

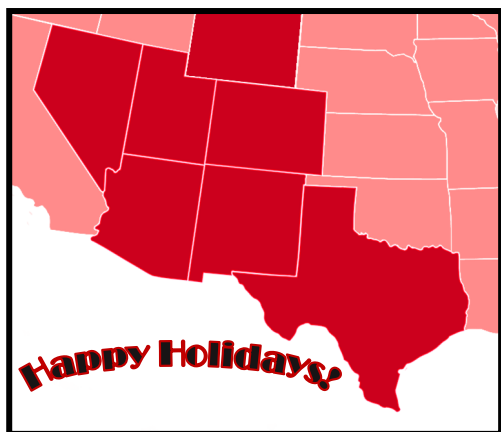
REGIONAL NEWSLETTER Fall 2016

Covering gender & women's studies & research institutes in Arizona, New Mexico, Northwest Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Nevada, Wyoming and Utah

Dear Colleagues,

With the shift in political climate, academic programs in gender and women's studies are even more imperative - not only for the advancement of the next generation of scholars, researchers, non-profit and governmental leaders, and activists – but as embracing spaces for students who may feel unwelcomed in our county, communities, and on our campuses. Many may feel unsafe due to gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or for other reasons. We must support each other while we challenge oppression. Celebrating our differences, reaching out to others, focusing on the positive while addressing the negative, and engaging in self-compassion can help us as we embark on 2017.

I look forward to discussing many of the issues that we face, particularly given recent events, at our next **Southwest Regional Gender and Women's Studies Summit** meeting. This year's meeting will be hosted by UA-SIROW and the University of Texas El Paso (UTEP), Department of Women's and Gender Studies. The meeting will take place **January 27-28 in El Paso at UTEP**. If you are the chair or head of a women's studies department or program or are the director of a women's research center or institute and wish to attend, please contact Stephanie Murphy at sumurphy@email.arizona.edu. For those of you who have already registered, I look forward to seeing you there. We have much to discuss this year.



In this newsletter we highlight some of the work of our regional colleagues including recent and forthcoming events, publications, and awards and accolades. As always, I am impressed with the wide scope of scholarship, research, and activism that is ongoing in our region. With that being said, I wish you an enjoyable, productive, and healthy holiday season!

- **Sally Stevens** (Executive Director; UA-SIROW)

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Fall 2016 Events

Exciting Fall Events at Fort Lewis College!

(Submitted by Kathy-Fine Dare)

The Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (“the G”) at **Fort Lewis College**, under the directorship of **Nancy Stoffer**, sponsored a number of events this fall. Safe Zone training for faculty and staff took place in September, and the Abiding Abbess of San Francisco Zen Center’s Green Gulch Farm, Fu Schroeder, spoke on campus regarding sustainability issues and to offer a Buddhist perspective on identity and the LGBT community. On Thursdays “Tea at the G” discussions were held on sex work, sexual assault, banned books, asexual awareness, trans awareness and many other topics. On October 22nd GWS Coordinator **Kathy Fine-Dare** gave a talk for the AAUW fall fundraising luncheon on “Mapping Three Decades of Feminist Anthropology Onto One Woman’s Career.” On November 15th, “A Queer and Pleasant Danger” was screened and followed by a discussion with the filmmaker, Kate Bornstein.



Glam Week in Silver City, NM

The Center for Gender Equity at **Western New Mexico University** sponsored its second annual Glam Week from Monday, October 10th to Thursday, October 13th and—it was glamorous! In partnership with numerous community organizations, Glam Week seeks to promote awareness about gender and sexuality issues. Events included informative panels and workshops hosted by the Center, a national coming out day march, a drag show and live music by Las Cafeteras, Summer Osbourne, and Crys Matthews. By all accounts, the week was a resounding success!

SIROW Mission:

To develop, conduct, and disseminate collaborative outreach, education, intervention, and research projects of importance to diverse groups

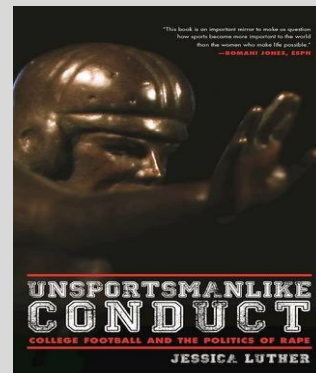
SIROW Goals:

- ◇ Engage in collaborative feminist research focusing on topics pertinent to the lives of women and families.
- ◇ Develop and conduct outreach and participatory action research on a wide range of mental and physical health, legal, employment, education, and diversity issues.
- ◇ Examine and support women’s contribution to literature, the arts, and Southwest heritage.
- ◇ Advocate for women and families by linking researchers with community organizations and policy makers.



