Welcome Back!

Fall 2016: News & Announcements

We are pleased to start another exciting and inspiring year in which the U.S. has reached another milestone toward gender equality with the first female nominee for president from a major political party.

To commemorate this achievement, we are focusing our attention on the role of women in politics for this academic year, which will end with special guest former Representative Patricia Schroeder as the keynote speaker for our 33rd Annual Conference on the Advancement of Women on April 21, 2017. Representative Schroeder was the first woman to represent Colorado in the U.S. House of Representatives and among the first to smash the glass ceiling for women in politics.

Please stop by our offices in Doak Hall and say hello if you get a chance. You could check out our lending library of feminist and gender books or join us for our co-curricular events.

Welcome back to our old and new friends and supporters of Women’s Studies.

We look forward to a great year ahead.

– Director, Charlotte Dunham, PhD

Fall 2016

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Scholarship Opportunity

The Women’s Studies Program offers scholarships to ALL undergraduate and graduate students at TTU.

The scholarship has a checklist of minimum qualifications that student’s should follow when completing the application.

- GPA requirement
- Written essay structure,
- Two letters of recommendation
- Brief written summary of extracurricular activities, honors, achievements, memberships, scholastic awards & professional accomplishments.

These written materials are to accompany the application form.

How to apply

Download, print and complete the PDF application from the web site link below.

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, 2017

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

Call for Proposals: Deadline February 24

We proudly announce the 33rd Annual Conference on the Advancement of Women, which will take place on the campus of Texas Tech University, April 20-21, 2017, 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 disciplines and specialty subject areas are welcome.

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Sandy River Memorial Endowment

On May 12, 2012, the Women’s Studies Program lost a good friend, Sandy River. Sandy served as our library liaison, a member of the Women’s Studies Advisory Board and provided countless other small and large acts of support and encouragement that will be sorely missed by all of us in Women’s Studies.

The Women’s Studies Program and the University Library proudly announce an endowment fund named in honor and memory of our friend and colleague, the Sandy River Memorial Endowment.

This scholarship will provide assistance to a student at Texas Tech, with preference, to outstanding graduate or undergraduate students who present library and/or archival research in gender studies or related fields at the annual All University Conference (Spring)

About

Sandy was active in professional organizations at the state and national level. Her honors include the Association of College and Research Libraries Women’s Studies Section Career Achievement Award in 2007. She was selected as a Texas Library Association Tall Texan (Texas Accelerated Library Leadership Institute) in 1998. Sandy had a distinguished career of service to Texas Tech. She was active in the Women’s Studies Council and Advisory Committee; she served in the Faculty Senate (1995 - 1998, 2007-2012), including terms as President and Parliamentarian. Sandy served as Faculty Senate Secretary from 2012-2013.

How do I apply?

Students must submit an abstract for an individual paper by the deadline of the "Call for Proposals" (CFP) of our Annual All University Conference to be held on April 21, 2017. Read the detailed CFP page to follow the official conference submission guidelines and submit the abstract by the DEADLINE of February 24.
The Women's Studies Program announces a public colloquium, Gender & Gender Identity Colloquium, which will take place on the campus of Texas Tech University, October 21, 2016.

Our keynote speaker will be freelance journalist and author, Jessica Luther. Here book, Unsportsmanlike Conduct: College Football and the Politics of Rape, October 21, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., SUB, Lubbock RM. There will be books available for purchase and signing following her talk.

Luther’s work gained national attention in August 2015 when writing for Texas Monthly; she and Dan Solomon broke open the story about a Baylor football player on trial for sexual assault, a case known by only a few in the community and not reported in the media for nearly two years.

Want to present your research? We invite submissions for individual papers or full panels highlighting feminist research, in progress or completed, on gender and gender identity. The colloquium is open to all. Deadline for submitting your abstract is September 30.

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Submit Here

Please use our new submission form online:
http://www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies/events_gender_colloquium.php
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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

Topic / Research

We invite proposals highlighting feminist research, in progress or completed.

--------------Deadline for submissions--------------

February 24, 2017

* 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.

Visit our web site to submit your abstract.
Collaborative Initiatives

**Women Faculty Writing Groups (WFWG)**

Inspired by the successful Women Faculty Writing Groups developed at Indiana University, the University offered Women Faculty Writing Groups during the 2015-2016 yr. The groups are designed to better address the needs of women faculty as they write for publication, and by extension, for promotion and tenure.

