Center (Director, Cathy Lovecchio, Assistant Director Stacy Andes, and Health Educator Jenn Flannelly) has been mutually beneficial for both programs. We see outreach to students as one important part of the WS program's work, and this is an avenue to demonstrate to students that the academic aspects of Women's Studies have real applications. This can also serve to attract potential minors

and concentrators. As organizations from the Student Development side of our campus further work with academic programs and departments, all Villanova students are surely to benefit. Please consult the WS calendar of events and our website for this semester's events, and make an effort to support this work.

~Sherry Bowen

For more information go to:

www.villanova.edu/womensstudies

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Deadlines:

- ◆ February 24--**Student paper submissions for ECS**
- ◆ March 15--**Graduate Assistantship applications**

Assistantship In Women's Studies 2006-2007

The Villanova Women's Studies Program is searching for a new graduate assistant for the 2006-2007 school year.

The Women's Studies Graduate Assistantship will pursue a Master's in a department or program while providing twenty hours per week of programmatic, administrative and office assistance to the undergraduate pro-

gram in Women's Studies.

The Assistant receives remission of tuition for all courses taken in the graduate division of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a stipend of approximately \$12,000 per nine month academic year. The Assistant normally retain the Assistantship for two academic years.

Applications are due no later than

March 15th, 2006.

For more information please call Sheryl Bowen at 610-519-7919 or check the Women's Studies Website at: www.villanova.edu/womensstudies

A Two-Year Commitment...A Life Long Memory

As the Women's Studies Graduate Assistant for the past two years, I have often wondered how I have been so blessed for this opportunity.

I believe the Women's Studies Steering Committee took a risk when selecting me. As an undergraduate at Villanova, I had taken only one Women's Studies class and had no solid foundation of feminist literature.

Before my interview, I had predicted that my chances were slim in even being considered. How could I assist a program that I knew little about?

However, when sitting amongst the friendly Women's Studies Steering Committee, my apprehensions faded. Here sat a collection of very open-minded, welcoming women.

They were aware that I did not come from a strong Women's Studies background; yet, the committee members were interested in the life experiences that I could bring to the assistantship.

Apparently my two-and-a-half years as an Resident Assistant (RA) and Peer Education experience afforded me the opportunity to exhibit my understanding of some of the needs of women on campus.

With my time here coming to an end, I look forward to giving my all to the remaining programs left before me. In particular, on February 21st at 7:30pm in the Library, Sherry Bowen has given me the opportunity to organize my own eating disorder's panel. The event will consist of a talk given by an individual recovering from the illness, a clip from the documentary *Slim Hopes*, as well as information provided from a professional perspective. Opportunities such as running this panel have further contributed to my enriching experience as the Women's Studies Graduate Assistant.

From that first interview/contact with Villanova University's Women's Studies Committee, I was introduced to a vital, fascinating selection of individuals who would go on to occupy a very important role in my own development here on campus.

I soon learned that Women's Studies would re-define my personal goals by leading me to understand that there are no innate limits to prevent my achieving anything I set out to do. My gratitude is beyond expression.

~Ann Wuetig

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Greater Philadelphia W.S Consortium Scholar-in-Residence

Over the past few years, in collaboration with the Greater Philadelphia Women's Studies Consortium, the Gender Studies Program has been able to bring a number of distinguished speakers to our area, among them Anne Fausto-Sterling, Octavia Butler, Cynthia Enloe and (most recently) Cherrie Moraga.

This Spring's scholar will be Janet Jakobsen. She directs Barnard's Center for Research on Women, and her research interests include feminist and queer ethics; religion, gender

and sexuality in American public life; social movements and feminist alliance politics and global issues of economics and violence. Her current book project is *The Value of Ethics, Sex, Secularism and Social Movements in a Global Economy*; before entering the academy, she was a policy analyst and lobbyist in D.C.

Jakobsen will be in residence April 17-21, giving talks and hosting discussions at 8 campuses, including a public lecture at Villanova 4/18 at 7:30pm, a faculty workshop at Rosemont, and

classes at St. Joe's, LaSalle, Temple and Drexel.

Jakobsen has 3 books and quite a range articles which you could draw upon, either as assignments in your classes, or as a basis for a discussion in preparation for her visit. The best introduction to the combination of religion, sexuality and politics is Janet R. Jakobsen and Ann Pellegrini, *Love the Sin: Sexual Regulation and the Limits of Religious Tolerance*, with a new forward by the authors. Boston: Beacon Press, 2004.

ECS Keynote: Media and Second-Wave Feminism

Bonnie J. Dow, Associate Professor of Speech Communication, University of Georgia, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Elizabeth Cady Stanton Conference. Dow, a feminist rhetorical scholar, has written numerous articles about the messages in contemporary media. Her 1996 book, *Prime-Time Feminism: Television, Media Culture, and the Women's Movement Since 1970* (UPenn Press), received critical acclaim and won awards from three distinct scholarly associations.

Women's Studies/History Faculty Publications

Dr. Rebecca Winer

Women, Wealth, and Community in Perpignan c.1250-1300: Christians, Jews, and Enslaved Muslims in a Medieval Mediterranean Town (Ashgate, January, 2006).

Dr. Catherine Kerrison

Claiming the Pen: Women and Intellectual Life in the Early American South. (Cornell, 2005).

Dr. Seth Koven *Slumming: Sexual & Social Politics in Victorian London*. (Princeton, 2004).

Dr. Adele Lindenmeyr Co-editor with Dr. Anne Rassweiler of Anna Bek's *The Life of a Russian Women Doctor: A Siberian Memoir, 1869-1954*. (Indiana, 2004).

Notify us of your publications by e-mailing Sheryl.Bowen@Villanova.edu



ELIZABETH CADY STANTON 2006 CONFERENCE



Call for Papers 2006 Elizabeth Cady Stanton Student Research Conference

Deadline for Submission: Friday, February 24th, 2006 3:00 pm
To Be Presented on: Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Each year the Villanova Women's Studies Program hosts the Annual Elizabeth Cady Stanton Conference. It is an exciting opportunity to showcase your work, discuss your interests with other students and faculty, and see the broad range of intellectual disciplines Women's Studies encompasses. Submit your paper to compete for a cash award in one of the following three categories:

1. papers written by first year students (minimum of 4 pages of text),
2. papers written by undergraduate students (minimum of 8 pages of text),
3. papers written by graduate students (12-30 pages of text).

Eligibility

To be eligible for submission, a paper must use feminist analysis; a paper written about women or a woman is not sufficient. For example, a paper might use a lens which distinguishes actions and reactions caused by gender prejudice, critically discuss the ways that gender functions in some aspect of society, or analyze a text using other elements from feminist theory. Each paper must include outside sources (a bibliography or reference section). All papers must be written during the past calendar year, from Spring or Fall 2005, or written specifically for the competition itself.

Submission Requirements

All papers should be typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman font with one inch margins and pages numbered in the upper right hand corner. A disk and four copies of each paper must be submitted to the Women's Studies Office, 385 SAC, with a cover sheet identifying the student, the course and professor for which the paper was written (if any), the student's mailing and email address, year of graduation and major, and phone number. No marks of identification should appear at any other place in the paper. **Submission of a paper requires participation and presentation in the Conference on March 29th. This constitutes an excused absence from classes during the time of the conference.**

Questions?

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