8th Annual Gender & Gender Identity Colloquium at Texas Tech University

The Texas Tech University Women's Studies Program, co-sponsored a series of campus events as part of the "Week Without Violence" (WWV). WWV is an annual worldwide campaign that takes place in October as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month to encourage communities to think and act towards a world without violence. The week culminated on Friday October 21, with the Women's Studies Program's 8th Annual Gender & Gender Identity Colloquium and keynote Lecture. The keynote speaker, Jessica W. Luther author of *Unsportsmanlike Conduct: College Football and the Politics of Rape*, addressed the relationship between sports, gender and violence.



Haunted Halloween at UA SIROW!

Each year at **the University of Arizona**, SIROW hosts a Halloween costume party. This year's party was themed "haunted food" and each research site dressed for the occasion. The party featured games and prizes. Staff celebrated with colleagues and collaborators. SIROW Central won the group costume contest with the theme "Carnival" that featured cotton candy, popcorn, a hotdog, funnel cake, and candy apple. Fun was had by all!

25 Years of Women's Studies at BYU

Brigham Young University Women's Research Institute hosted its 6th Annual Fall Women's Studies Conference on November 4th. The conference was free and open to the public. This year BYU celebrated 25 years of the Women's Studies minor with the theme: #25yearsofbreakingstereotypes. The speakers included two distinguished Women's Research Institute directors, Mary Stovall Richards and Marie Cornwall as well as alumnae Dr. Jennifer Finlayson-Fife. Congratulations on 25 years and here's to many more to come!

25 YEARS
OF BREAKING STEREOTYPES:
Celebrating **BYU** *Womens Studies*
Friday, November 4
Hinckley Alumni & Visitors Center

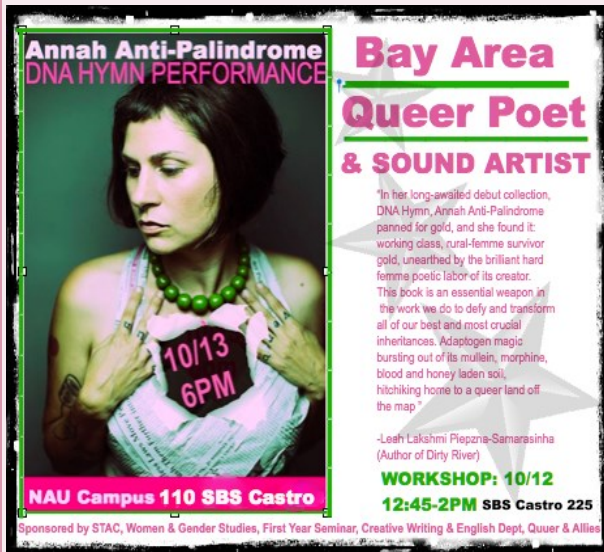
FEATURING
Former Directors of the
Women's Research Institute &
Women's Studies Alumnae including:
Jennifer Finlayson-Fife, Ph.D.
LDS Relationship & Sexuality Counselor

"Faithful Non-Orthodoxy: Forging Female
Strength within LDS Theology and Tradition"

Mentoring Future Leaders at Utah State University

This fall, the Center for Women and Gender (CWG) at **Utah State University** sponsored a program, Leadership Initiative for Undergraduate Women this fall. The initiative offers leadership mentoring through a series of events. Sessions focused on questions such as, "Who is a leader? Where is your place in the leadership world? Other topics included: "Values, Goals and Barriers for Women in Leadership" and "Self-presentation, Leadership Etiquette, Networking". The program is designed to develop leadership capacities for undergraduate women students who may not yet see themselves as leaders, but have a sense of their career goals and desired contributions. From the Center: "The potential leader we seek wants to help others grow, likes to promote others, works to be collaborative, advocates for others, and is sensitive to power issues and issues of inequality." The CWG Women's Leadership Initiative helps women develop understanding, independence, and self-efficacy necessary for leadership success. Keep up the good work!

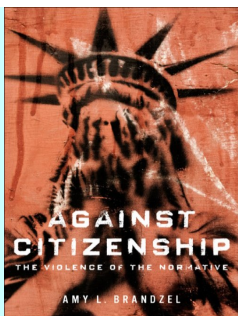
Arts and Politics at Northern Arizona University



The Women's and Gender Studies Department at **Northern Arizona University** sponsored a variety of events this fall. On October 6, the first annual Women's Film Festival was held at the Orpheum Theater in Flagstaff; all proceeds benefitted Housing Solutions of Northern Arizona. On October 12 and 13, Bay Area Poet & Sound Artist, Annah Anti Palindrome gave a workshop and performance to students and faculty. On Friday October 21, Dr. Shampa Biswas of Whitman College gave a lecture entitled, "Clinton v. Trump and the Nuclear Button: Gender Rationality and Responsibility in the Nuclear Age". And on November 15, internationally renowned ecofeminist Dr. Vandana Shiva visited the campus to give a lecture titled, "Earth University."

