Welcome back to the 2005-2006 School Year! As the new Chair, I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome our new WGS majors and minors. Please feel free to drop by my office hours to introduce yourselves if I have not had the opportunity to have you in any of my classes. I would also like to thank Professor Cindy Stearns for her many years of not only serving as Chair, but overseeing the building of the department up to three tenure track faculty! We look forward to continuing her efforts in the coming years.

I’d like to take a moment here to express the department’s gratitude to Kris Montgomery, the former Director of the Women’s Resource Center (WRC)—who left at the beginning of the semester for a new job opportunity in Santa Rosa. Kris’ efforts at building and maintaining the relationship between Women’s and Gender Studies and the WRC was unparalleled. She often took pains to program with the interests of the department in mind, as well as the needs of student services. Under her leadership the WRC also was an internship and work-study for scores of WGS undergraduate majors who gained experience in programming, counseling, and event preparation. We wish her the best in her future endeavors. She will be missed!

And finally, a welcome to our many new SSU faculty (in the past year) who have both research and teaching interests that intersect with the WGS department. We are excited to have met the acquaintance of Professors Teresa Ciabattari, James Dean (both of Sociology); Ada Jaarsma (Philosophy); and Chingling Wo (English). We look forward to collaborating and cross-listing courses in the future!

Best wishes to all our alumni, supporters, and students who make the work of WGS so rewarding. Please stay in touch!

Charlene Tung, Chair, Women’s and Gender Studies
WGS STUDENT INTERNSHIPS: SERVICE ON-CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

WGS students continue to make substantial contributions to both our on and off-campus communities! All Majors are required to do 4 units of internship (180 hours). Check out the sites below and consider where you want to intern in the future!

Sabrina Coyle Johnson is interning for 2 units at the Catholic Charities Family Shelter.

Allison Deering is interning (for pay) with the Petaluma After School Program as an Enrichment Specialist.

Stephanie DeMartini is completing 4 units on-campus with SAFE (Student Advocates for Education) on their Sexual Assault Awareness Team as a Team Leader.

Diana Drips intern at the YWCA gaining experience with the Domestic Violence Hotline.

Lisa Easton is interning with the Circle of Sisters middle school after school program.

Claudia Gonzalez interns for 3 units this semester at The Living Room, a daytime drop-in facility for homeless women and children.

Ellen Heimann is earning internship units working with the Circle of Sisters at Creekside Middle School.

Sarah Johnson is a Medical Services Representative for Planned Parenthood.

Erica Klesceswkski interned on-campus with SAFE, as a Sexual Assault Awareness Team Leader.

Debra Lander interns with both the Circle of Sisters as a Program Assistant and at The Living Room as a Coordinator of Desk Services and Child Support.

Marina Lira intern as a Career Guidance Counselor at CHDC.

Elizabeth Martin intern at Circle of Sisters—the after school middle school program.

Morgan Mellish completed internship units as a Teacher’s Assistant over the summer at Atascadero High School.

Robin Mangini is interning with Planned Parenthood in Petaluma.

Tori Newburn intern at Campus Recreation as a Women’s Outdoor Recreation Facilitator working to encourage young women to engage in outdoor recreation.

Jaimie Nichols intern at YWCA’s domestic violence services at the Safe House as well as Court Accompaniment.

Jacob Shifrine is a research intern with Project Censored on-campus—the yearly media watchdog that publishes a book every year with the top 20 underreported stories.

Jenacee Torri is interning for Area 4 Board, the Department of Developmental Services (for pay), visiting adults living with disabilities in Sonoma County and assessing quality of life issues. If you’re interested in this kind of work, they are always looking for more assistance. Call Cindy Rudder at 707-648-4073.

Congratulations to our Fall 2005 WGS Majors and Minors!

Please join us in congratulating the following WGS Majors!

Serene Cooper
(double Major Hutchins)
Kelly Crandall
Silvia Guerrero
Ellen Heimann
(& Women’s Health Minor)
Jessica Rasmussen
(double Major in Art)

And our WGS Minors...

