Welcome Back!

Fall 2013: News & Announcements

It has been a lively and eventful summer for those who advocate for women’s rights in Texas. I hope that the events have stimulated the energy of women and men on campus to continue the conversation over the next year.

We have some exciting events ahead for the year. In October, we will be hosting Gayle Sulik, author of Pink Ribbon Blues, who will be speaking about the way that breast cancer advocacy and research are failing to meet the needs of some women.

In the spring, we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of the All University Conference on the Advancement of Women with the keynote speaker, Beverly Guy-Sheftall, the founder of the Women’s Studies Program at Spellman College and former president of the National Association of Women’s Studies.

Please stop by our offices in Doak Hall and say hello if you get a chance. Our doors are always open.

You could check out our lending library of feminist and gender books or join us for the monthly brown bag discussion about women’s issues and feminism.

Welcome back to our old and new friends and supporters of Women’s Studies. We look forward to a great year ahead.

Charlotte Dunham
Director of Women’s Studies

Fall 2013

Announcements

Scholarship Opportunities: Rae Nell Griggs Scholarship

Call for Proposals: 30th Annual University Conference on Women April 17-19

Guest Scholar | Dr. Gayle Sulik October 17 9:30 a.m. Morning Roundtable 6:00 p.m. Public Talk

Events

+ Gender Colloquium
+ GLBTQ & Ally Awareness
+ Film Screening
+ TTU Ally Training
+ Week Without Violence
+ Women of Troy Forums
+ “Hands of Hope”
+ Brown Bag Lunch Series
+ Women’s Equality Day
+ Red Raider Orientation
+ Faculty & Student Kudos & Other News
The Women’s Studies Program offers the Rae Nell Griggs Scholarship. In order for a student to receive a scholarship from the Women’s Studies Program, the student is required to complete a scholarship application via the PDF file available on our web site.

The scholarship has a checklist of minimum qualifications that student’s should follow when completing the application. The scholarship list the specific GPA requirement, written essay structure, two letters of recommendation and a brief written summary of extracurricular activities such as honors, achievements, memberships, scholastic awards and professional accomplishments. These written materials are to accompany the application form.

Scholarship Opportunity: Deadline February 1, 2014

How to apply

Each application form should be completed with additional qualifications. (Note: Each form list 4 specific qualifications to be met before the application can be reviewed)

IN ADDITION TO YOUR APPLICATION, you must have on file at the University:

- Official Transcript(s)
- Scores on the A.C.T. or S.A.T (prospective freshmen)
- Other applicants should furnish cumulative GPA

Deadline for application: February 1, 2014

www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies/scholarship_forms.php

Call for Proposals: Deadline February 28

Women’s Studies on the Edge

The Women’s Studies Program and the Conference Program Committee at Texas Tech University proudly announces the 30th Annual Conference on the Advancement of Women, which will take place on the campus of Texas Tech University, April 17-19, 2014, in the Student Union Building (upper level). Registration information will soon be available online.

We invite presentations that explore the manifold meanings of movement and change as connected to, created by, and/or caught up in the presence of women’s, gender, and identity issues, in both contemporary and historical frameworks.

Interdisciplinary proposals, as well as those from the

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Women's Studies Program is delighted to announce we are the recipient of the Sociologist for Women in Society distinguished lecture award for the Fall 2013.

Our guest scholar is Dr. Gayle Sulik, M.A., Ph.D, a social science researcher and writer affiliated with the University at Albany (SUNY) Department of Women’s Studies.

Her ground-breaking analysis of the culture and cult of breast cancer, richly described in her book *Pink Ribbon Blues: How Breast Cancer Culture Undermines Women’s Health*, has stirred a grassroots feminist reawakening.

Medical sociologist Gayle A. Sulik reveals the hidden costs of the pink ribbon as an industry, one in which breast cancer functions as a brand name with a pink ribbon logo. Based on historical and ethnographic research, analysis of awareness campaigns and advertisements, and hundreds of interviews, *Pink Ribbon Blues* shows that while millions walk, run, and purchase products for a cure, cancer rates continue to rise, industry thrives, and breast cancer is stigmatized anew for those who reject the pink ribbon model. Even as Sulik points out the flaws of "pink ribbon culture," she outlines the positives and offers alternatives. The paperback includes a new Introduction investigating Susan G. Komen for the Cure and a color insert with images of, and reactions to, the pinking of breast cancer.