Metro State Women Studies Supports Undocumented Students

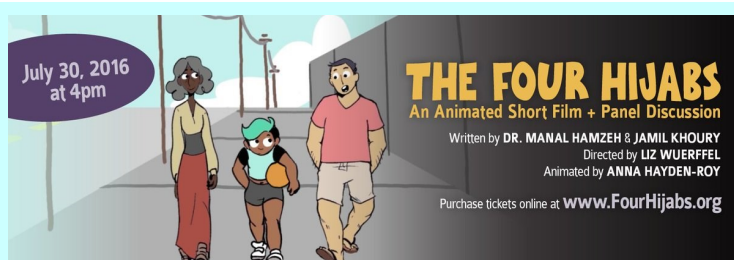
On November 8, the **Metropolitan State University** Institute for Women's Studies and Services sponsored an "Unafraid Educators Day Out" event at the Auraria Campus. Educators, staff and students came together to show their commitment to ensuring the success of DREAMers and Undocumented students. From the Institute website: "In light of the recent election as well as the hateful and violent rhetoric and action it has brought, we at the Institute for Women's Studies and Services have a renewed passion and commitment to not only stand in solidarity with marginalized communities affected by this election result but to create spaces and places on campus and in our office where students can gather and feel safe, supported and empowered."



Amy L. Brandzel, assistant Professor of American Studies and Women Studies at the **University of New Mexico**, authored *Against Citizenship: The Violence of the Normative*, published by University of Illinois Press in April 2016. *Against Citizenship* is an impassioned plea for a queer, decolonial, anti-racist coalitional stance against systemized citizenship. *H-Net Reviews* called *Against Citizenship* a "thoughtful, energizing, and inspiring work [that] should be commended for scholars and activists alike who are engaged in sociopolitical critique." Congratulations, Dr. Brandzel!

Colorado College Continues to Support Undergraduates' Public Scholarship

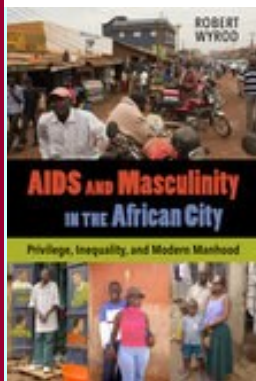
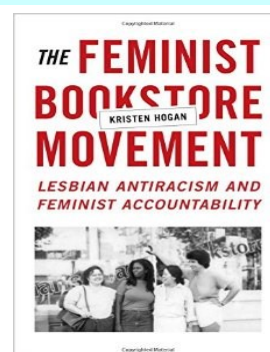
Since our last newsletter, three undergraduate students from **Colorado College's** Feminist and Gender Studies Department published articles in the popular online feminist blog, *The Feminist Wire*. They are **Angela Kong** (FGS '17), **Jazlyn Andrews** (FGS '17), **Jade Pearl Frost** (FGS and English '17). Kong's "The Model Minority Myth: 'Performing' Asian" and Andrews' "'Wrong or Right, Black or White?': The Convergence of Race, Gender, and Justice in Constructions of Catwoman" were both published as part of their Editorial Assistant internship position for *The Feminist Wire* under the supervision of Colorado College Professor **Heidi R. Lewis**. Frost's *Feminist Wire* article, "When You're Not Physically Masculine: Colorado College's Body Privilege" was reviewed by Faith Brar of *Shape* magazine. Brar writes that it "speaks to a much larger struggle several colleges are facing with students: Promoting health and wellness, while not fat-shaming students and damaging their self-esteem." Some great public scholarship from Colorado College students!



Dr. Manal Hamzeh, associate professor of Interdisciplinary at **New Mexico State University**, co-wrote the script for the animated short film, *The Four Hijabs* with Jamil Khoury of Silk Road Rising, a film company that focuses on storytelling through an Asian-American and Middle Eastern-American

lens. *Four Hijabs* was inspired by Hamzeh's book, "Pedagogies and Deveiling: Muslim Girls and the Hijab Discourse," which was based on her doctoral dissertation on her work with a group of Muslim girls in Las Cruces. The film premiered at Chicago's Silk Road Rising Theater over the summer and will be shown at New Mexico State University next spring. Congratulations Dr. Hamzeh!

Dr. Kristen Hogan, Educational Coordinator for the Gender and Sexuality Center at the **University of Texas Austin**, authored *The Feminist Bookstore Movement: Lesbian Antiracism & Feminist Accountability* which was published by Duke University Press in April 2016. In it, Hogan traces the feminist bookstore movement's rise and eventual fall, restoring its radical work to public feminist memory. *Ms.* Magazine reviews, "Hogan has written a history of those thought-leading small businesses and the lesbians and women of color behind them, in which she celebrates the power of the feminist printed word." Congratulations Dr. Hogan!



