This time, thirty years ago, a couple dozen of us were gathered in a conference room at the downtown Holiday Inn, putting together a proposal for a Women’s Studies minor. It has been a privilege and delight to be a part of this program ever since, to watch it grow and thrive, to become a department and a major, and to attract some of the most insightful, active, and committed students in the university. We have come a long way from that initial vision. My thanks go out to all who were involved in that initial endeavor, and to all who have been a part of growing us ever since.

We appreciate all of your support as we have gone through funding cuts to our program. We are especially grateful to our secretary, Laura, who continues to give us her very best, despite significantly reduced hours and the still looming ending of her position in May; to Krista, our wonderful student assistant, who has enabled us to keep the office open and running; and to our adjunct faculty – Deborah, Joan, Susana, and Cindy – who have stood by us and have met needs that have arisen on a moment’s notice.

We have many exciting events and speakers planned for the upcoming Women’s History Month celebration in March (calendar of events inside), and invite you all to join us!

-Beth Bartlett
WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH CALENDAR

Saturday, February 27th 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Sports and Health Center Room 135
Body Awareness and Appreciation through movement and Yoga: Honor your body!
Sponsored by UMD Commission on Women; The Emily Program; The Junior League of Duluth; UMD Health Services; The UMD School of Medicine; UMD First Year Experience; Colleen Belk, UMD Department of Biology; UMD Department of Psychology; and Women’s Resource and Action Center.

Tuesday, March 2nd 11:00am-2:00pm, Humanities 494
UMD Women’s Studies Open House and Women’s History Month Kick-off Celebration. Join us for some good company, delicious treats, and to test your local women’s history knowledge! Door prizes too! Sponsored by the Women’s Studies Department and Women’s Resource and Action Center

Tuesday, March 2nd 4:00pm, UMD Kirby Ballroom
Speaker: Faroozeh Dumas Shared Humanity through Humor This bestselling author of Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America and Laughing Without An Accent has traveled the country reminding us that our commonalities far outweigh our differences. Everywhere she has gone, audiences have embraced her message of shared humanity and invited her back for more. Sponsored by UMD Diversity Commission, Office of Cultural Diversity, Commission on Women and the Alworth Institute

Wednesday, March 3rd 7:00pm, Teatro Zuccone
Finding Our Way by Lorraine Norrgard, a Chumash woman on a journey of self-discovery. The film “Looking into the Night” will be followed by a panel discussion by four American Indian women. Sponsored by the YWCA. Donations will benefit the YWCA childcare center.

Wednesday, March 3rd 12:00pm-1:00pm, KSC 268

Thursday, March 4th 7:00pm-8:30pm, Bohannon 90
Redefinition of Identity Lecture with Magdalen Hsu-Li. A one hour interactive “human interest” lecture exploring the search for “cultural identity” through the personal story of the presenter as an out, Asian American woman growing up the rural south. Sponsored by Access for All, Commission on Women, and Asian Pacific American Association

Friday, March 5th 7:00 pm, Kirby Lounge
“The Poetic Assassins” Coming from the Hip Hop tradition of community and consciousness mixed with complex rhymes and thought provoking lyrics the Poetic Assassins have put together one of the most dynamic sets around. Drawing on personal experiences, they will make you laugh, cry, ask questions and everything else in between. Sponsored by Queer and Allied Student Union and Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Services

Monday, March 8th 11:00am-1:00pm, Kirby Lounge
International Women’s Day. Learn about this holiday that is celebrated widely around the globe and enjoy music, poetry and prose performances. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Women’s Resource and Action Center, UMD Women’s Studies Department and Amnesty International

Tuesday, March 9th 7:30pm, Montague 80
Women’s History Month Keynote Speaker: Jane La Tour
Writing Tradeswomen Back Into History. Jane LaTour, journalist, author, and activist will speak on the struggles and triumphs of women in the trades and trade unions and why it’s important in women’s history and today. Her recent book, Sisters in the Brotherhoods, documents the experiences of women who organized to support each other when they first broke into the trades and trade unions in New York city in the 70’s and 80’s. They entered a harsh and sometimes violent environment where they sometimes found unexpected allies in their union brothers. Sponsored by UMD Women’s Studies Department, Women’s Resource and Action Center and Commission on Women
Calendar Continued