**Deliverables**

* 25 research articles were submitted to peer-reviewed journals
* 20 peer-reviewed journal articles were accepted/in press
* 4 national fellowship applications were submitted
* 1 fellowship awarded, sponsored by Harvard University
* 1 book proposal was submitted and 3 other book proposals were started
* 2 book chapters were submitted & 1 book chapter accepted
* 1 national research award received
* 1 grant submitted and awarded (French Embassy – Houston)
* 23 conference papers were submitted and accepted
* 6 article reviews were submitted
* A 20,000 word chapter for a monograph was completed

**Women Staff Professional Network (WSPN)**

This is a newly formed initiative. We began in June of 2016 and have hosted a forum on practical tips for increasing wellness in your life and opportunity for growth and other criticisms that challenge our vulnerability. The WSPN group strives to:

* Understand the needs of women staff at TTU
* Provide professional development opportunities
* Create venues for networking

We encourage you to participate in the WSPN Survey. Check your inbox for an email from gec@ttu.edu

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**President’s Gender Equity Council**

[www.depts.ttu.edu/genderequity](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/genderequity)

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**WFWG**

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**WSPN**

Sponsored by The President’s Gender Equity Council and the Women’s Studies Program

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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.

The Women's Studies Program Celebrated Women's Equality Day with online "Tweet Chat"

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.

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Upcoming Events

The Women’s Studies Program will host a screening of the film *Iron Jawed Angels* (2004) and a panel discussion on "Intersectionality and the Women’s Right to Vote", on **September 28**, Human Science Bldg. RM 169, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- 5:30 p.m. - Voter Registration
- 6:00 p.m. - Doors Open

About the film

Defiant young activists take the women’s suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk to help American women win the right to vote.

This film has been used in courses on our campus to help student’s learn and discuss the Women’s Suffrage Movement. While this film is a good starting point and brings to light issues facing the second wave suffragist, it is problematic when it comes to inclusion of non-white supporters.

The film does a good job in generating meanings about dominant norms and values, gender roles, and notions of equality. But, in turn, we also see how the suffrage movement was organized around exclusionary practices based on race, gender, class and citizenship.

Throughout history there have been a number of women of African descent that had long been mobilized to counter discrimination and oppression and had been lobbying for universal suffrage through voluntary organizations and Church groups. Since this film touches ever so slightly on this issue in one scene, it is assumed by the audience that that is the end of the story. But we know that isn’t true.

The panel discussion will highlight this and many other factors that seem to pit women against one another, all the while reaching for the same goal.

What is Intersectionality? - Intersectionality is not simply a means of documenting multiple categories of identity; rather, it is a political and historically-located structural analysis of power and hegemony that stems from the knowledge produced from the experiences of marginalized women.

In addition to the film and panel, there will be tables set up to answer any and all questions about registering to vote in Lubbock County. Volunteer deputy registrars will be on hand to officially register you to vote.

This event is FREE and open to the public.
Week Without Violence

"Week Without Violence" is an annual worldwide campaign that takes place in the 3rd 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 - December 1
Drop off in DOAK Hall RM 123 Collecting items to help benefit those that reside at Women's Protective Services.

Check our web site for the wish list!

RAPE MYTHS ON TRIAL: NAMING THE UNNAMED CONSPIRATOR

Noon – 1:20 p.m. | October 18, 2016
Library | TLPDC Room 153

ENGAGING MEN AS CHANGE AGENTS

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | October 19, 2016
Lunch provided. Please register today!
Library | TTU Library Rm 309 (3rd Floor)

Registration is FREE. Please go to the TLPDC "schedule of events" to register. Space is limited please register today!

#ItsOnUs

Have you taken the pledge?

On September 19, 2014 the White House launched the "It’s On Us" campaign, aimed at ending sexual assaults on college campuses.

Take the pledge: http://www.itsonus.org

Watch our PSA: YouTube
Sexism in Cinema: 50 years on the Silver Screen

Fifty years ago, the term “sexism” was coined. In light of this historical marker, Alamo Drafthouse and Texas Tech University invite you to this film series, which seeks to consider the ways in which sexism is embedded, endorsed, and/or challenged in the cinema.

How far have we come? How far do we need to go? Looking back at the past five decades, we have selected films that feature women as central protagonists in order to review changing attitudes toward sex/gender. Together, these films offer an intriguing site for the analysis of diverse representations of race/ethnicity, femininities, and sexualities.

