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**Center for Women's Studies Hours**  
**Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday 6:00-10:00 p.m.**

## From the Director...

It is hard to believe that we are already into the second semester. This year has been productive and fun and this coming term looks like it will be very exciting. Last fall I began the year by discussing how we can integrate activism into our daily lives at the first Brown Bag in September. This spring we will continue to look at how people think about themselves as activists and how they act on their beliefs in many areas of their work and life.

I am particularly excited by a series of events, which will occur in February. These events are linked by the idea of Women Working for Change. On Feb. 17, Carol Gilligan, the author of *In A Different Voice*, will be speaking on campus. Her work changed the conversation in many disciplines because she challenged the dominant voice in psychological research by saying that you cannot describe human development by studying only one kind of human experience. Her talk "In a different voice, eighteen years later" promises to be intellectually challenging and I am personally looking forward to seeing her here.

The next day five alumnae will be speaking at a Gateway program about their current occupations and how studying Women's Studies at Colgate influenced their work. Finally, on Saturday, these return-

ing women will be spending time with current students, who have been selected through nominations by faculty and staff from all over the University. They will be discussing the topic of how we work for change and sustain ourselves while we do that.

These events will contribute to one of the goals I have had as the current Director. I am deeply interested in the question of how we want to live our lives connected to those we know and to those we don't know in an increasingly connected world. I think in order to do this in ways that do not simply support the status quo, we must combine our intellectual lives with our daily lives. The women coming here will help us all think about that.

We continue to have very exciting projects and programs at the Center for Women's Studies. One of the highlights of last term for me was a trip to Seneca Falls with several students and faculty. We visited the home of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Wesleyan Chapel, and then traveled to Auburn to the home of Harriet Tubman. I think we were all moved and energized by this trip.

We have some very important Brown Bag speakers coming this term, so please check this Newsletter so you can mark your calendars. I look forward to seeing many new and many familiar faces this term.

Kay Johnston

## P.A. Notes

Welcome back! A new semester is under way at the Center for Women's Studies, and there is much to look forward to. With the cooperation of the ever-amazing staff of Student Assistants, the Center will be launching a number of new programs and projects. Meanwhile, existing programs will continue to enrich the Colgate community with an array of entertaining and educational opportunities.

In addition to Black History Month, February is Women in Activism Month at the Center. Throughout the month, look for our programs to reflect the various ways in which women are making change. This theme compliments the upcoming Women's Studies conference, "Women Working for Change," February 17-19. In particular, our Brown Bag speakers will address the importance of taking action in our world. Among our invited guests are Bernadine Dohrn, former anti-war organizer, and Kim Sacco '93, vice president of the North American Indian Project in Syracuse, which works to promote the economic, cultural and political self-determination of American Indians in the Syracuse area.

For many people, social activism is something other people do. However, at the recent Brown Bag panel discussion (*cont'd on page 3*)

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FEBRUARY - APRIL 2000

All events are free and held at the Center for Women's Studies, unless otherwise noted

## February

### 8 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Bernadine Dohrn  
Co-sponsored with Peace Studies  
11:30 a.m.

### 14 MONDAY

Reel Women Film Series  
*Incredibly True Adventures of 2 Girls in Love*  
8 p.m.

### 15 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Sunny Dooley, Navajo storyteller  
11:30 a.m.

### 16 WEDNESDAY

Professor Clarice Martin  
*"Ain't I A Woman?": Images of Black Women*  
for Love Your Body Week  
11:30 a.m.

### 17 THURSDAY-19 SATURDAY

"Women Working for Change" Conference  
*By invitation only*  
Sponsored by Women's Studies

### 17 THURSDAY

Carol Gilligan  
*In a different voice, eighteen years later*  
Love Auditorium  
7:30 p.m.

### 20 SUNDAY

Women of Color Film Series  
*Fire*  
8 p.m.

### 22 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Kim Sacco, NAIP  
11:30 a.m.

### 24 THURSDAY

Info session on Women's Diversity Conference  
4 p.m.  
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### 28 MONDAY

Reel Women Film Series  
*Norma Rae*  
8 p.m.

### 29 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Molly Ames Baker  
11:30 a.m.

## March

### 2 THURSDAY

Leonora Zefi, OxFam  
TBA  
4 p.m.

### 5 SUNDAY-9 THURSDAY

Women's Week

### 5 SUNDAY

Center for Women's Studies Open House  
Noon-4 p.m.

Reading of *The Vagina Monologues*  
7:30 p.m.

### 6 MONDAY

Carolyn Nordstrom  
Slide presentation on child soldiers in war  
4 p.m.

Reel Women Film Series  
*A League of Their Own*  
8 p.m.

### 7 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Tracy Huling, feminist filmmaker  
11:30 a.m.

Roundtable dinner discussion  
"What is the future of feminism?"  
ALANA Cultural Center  
6 p.m.

### 8 WEDNESDAY

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

### 9 THURSDAY

Women's Resource Fair  
Hall of Presidents  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

### 20 MONDAY

Reel Women Film Series  
*The Joy Luck Club*  
8 p.m.

### 21 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Denise Kimber Buell, Williams College  
11:30 a.m.

### 25 SATURDAY

Field Trip to Syracuse Stage  
*A Raisin in the Sun*  
Co-sponsored with ALANA Cultural Center

### 26 SUNDAY

Women of Color Film Series

*Waiting to Exhale*  
8 p.m.

