Welcome to the 2010-11 Year at TTU!

This new year opens up new opportunities for the Women’s Studies Program to become a part of your academic and social experience here at Texas Tech.

We invite you to get involved! With both a colloquium during the fall term and a conference in the spring, the Program offers the chance for you to present your research, learn what others are working on, tell a new story, and listen to new speakers.

Our Feminist Forum events invite you to get energized about thinking and making change in new and much needed ways. Our classes are full and we are offering scholarships – we hope you like our new-look newsletters, and you’ll find that there are many ways to start becoming the change you want to see!

- Laura M. Calkins, Director

Gender & Gender Identity Colloquium

Highlighting Feminist Research

The Women’s Studies Program will host a Fall Colloquium on October 29th here on the Texas Tech campus. The purpose of the colloquium is to provide the academic community an opportunity to present papers and panels analyzing and discussing specific topics related to feminist research on gender and gender identity. In the past, topics have included gender and media, gender and political activism, cultural construction of gender, and psychology of sex roles.

We are currently accepting paper and full panel proposals, in progress or completed. The deadline for proposals is by email Friday, October 15th. Look for our announcement in Tech Announce or review our web site for submission guidelines. This year the colloquium will be on Friday, October 29th on the campus in the Senate Room located in the Student Union.

Feminist Forum
A Place for Discussion

The Women’s Studies Program is pleased to announce two forums this semester that will provide a place for discussion, creating a thread of communication focusing on gender equality.

The first forum, “Methods of Advocacy & Activism”, will be held on September 27th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Holden Hall RM 6.

The main theme of this Forum will be to help generate ideas about how to start or maintain communication and activism and learn from others about their experiences of advocacy within our community.

Individuals can find personal motivation in their own lived experiences and begin to mobilize larger groups, but how? This forum offers us an opportunity to hear feminist voices that remind us of how one person’s dedication to a cause or issue can become another person’s reason to act on behalf of that cause. Come along and learn about getting or keeping your group up and running.
Professor Laura J. Beard has been named Interim Chair of the Department of Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures.

Dr. Elizabeth Hall-Burns, Associate Professor (Health, Exercise and Sport Sciences), has been selected as the recipient of the 2010 West Texas Association for Women in Science’s “Outstanding Woman Leader in Science” award. She was nominated for her support of women in science and engineering by Julie Isom and Lou Densmore.


Dr. Anne Hawkins, Associate Professor of Book History in the Department of English, was interviewed in the July 11 edition of [continued on page 3]
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Dr. Joyce Carter, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Technical Communication in the Department of English, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Conference on College Composition and Communication. Her three-year term is for the years 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Dr. Jacqueline Kolosov, Associate Professor of Creative Writing (English), will publish a critical essay on ekphrastic poetry (poetry based on visual art), “The Ekphrastic Poem: A Grounded Instance of Seeing,” in The Writer’s Chronicle, the bi-monthly journal of AWP (Associated Writing Programs). In addition, she has poetry and nonfiction forthcoming in Water~stone Review, Poetry East, Windhover, Under the Sun, and a Salmon Press anthology of poetry about dogs titled Dogs Singing - A Tribute Anthology.

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The second forum this semester, “Collective Identity within Social Movements”, will be held on October 4th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Holden Hall RM 6.

This forum is intended to discuss how the history of the Women’s Movement and the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) Civil Rights movement intertwine and construct multiple voices with a common goal of gaining equality. We will view the documentary, “Mom’s Apple Pie: The Heart of the Lesbian Mothers’ Custody Movement”. This film, narrated by Kate Clinton, interviews sons and daughters who were separated from their mothers, the mothers themselves, and one woman who made the difficult decision to flee with her children.

Founders of the Lesbian Rights Project (now the National Center for Lesbian Rights) and the Lesbian Mothers’ National Defense Fund recount the founding of their organizations in response to the bevy of court rulings granting custody to grandparents, fathers and distant relatives based on the belief that lesbians would be unfit parents.

The forums are FREE and open to the public. Faculty using these events as part of their course curriculum or extra credit should note that “proof of attendance” forms will be provided.

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**Lubbock Community Events**

**Networking | Advocacy | Organizing**

After the successful events of 2008 organized by Texas Tech University’s Student Diversity Relations Department a “GLBTQ & Allies Awareness Steering Committee” was formed to continue planning and scheduling events. As a coalition of the Lubbock community and Texas Tech University community, coordinated events are intended to encourage honesty and openness about being gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer or being an ally. In addition to the many events planned for the month of October, Faculty may be interested in reserving a class presentation by TTU Student Counseling Center, PFLAG Lubbock and others. For more information and a detailed calendar visit the Lubbock Area Community events page on our web site.

“Week Without Violence” (October 18-23, 2010) is an annual worldwide campaign that takes place in the third week of October to encourage communities to think and act towards a world without violence.

Events consist of Information Fair, Candlelight Vigil, Literary Reading Performances and Panel Discussions. For a detailed calendar list visit the Women’s Studies web site listed below.

Events are FREE and open to the public. For more information contact the Women’s Studies office or Roy Rios, Coordinator of Community Education and Development, Women’s Protective Services, 748-5292 or www.wpslbk.org

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**Advertise Your Spring Class!**

Spring 2011

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

**What are students saying about our Introduction to Women’s Studies course?**

“The class was very interesting to say the least. I enjoyed it. The topics and the openness of the class made it a better learning experience.”

“I enjoyed this class a lot. I mostly enjoyed how open and honest everyone was. I liked hearing everyone’s opinions on various topics. The class was a lot different than I expected, luckily. I had a lot of fun and will remember the discussions and the people for a long time. Thank you.”

“I really enjoyed this class. The things discussed in class opened my mind about a lot of important social issues regarding women, minorities etc.”
Announcements | Call for Papers | Conferences of Interest

H-Net Academic Announcements is a great resource for CFP’s, fellowships, programs, workshops, publications etc. For more information visit: http://www.h-net.org/announce

National Women's Studies Association is a great place for Conferences & CFP’s. For more information visit: http://www.nwsa.org/cfps/jan.mar.php

“Difficult Dialogues II”
National Women's Studies Association
November 11-14, 2010
For more information visit: http://www.nwsa.org/conference/

“Black and Brown Feminisms in Hip Hop Media”
University of Texas at San Antonio
March 4-5, 2011
CFP deadline: Nov. 15, 2010
For more information visit: http://www.nwsa.org/cfps/jan.mar.php

36th Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference
Philadelphia, PA
March 3-6, 2011
CFP deadline Oct 29, 2010
For more information visit: http://www.awpsycho.org/

Interdisciplinary Conference in Women's and Gender Studies: Global Discourses
Middle Tennessee State University
March 24-26, 2011
CFP deadline: Nov. 1, 2010
For more information visit: http://www.mtsu.edu/womensstu/conference/

TTU All-University Conference on the Advancement of Women in Higher Education is scheduled for February 4th, 2011.
Save the date!
Call for Papers coming in November.
For more information visit: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies/AWHE.php