Jessica McCormick
Melanie Medeiros
Jaimie Nichols
(Women’s Heath)

*All names taken from the SSU Registrar’s official list. We apologize for inadvertently missing any graduates! Please let us know if in fact, we have.

A shout out to WGS majors Erica Klescewski and Allison Deering who are both working part-time at the Women’s Resource Center. With some assistance from Heather Howard, these two are keeping the WRC staffed and open, as well as maintaining programming (including Take Back the Night) since former Director Kris Montgomery retired from SSU. A huge thank you to Erica and Ali for their commitment and energy toward this important and necessary campus resource center!
Fall 2005 Department Events

WGS Department Participates in the First SSU Open House!

Under the guidance of Professor Nan Alamilla Boyd and WGS senior Alli Deering, the Women’s and Gender Studies Department participated in SSU’s first ever Open House. Planned in conjunction with SSU Parents Weekend, numerous departments and students services from throughout the campus engaged in presentations, tours and tabling— in an effort to reach out to family and community. The WGS Department had a fabulous display designed by Alli Deering, highlighting “WGS in the Community” (internship placements), “WGS in Action” (job placements of alumni), as well as “What is WGS”. In addition to Alli, Professor Alamilla Boyd and her son Max, WGS majors Marie Akatani and Jacob Shifrine, along with WGS alumna Yuka Kamishii spent the day in the Quad. Thanks to all for taking the time out to educate about WGS!!

Book Reading and Reception for WGS Professor Kay Trimberger

This Fall, the WGS Department and the Dean’s Office of the School of Social Sciences were pleased to sponsor a book reading and reception for WGS Professor E. Kay Trimberger. Professor Trimberger’s recently released book, The New Single Woman (Beacon Press, 2005) has been well-received by the public— with write-ups in local newspapers ranging from the “Press Democrat” to the “San Francisco Chronicle.” In addition to hitting Bay Area bookstores including Cody’s in Berkeley, Modern Times in San Francisco, and Copperfield’s in Santa Rosa, Professor Trimberger also embarked on a short reading tour to several East Coast colleges and universities before returning to the SSU Campus for a reading on Wednesday November 26. The event was well-attended with approximately 50-60 students (many from WGS 350: Gender, Sexuality and Family) and faculty. The SSU Bookstore was in attendance as well, selling copies to the audience, as Professor Trimberger signed books after her talk.

Circle of Sisters-WGS 3rd Annual “Power of Know” Conference

Under WGS Senior and Americorps volunteer Serene Cooper, WGS students and friends organized the 3rd annual “Power of Know” conference with the non-profit community organization, “The Circle of Sisters.” The Santa Rosa organization, directed by Amy Chevrolet, provides after-school programming for at-risk girls in middle schools in the Sonoma County area. The conference once again brought together 40-50 girls on campus November 29th for a series of workshops on positive self image and healthy relationships with peers.

Author Readings

The WGS Department co-sponsored several guest speakers on-campus this semester. Chicano and Latino Studies Assistant Professor Patricia Kim-Rajal, invited Daisy Hernandez, writer and Editor of ColorLines magazine as well as Colonize This!: Young Women of Color on Today’s Feminism, to campus on Tuesday November 1st. Professor Kim-Rajal teaches a course cross-listed with WGS entitled, “Chicana Feminisms”. The invite worked out well since Professor Nan Alamilla Boyd’s “Feminist Theory” class is also reading excerpts this semester from Daisy Hernandez and Bushra Rehman’s (Eds). Colonize This!