### 28 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Professor Jing Wang  
11:30 a.m.

## April

### 4 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Professor Lorraine Madway  
11:30 a.m.

### 8 SATURDAY

3rd Annual Women's Diversity Conference

### 10 MONDAY

Reel Women Film Series  
*Housekeeping*  
8 p.m.

### 11 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
*Illness in the Family: Personal Stories*  
11:30 a.m.

### 16 SUNDAY

Women of Color Film Series  
*The Pillow Book*  
8 p.m.

### 18 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Professor Maureen Hays-Mitchell  
11:30 a.m.

### 24 MONDAY

Reel Women Film Series  
*Jupiter's Wife*  
8 p.m.

### 25 TUESDAY

Brown Bag Lunch Series  
Professor Ulla Grapard  
11:30 a.m.

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**P.A. Notes (cont'd)** entitled, "Colgate Students Making A Difference," the six women who spoke made it clear that activism is a realistic pursuit and a rewarding lifestyle for anyone and especially for students. For me, that panel raised the issue of service learning as a necessary but under-utilized component of higher education. Intellectual privilege should not justify apathy; it is not enough to talk about making a difference or read about historical and contemporary figures who are achieving those goals. To paraphrase Gandhi, we must strive to be the change we wish to see in the world.

Along those lines, March 5-9 will mark the Colgate debut of Women's Week. This five-day event will offer the Colgate community the opportunity to learn more about women's issues on campus and in the world. There will be performances, lectures, a roundtable discussion about the future of feminism in the 21st century and a resource fair featuring local and regional women's organizations. Wednesday, March 8, is International Women's Day, and in honor of that day and in conjunction with Women's Week, there will be several multicultural programs offered around campus. For a more complete schedule of events, consult the back page of this newsletter and keep your eyes out for posters. I encourage all of you to attend at least one event during the week. It promises to be a celebration worth repeating next year!

Don't hesitate to stop in anytime to check out our library, read the newspaper, grab a cup of coffee, or catch a nap on one of our couches. Our evening study hours will resume this week, so keep the Center in mind for a quiet place to study. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Center soon. Best wishes for a successful and exciting semester.

Karen B. Zaidberg

## Announcing the new Women's Studies web site!

[http://departments.colgate.edu/womens\\_studies](http://departments.colgate.edu/womens_studies)

- ☞ Check on-line for upcoming conferences, lectures, movies & Brown Bag Lunch speakers!
- ☞ Find links to many local and national women's organizations!
- ☞ Get more information about student groups at the Center, including Colgate Society of Feminists (CSF) and Sisters of the Round Table (SORT)!
- ☞ Learn about important issues and legislations, and how you can get involved!

*Projected Launch Date March 2000*

## UPCOMING CONFERENCE

### **Breaking Barriers: Colgate's 3rd Annual Women's Diversity Conference**

**Saturday, April 8, 2000**

The objective of this conference is to address the issues and differences that divide the community of women. It is important that women interact with one another because in spite of all our differences, there are an overwhelming amount of obstacles and experiences that we share by nature of being women. It is important that we acknowledge and understand the differences that underlie our everyday interactions with each other and at times can hinder what could be great relationships with one another. It is crucial to recognize and appreciate that different does not always mean separate and that we are all women varying in shape, size, and color. This womanhood that is shared by all is something that cannot be reproduced, removed, or replaced, so it might as well be embraced. Let us rejoice over this unique quality we possess... together, as sisters.

For more information, contact Kiwanda Austin ([kaustin@mail.colgate.edu](mailto:kaustin@mail.colgate.edu), x.5240) or Karen Zaidberg ([kzaidberg@mail.colgate.edu](mailto:kzaidberg@mail.colgate.edu), x.7156).

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**WOMEN'S WEEK**  
**March 5-9, 2000**

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Sunday, March 5

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Readings from Eve Ensler's play, *The Vagina Monologues*. 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 6

Carolyn Nordstrom slide presentation and talk on child soldiers in war. 4:30 p.m.

Reel Women Film Series. *A League of Their Own*. 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7

Brown Bag Lunch Series. Tracy Huling, feminist filmmaker to screen some of her work. 11:30 a.m.

Roundtable dinner discussion: "What is the future of feminism?" ALANA Cultural Center. 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

International Women's Day      *Schedule TBA*

Thursday, March 9

Women's Resource Fair, featuring community and campus resources from Planned Parenthood of Syracuse, to FEDS, to the National Organization for Women, and more! Demonstrations and free chair massages! Hall of Presidents. 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Lecture TBA. 4:30 p.m.

***Women's Studies Courses***  
***Spring 2000***

*WMST 202 Women's Lives: Introduction to Women's Studies*

*WMST 490 Senior Seminar: The Relational Self*

*CLAS 232 Women in Greek & Roman Antiquity*

*COMP 332 Writing in the Social Sciences: Going Co-Ed*

*COMP 347 Language and Gender*

*CORE 180 Women in China*

*ECON 334 Gender in the Economy*

*ENGL 306 Writing and Society in the America Renaissance*

*HIST 312 U.S. Women's History 1900-Present*

*RELG 342 Narrative, Myth, and the Sacred*

*SOAN 355 Community Service: Theory and Applications*

*SOAN 371 Anthropological Perspectives on African Women*