**Schedule of Events | October 17**

- **9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**
  Morning Roundtable with Dr. Sulik *
  TTUHSC Academic Classroom Bldg | RM 250

  *Co-Sponsored with West Texas Association of Women in Science ([WT-AWIS](#))

- **6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
  Public Talk with Q&A
  Human Science Bldg, RM 169

*Attn: Both events are FREE and open to the public. For those attending the **Morning Roundtable** at 9:30a.m, a continental breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP to womens.studies@ttu.edu on or before October 15 that you will be attending.

**Pink Ribbon Blues:**
*How Breast Cancer Culture Undermines Women’s Health*

Gender & Gender Identity Colloquium

The Women's Studies Program presents "Teaching Diversity: GLBT Awareness in School Part II." As part of the Gender & Gender Identity Colloquium, organized each fall, we provide the academic community an opportunity to present on, analyze, and discuss a specific topic.

The purpose of the colloquium is to highlight feminist research and debates over the meanings of gender. Through this colloquium we are hosting an educational initiative to gain additional tools and resources to make classrooms safer and more affirming of students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. Participants will learn how to bring more awareness to the underlying misconceptions and misinformation of specific gendered minorities.

Sessions will run on Friday in the TLPDC RM 153 of the Library. This event is FREE and open to the public. Proof of attendance will be available to students attending the colloquium for course credit.

Schedule of Events:
October 25 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | TTU Library Teaching Learning & Professional Development Center RM 153

- Networking Opportunity
- Colloquium Sessions

GLBTQ & Ally Awareness Events

Film Screening
Laramie Inside Out

TTU Gay/Straight Alliance & Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

- October 2
Holden Hall RM 6
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m
Screening Followed by Q&A with the Filmmaker
- October 16
Talkington Hall
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m

TTU Ally Training
Offered by TTU Student Counseling Center
RSVP to Amanda Wheeler or call (806) 742-3674

- October 10
Faculty Part I
TTU Student Wellness Center RM 205
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- October 17
Faculty Part II
TTU Student Wellness Center RM 205
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- October 29
Ally Training for Students
TTU Student Wellness Center RM 205
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

http://www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies
Call for Proposals
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disciplines and specialty subject areas are welcome.

Proposals from professional schools and administrative offices, as well as those from scholarly areas where women have been historically under-represented, including mathematics, the agricultural and natural sciences, and technology and applied sciences, are welcome.

We invite students, staff and faculty members in the social and behavioral sciences, the visual and performing arts, the communications fields, and the humanities to present their research. We also issue a special invitation to interested parties from other colleges, universities, and affiliated organizations to present, participate, and/or to attend this conference.

Submission Type

Proposals in the form of research findings, group or single-author projects, and works-in-progress in multiple media are welcome. The following are types of proposals that will be accepted (See our website for complete submission guidelines)

- Individual paper
- Complete Panels
- Roundtables

Topic / Research

We invite proposals highlighting feminist research, in progress or completed. See our website for complete submission guidelines.

Deadline for submissions
February 28, 2014

Send submissions to: patricia.a.earl@ttu.edu
Note: include the words "2014-Women's Studies Conference Submission" in the subject line for easy identification.

* For all proposals, submit a 100-250-word abstract including the proposal title, your name, affiliation and contact information for all author(s). Also, include a brief description of the proposal that can be used to publicize the session. Keep your word count to 25-30 words in length.

http://www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies/call_for_papers_and_panels_2014.php

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Week Without Violence

"Week Without Violence" is an annual worldwide campaign that takes place in the third week of October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month - DVAM) to encourage communities to think and act towards a world without violence.

HANDS OF HOPE COLLECTION DRIVE

October 1 - November 15
Drop off in DOAK Hall RM 125
Collecting items to help benefit those that reside at Women’s Protective Services.

Gently used items are welcome.
Check our web site for the wish list!

WOMEN OF TROY FORUMS

Noon – 1:00 p.m.
October 21 - 23, 2013
University Library | TLPDC

A collaboration with Ben Slate, (PhD, Candidate, Theater) to help bring awareness to his research and production of The Women of Troy, by Euripides, this coming Spring (March 6-9, 2014).

Euripides’s play follows the fates of the women of Troy after their city has been sacked, their husbands killed, and as their remaining families are about to be taken away as slaves.

Since its production in 415 BC, the play has stood as a controversial outcry against the subjugation of women by men, particularly during wartime, and is an enduring comment on our modern world.

We will explore, through the lens of feminist rape theory, both the spoken and unspoken assumptions concerning male power and dominance, women as sexual property, and the cultural normalization and acceptance of wartime rape.

Registration for these events are FREE. Please go to the TLPDC "schedule of events" to register. For non-TTU personnel please contact (806) 742-0133. Space is limited please register today!
The observance of **Women’s Equality Day** not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, but also calls attention to women’s continuing efforts toward full equality.