Through the invitation of Assistant Professor of German Michaela Groebbel (and along with Associated Students, Departments of Modern Languages and Literatures, California Cultural Studies Program, and the SSU German Club) the WGS Department was pleased to co-sponsor German author Ika Hügel-Marshall who read from her book Invisible Woman: Growing up Black in Germany on Tuesday, November 29, at 1:00 p.m. in Schulz 3001. In 1996 Ika Hügel-Marshall received the Audre Lorde Literary Award for her autobiography. The book was published in Germany in 1998, and shortly after translated into English. WGS students, particularly those in WGS 375: Gender, Race and Class, were encouraged to attend.
ALUMNI NEWS

Lauren Castro (2005) is currently in Shanghai, China as part of an SSU-China program. She reports that she is enjoying herself immensely and the experience is providing her with new perspectives on the U.S. and herself! Check out her photos at http://community.webshots.com/user/laulena83. You can contact her at lauren_castro@hotmail.com.

Megan Izen (2005) is employed as an Editorial/Marketing Intern at ColorLines Magazine in Oakland, California—a position she took originally as a volunteer this past summer. She has an article in the Fall Issue of ColorLines entitled, “Lit for Chicks of Color: A girls’ guide to desirable reading”. This issue was the 2nd annual issue on Sex, Race and Gender. Check it out on the newsstands today!

Mary Farrar (2005), is the Regional Marketing Director for the assisted living facilities, Avalon at Brush Creek (Santa Rosa) and Avalon-Sonoma. Congratulations to Mary on her quick promotions!

Verity Lanag (2004). After completing a year of Americorp in Las Vegas, Verity was offered three jobs! She accepted a case manager position with HELP of Las Vegas. HELP is a transitional housing program for homeless veterans.

Andrea Martini (2004) currently resides in Austin, Texas where she is in the process of applying for a Masters degree program in Human Development and Family Science at UT-Austin.

Lana Tyer (2004) is an Instructional Assistant in the Orinda School District for Special Education. She is also working toward her Associates Degree in Nursing, with a longterm goal of becoming an RN and midwife.

Jessica Vibberts (Prosch), married this past summer. She has also been promoted to Associate Director of Summer Search Program of Napa-Sonoma. Summer Search is a national program that works with at-risk youth. In October, she presented to their National Board of Directors on factors contributing to the low participation of boys (compared to girls) in merit-based nonprofit organizations.

COME CELEBRATE DECEMBER GRADS AND THE END OF THE SEMESTER!

END OF THE SEMESTER POTLUCK!!!!

When: Monday December 12 2-3:30
Where: RCH 20
Why: CELEBRATE THE END OF THE SEMESTER
And you have to eat anyway......

WGS Student Point Of View

POV will return in the next issue! Please contact the Editor if you are interested in submitting an article.

Guidelines for Submission to Point of View (POV)
The WGS Newsletter welcomes future POV articles sharing the experiences and opinions of WGS students. See WGS department website for more information or contact Editor, tung@sonoma.edu to submit.
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All classes are held in Rachel Carson Hall Room 20, unless otherwise noted.

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Looking to fulfill those extra GE units? Check out the Winter Intersession Offerings

WGS 350: Gender, Sexuality and Family (3 units)
GE E and required course for WGS Major/Minor
Dates: January 4-24.
Times: 1-4:15
Location: RCH 20

For complete course descriptions
http://www.sonoma.edu/ExEd/
Did You Know?

You’ve been assigned your own WGS Advisor!

For answers to this and many other questions, check out the WGS website Frequently Asked Questions. http://www.sonoma.edu/womenstudies/faqs.htm.

WGS majors
If you last name begins with....
A-H --- your advisor is: Nan Alamilla Boyd
I-P --- your advisor is: Charlene Tung
Q-Z --- your advisor is: Cindy Stearns

WGS minors
If your last name begins with....
A-L --- your advisor is : Nan Alamilla Boyd
M-Z --- your advisor is: Charlene Tung

Women’s Health minors
(aka Career Minor in Women’s Health):
Cindy Stearns: All Women’s Health minors

Nan Alamilla Boyd. 11 Rachel Carson. 664-2574
Charlene Tung. 31 Rachel Carson.664-2086
Cindy Stearns. 32 Rachel Carson. 664-2708
Want to Start up an Alumni Book Club?
If you are interested in connecting with old friends, making new friends and discussing great books, please contact Cindy Stearns (stearns@sonoma.edu) to get in touch with others in your area!