Thursday, March 11th 7:00pm-8:30pm, Humanities 490
Women and Finances: a presentation by Deb Almirall and Patty Francisco, local banking and investment experts. This talk focuses on what young women need to know to protect their financial interests now and set themselves up right for the future. Refreshments will be served. Open to all! Sponsored by Duluth’s Chapter of the AAUW, UMD Women’s Studies Department, Women’s Resource and Action Center

Thursday, March 11th 7:30pm, UMD Dudley Experimental Theatre
Opening Night for “The Factory Girls,” a play about 5 women working in a shirt factory in Northern Ireland. Directed by Tom Isbell. Tickets and dates at www.d.umn.edu/theatre/Current_Season.html. All showings located in UMD Dudley Theatre. Sponsored by UMD Theatre Department

Monday, March 22nd 12:00pm-2:00pm, KSC 273B
Film and Discussion: Blossoms of Fire. Directed by Maureen Gosling and Elle Osborne. Question and answer sessions following the viewing of the film. Sponsored by Latino Chicano Student Association and Latino/Chicano Student Programs

Thursday, March 25th 7:00pm, UMD Library Rotunda
Writing Women Back into History, a reading by local authors: Linda LeGarde Grover and Ellie Schoenfeld, from their recent works, with musical interludes by Jim Hall. Sponsored by UMD Women’s Studies Department and Women’s Resource and Action Center

Friday, March 26th 7:00 p.m., Kirby Rafters
A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, A Prayer. Sponsored by: V-Day UMD and Women’s Resource and Action Center

Saturday, March 27th 5:30pm Bake-off, 7:00pm, Concert, Peace Church, Duluth
HOTDISH Militia annual fundraiser - hotdish bake-off and concert. Ticket prices vary: if you are a student and/or bring a hotdish for the contest, pay $10/to eat, $7/concert or $15/both; if you aren’t a student and don’t bring a dish, pay $15 to eat, $10 for the concert, or $20 to do both. Peace Church location: 1111 N 11th Av E. Sponsored by Duluth’s HOTDISH Militia

Saturday, March 27th 7:00pm-10:00pm, UMD Kirby Ballroom
Spring Drag Show - A night of entertainment and culture! Fee: $3 for students, $5 for non-students, public. For information call the QASU office at 218-726-7041. Sponsored by Queer and Allied Student Union and Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Services

Wednesday, March 31st 12:00pm-1:00pm, KSC 268
Brown Bag: Women's Bike Workshop - presented by Sadie Sigford. Sadie will talk about women and “bike culture” and give an actual demonstration of basic bicycle maintenance. Sponsored by UMD Women’s Studies Department and Women’s Resource and Action Center

Thursday, April 1, 6:00 p.m., UMD Weber Music Hall
Presentation from Dr. Joy DeGruy, author of Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America’s Enduring Legacy of Injury and Healing, which addresses the residual impacts of trauma on African Descendants in the Americas. Dr. DeGruy presents facts, statistics and documents that illustrate how varying levels of both clinically induced and socially learned residual stress related issues were passed along through generations as a result of slavery. Sponsored by Kirby Program Board, African American Student Programs, Commission on Women and Black Student Association
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Some New Women’s Studies Materials

Motherhood Misconceived: Representing The Maternal In U.S. Films by Heather Addison, Mary Kate Goodwin-Kelly, and Elaine Roth. HQ759 .M8745 2009


Battle Cries: Black Women and Intimate Partner Abuse by Hillary Potter. HV6626.2 .P68 2008

DVDs

America the Beautiful DVD 1910

Shooting Women and Women Behind the Camera DVD 1907

Pray the Devil Back to Hell DVD 1900