Every president has published a proclamation for Women's Equality Day since 1971 when Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY) first introduced legislation in Congress.

The Women's Studies Program (@TTUWSP) hosted a "tweet chat" online on August 26th using the social media application Twitter.

This event was available for members of the "twitterverse" at large, so participants were encouraged to prepare to participate with others that are part of the global discussion focusing on empowering women and girls through other media actions and projects.

If you are interested in following a tweetchat on Twitter, check out #sheparty hosted by the Women’s Media Center in New York, weekly, on Wednesday’s 3:00 p.m. – 5:00

http://www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies

This summer we participated in over 25 resource fairs for Red Raider Orientation. We were delighted to have two of our Minors, Karla Morales and Dalton Richardson, help us with our tabling.

Red Raider Orientation (RRO) is a mandatory program designed to provide all incoming students an opportunity to meet with an academic advisor, register for classes, gather information about Texas Tech programs and services, and learn the history and traditions of the university.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, contact us to find out how you can be more involved.

Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of activities throughout the year. Specific tasks, as well as miscellaneous duties, are offered to provide you an experience of a behind the scenes look at our program and the campus community. These opportunities are highly beneficial to those students in need of building their resume.
Faculty & Student Highlights

Affiliated Faculty Kudos & Other News

An affiliate faculty member in the Women's Studies Program consists of persons holding academic appointments in other departments or interdisciplinary programs that support and advocate feminist pedagogy.

- **Donell Callender** (Women's Studies Council Member, Associate Librarian) was accepted to Texas Library Association TALL Texans (leadership institute) in June 2013.
- **Dr. Trenia Walker** (Curriculum & Instruction) received a Fulbright Scholar Award 2013-2014 to research and lecture in Kosovo/University of Pristina.
- **Dr. Diane Warner** (Librarian for the Sowell Family Collection, Dept. Head for Rare Books, SWCSCL) book of poetry published by Steven F. Austin University Press and hosted the Sowell Collection Conference (April 2013) with guests John Lane, Robert Michael Pyle, Rick Bass and Barry Lopez.
- **Dr. Dorothy Chansky** (Associate Professor, Theatre and Dance) and Carol Flueckiger (Associate Professor, School of Art) created an interdisciplinary feminist performance piece called *Three Eleanors*, a Solar-Powered Paper Doll Production. The work was presented in Lubbock and then traveled to the Women's Rights National Historic Park in Seneca Falls, NY, and finally to Stage Left Studio, an off-off-Broadway theatre in New York City. (Summer 2013)
- **Dr. Carolyn E. Tate** (Professor, School of Art) book on the importance of women, children, and human fetuses and embryos in the art, politics, and beliefs of the first civilization of Mexico -- the Olmec, won an "Outstanding Academic Title 2012" award from the American Library Association.

Undergraduate Students

"Being a part of the women's studies program at Texas Tech has allowed me to fully realize not only my influence as a woman, but a Black woman. For centuries, Black/African American women have been deemed an afterthought. My experiences and education at Texas Tech have not only shown me that I am not an afterthought, but it has shown me that MY fight has not yet been won. I am now aware of my own power and strength to change the world for Black/African American women.” – LaTrenda Hamilton, Women's Studies Alumna

Graduate Students

“My background in women's and gender studies prompted me in my undergrad to be involved with many organizations focusing on the empowerment of women – which laid the foundation for my feminist-oriented endeavors outside of academia in Lubbock.”

– Samantha Christopher, 2013-2014 Rae Noll Griggs Scholarship Recipient, Graduate Certificate

"While I wish there was no need for a specific focus on women's studies, we don't live in an ideal world. In an ideal world, we would be concerned with human studies. Since we don’t live in an ideal world, working with the women's studies program is an avenue of empowerment for me.” – Jeanne Haggard, Graduate Certificate

[http://www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies)
Why Study Women and Gender?

Many women studies students report that their courses have had a profound impact on their lives by providing them with a means of understanding their experiences as men and women.

Women's studies not only focus on experiences such as domestic violence, discrimination in the workplace, and gender differences in the division of labor at home, but also give a foundation for understanding the root cause of these experiences, which is the first step to gain the awareness needed to have a more empowered life.

Advertise Your Classes!

Are you teaching a course that covers women's, gender or identity topics? Would you like to get the word out to Women's Studies undergraduate and graduate students?

Send the CRN #, title, description, day/time, and other details to: womens.studies@ttu.edu

Join “Students Speak Out” by submitting your comments today:
http://www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies/ws_studentspeakout.php

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Search: “Texas Tech University Women's Studies Program” or type the URL
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