All movies will begin at 7:00pm with a brief introduction. The films will be followed by 20-30 minutes in the theater for a focused discussion led by a TTU faculty member or expert guest speaker.

**We encourage all members of the TTU community to attend but ask that no extra credit/community service be offered.** The intent of this series is to attract people who are interested in these issues.

$3.00 admission for all

Sponsored by Alamo Drafthouse, International Film Series, Texas Tech University Cross-Cultural Academic Advancement Center, RISE, and Women's Studies Program.

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Thank you, organizers, Dr. Don Lavigne, Dr. Elizabeth Sharp, Dr. Dana Weiser and Dr. Allison Whitney. For more information, please contact dana.weiser@ttu.edu

Come out, have some food and drinks, watch & discuss, win some cool door prizes—this series is sure to be fun and thought provoking!

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Spotlight Rising Research Scholar

**Faculty, Staff and Students**

Co-sponsored by the Women’s Studies Advisory Council, the Spotlight Rising Research Scholar publicly acknowledges the quality, dedication, and achievements of faculty, staff and students with accomplishments in feminist research.

**Dr. Elizabeth Sharp**, Assoc. Professor, Human Development & Family Studies, Chair of the Gender Equity Council, Member of the Women’s Studies Advisory Council, Affiliated Faculty WSP. Dr. Sharp was selected as the winner of the 2016 Anselm Strauss Award for innovation in family qualitative research and the 2015 recipient for the Alexis J. Walker Award for Mid-Career Achievement in Feminist Family Studies. Using feminist framings, Dr. Sharp focuses on the interplay among gendered and familial ideologies. She is interested in the ways in which hegemonic femininities operate in women’s lives in a variety of (shifting) positions: as single women, as (new) wives, as women positioned in various socio-economic groups, as women claiming various racial-ethnic identities, as child-free women, as women in recovery from an eating disorder.

**Annika Conrick** is a sophomore History major and a Women’s Studies minor from Ft. Worth, TX. She has worked as a Social Justice Advocate for University Student Housing. She currently serves as the President of the Tech Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) student organization. She also serves and is involved in various organizations such as; Raiders Helping Others (RHO) under the Human Rights and Advocacy Committee, Future Lawyers of Today, Tech Student Democrats and mentors a student at Bayless Elementary through the Honors College.

**Christy Norfleet** is the Manager of Sales & Event Planning for Top Tier Catering at TTU with over 20 yrs of experience within the hospitality industry. She is currently pursuing a Sociology graduate degree & a Women’s Studies certificate. Christy is a member of the TTU President’s Gender Equity Council, co-chairing Title IX subcommittee and one a founding member of the Women’s Professional Staff Network. She serves as a departmental coordinator for the State Employee Charitable Campaign, a member of Staff Senate and the recipient of the 2015 Masked Rider Award. She was inducted into Triota Gamma Nu, in 2014 and has directed The Vagina Monologues for the 2015 and 2016 shows.

**Diamond Williams** is a graduating senior with a major in Psychology and a minor in Women’s Studies. Diamond pursued a degree in Psychology because it has always been of interest to her, since an early age. Along with her studies, she served as Complex Council of the Texas Tech Housing Community, worked with the NAACP, and recently was chosen for the TTU President’s Congressional Internship in Washington D.C.

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Peace Corps Prep

Are you thinking about volunteering for the Peace Corps after college? Are you considering a career in a global field and would like a stronger background in international experiences? Is it important to you to have a future career that contributes to the greater good, working to alleviate poverty, improve health and security in the world?

If you answer yes to one of these questions you might be interested in the new certificate program at Texas Tech called Peace Corps PREP.

- Registration for the new Peace Corps Preparation program at Texas Tech University is now open.

Peace Corps Prep is a 15 hr certificate program designed for undergraduate students who are planning to volunteer for the Peace Corps after college.

The program will provide foundational preparation for service, including a course of study that provides basic skills, global knowledge and cultural awareness that can provide an advantage for those who are applying to volunteer.

After course work, students will spend time in another country, performing a service-learning project that will give them experience working cooperatively in the field with people of other cultures.

Peace Corps Prep announced in Texas Tech Today

For more information and to learn how to apply visit the web site at: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/peacecorpsprep/

CONTACT: Dr. Charlotte Dunham, charlotte.dunham@ttu.edu, Director of Women’s Studies and Associate Professor of Sociology
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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