Dr. Robert Wyrod, Assistant Professor in the Department of Women and Gender Studies and the International Affairs at the **University of Colorado Boulder**, authored the book, *AIDS and Masculinity in the African City: Privilege, Inequality, and Modern Manhood*. It was recently published by University of California Press in July 2016. His book is the first to examine how the AIDS epidemic has shaped masculinity in urban Africa. "Based on a decade of ethnographic research in an urban slum community in the capital Kampala, this book reveals the persistence of masculine privilege in the age of AIDS and the implications such privilege has for combating AIDS across the African continent". Congratulations Dr. Wyrod!

Awards and Accolades

Dr. Agatha Beins, Assistant Professor of Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies at **Texas Woman's University**, has been awarded a postdoctoral fellowship in women's history at Tulane University from January through July 2017. The Bonquois Postdoctoral Fellowship is hosted by the Newcomb College Institute. During the fellowship, Dr. Beins will work on her scholarship, collaborate with an interdisciplinary group of scholars at the Newcombe College Institute and Tulane University, and give a public lecture on her research. Congratulations, Dr. Beins!

The Department of Interdisciplinary Gender and Ethnic Studies at the **University of Nevada Las Vegas** participated in a cross-campus initiative along with Sociology and the College of Education to develop a Graduate Certificate program in Social Justice Studies. The Graduate Certificate was approved and will begin in Fall 2017. What exciting developments at UNLV!

Alma Jackie Salcedo, Women and Gender Studies Program Coordinator at the **University of Texas Austin**, received the 2016 Texas Exes James W. Vick Award for Academic Advising. From the department website: "'Compassionate, altruistic, proactive, selfless', are a few of the words students use to describe academic advisor Salcedo. At the Center for Women's and Gender Studies, she is an especially strong advocate for women, students of color, first-generation college students, and LGBT students". Congratulations, Jackie!

A number of graduate students at the **University of Arizona** Gender and Women Studies Department have been honored with awards and fellowships. **Ian Ellasante** and **Mel Ferrara**, doctoral students in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, have been named Point Scholars, becoming the first UA students to receive the prestigious scholarship. **Stephanie Murphy** became the department's fourth consecutive AAUW American Dissertation Fellow. **Liz Kinnamon**, **Emrah Karakus**, and **Alex Karaman** were awarded Confluence Center Graduate Fellowships for proposed interdisciplinary research projects. Kinnamon's project focuses on mindfulness in Silicon Valley's tech industry. Karakus explores urban transformations on queer communities in Turkey. Karaman investigates hip-hop music production and listenership and Palestinian identity formation. Congratulations to these students!

Looking Forward



33rd Advancement of Women Conference at Texas Tech

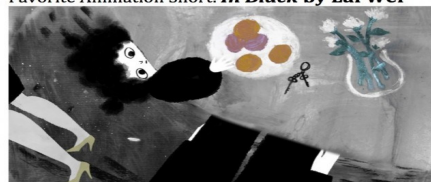
The Women's Studies Program at **Texas Tech University** proudly announced a call for papers for the **33rd Annual Conference on The Advancement of Women**, which will take place April 21st at Texas Tech University. This year's conference is titled, *Contesting Multiple Margins from Local to Global and Back Again*. The conference will feature an exciting keynote speakers, former Colorado Congresswoman, Pat Schroeder. From the conference website: "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." Proposals are due by **February 24th**. More information can be found here: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/wstudies/AWHE_2016.php

2nd Annual Feminist Border Arts Film Festival at New Mexico State

On April 17th at **New Mexico State University**, the second annual **Feminist Border Arts Film Festival** will take place. The first festival was a huge success, with over 273 entries. From the festival website: "Sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Studies Department/Women's Studies, the film festival expands the aims of Women's History Month beyond March to participate in year-round, intersectional events. More directly, the festival endeavors to intervene in the representation of women, people of color, LGBTQ+, disabled, and non-U.S. or/and non-Eurocentric peoples and nations in contemporary U.S. film culture." The festival features short films, under 15 minutes long, by student and professional filmmakers, both domestic and international, which address gender roles and identity, sexuality, race, class, transnationality, dis/ability, and other categories of identity and difference. The call for submissions is now open and closes on **March 1st**. More information can be found here: <https://wsprogram.nmsu.edu/film-festival/>

Audience Choice Awards for the 2016 Feminist Border Arts Film Festival

Favorite Animation Short: ***In Black* by Lai Wei**



Favorite Narrative Live Action Short: ***Schleierhaft* by Tim Ellrich**





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