Fall 2016 Feminist Lecture Series
Presented by the Women’s and Gender Studies Dept.

Feminism and Social Justice
Thursdays 12-12:50, Stevenson 1002
All lectures are free and open to the public!

September 1. Carina M. Buzo. “Feminism, Difference, and Identities: What role does Feminism play in today's high tension, political, and racial climate?”
As an alum of SSU’s WGS and Queer Studies department, Carina’s understanding of feminism comes with love, critique, and personal and professional commitment. She will share her knowledge of the ways that we can use feminism and postmodernism to understand the tensions between racial, political, and lived difference based on our identities. Carina has a Masters in Education and currently serves as the SSU HUB Program Coordinator.

Khafre Jay, the director of Hip Hop For Change, will illuminate the beauty and power of hip hop that has now been homogenized and oppressed through it ties to corporate media and the prison industrial complex. Real Hip hop culture is rooted in community empowerment. It provides a culturally relevant platform for creative self-expression, education, and activism.

Sabina Khan-Ibarra is the founder of Muslimah Montage, a web platform where Muslim women of all backgrounds share their journeys and reflections- weaving powerful, unforgettable stories about their increasingly visible role in the global culture. She has been published at Huffington Post and authored an essay in the book, Faithfully Feminist: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Feminists on Why We Stay. Sabina also works as an editor at AlMuslimah, a media platform that is wholly dedicated to stories and commentary on gender-in-Islam.

Susie Lampert was Barbara Brenner's life partner for 38 years, from the time they met in graduate school until Barbara's death from ALS in 2013. Susie will talk about Barbara's life and influence on breast cancer activism, and read selections from So Much to Be Done: The Writings of Breast Cancer Activist Barbara Brenner.

November 3. League of Women Voters. “Get Ready to Vote!”
Emerging from the Women's Suffrage Movement, the League of Women Voters has maintained its prime mission of political education for 96 years and continues to be an iconic organization acting in the public interest. This presentation will cover highlights of the League's history, mission and current relevance. The presenter, Nancy Burttington, has a BA in Political Science from Dominican University, an MA in Psychology (Organization Development) from SSU and is President of The League of Women Voters of Sonoma County.

November 10. SSU Undocu-Scholar Coalition. “Undocumented Students Speak Out.”
SSU Undocu-Scholar Coalition provides support to current and future undocumented Sonoma State University students and their allies, enabling them to succeed. This presentation from SSU Chicano and Latino Studies lecturer Mariana Martinez will cover information about policies including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), License information (AB-60), California Dream Act, and AB-540. SSU students will also speak about their experiences and discuss the plans to start a Dream Center on our campus.

November 17. Rebecca Fein. “Stories of Surviving and Thriving After Experiencing Sexual Assault.”
Becky Fein is the Founding Director of the Powerful Voices Project, a documentary film series that tells stories of resilience, hope, and recovery of people who have experienced sexual trauma. This interactive talk will explore the power of storytelling in service to healing, and changing the conversation around sexual assault and its survivors. Becky holds a BA degree in Sociology from UC Davis, and a Master’s in Public Health from Columbia University. She’s been working in sexual assault prevention, and mental health promotion for almost ten years.

December 1. Nia King. “Queer and Trans Artists of Color.”
Nia King is a queer, mixed-race writer, illustrator, drummer, filmmaker, and activist from Boston, Massachusetts who is proud to call Oakland home. She is a multimedia journalist whose work focuses on political art by women, queer people, and people of color. She is the author of Queer and Trans Artists of Color: Stories of Some of Our Lives and the host and producer of We Want the Airwaves Podcast. She will be sharing from her most recent book: Queer and Trans Artists of Color

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