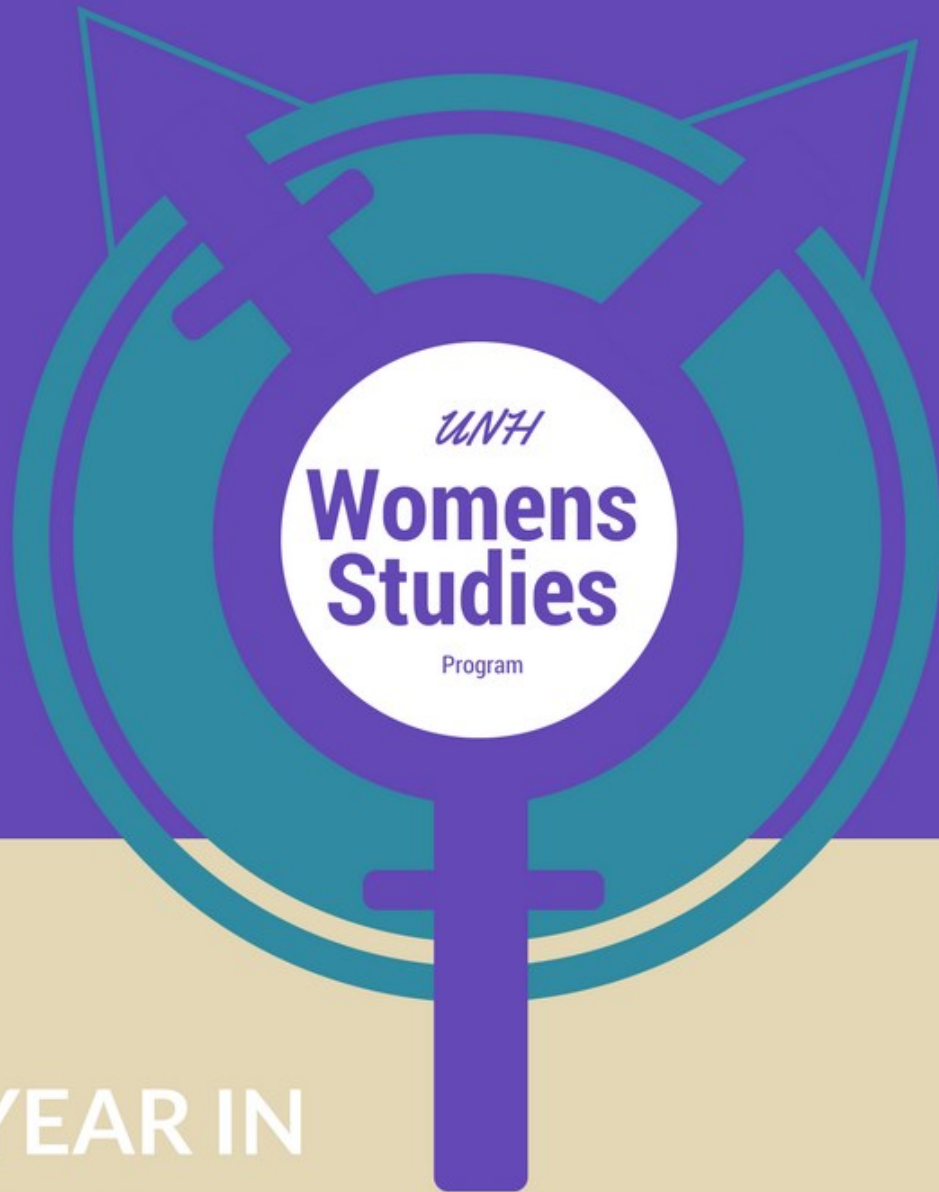


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FULL CIRCLE



A YEAR IN
REVIEW

From the Coordinator

A letter from Dr. Marla Brettschneider



It has been an excellent year in the WS program at UNH. I write with much pride and awe, even as I am quite sad that this will be my last letter for Full Circle as WS Coordinator. I have served as WS Coordinator for the past ten years (with Dr. Delia Konzett stepping in while I was on sabbatical), working hard and loving it. WS is more relevant and targeted than ever. Our program, and programs across the country, are seeing boosted enrollments. We in WS at UNH, like so many WS Programs in the US, have been weathering significant and constant harassment after the November election. We are still dealing with the right to know orders and staying strong. This year we said so long to Faina Bukher, Assistant WS Coordinator, as she moved on to a new wonderful position as Program Manager for the Center for Social Innovation and Enterprise. This gave us an opportunity to welcome in Julia Pond. Julia joined us as the new WS Assistant Coordinator when the new academic year was about to begin. Julia jumped right in, learning on the job as much as she developed it and reinvigorated the Program.

This academic year we also welcomed Dr. Lyn Tjon Soei Len as a new tenure track faculty member. I look forward to many years of our students getting to study with Lyn. It has been amazing to have her with us on the faculty this year.

The Social Justice Leadership minor is now in full swing with exciting courses and opportunities. There are already approximately 15 registered SJL minors and much interest. Our external donors and allies are truly dear to our hearts and our work. One of our stalwart external donors, with whom we developed the Social Justice Leadership Project, made a significant new commitment to our work with a grant of \$150,000 over the next three years. This has enabled us to continue operations, hire our first Student Social Justice Leadership Fellow, and support students, staff, and faculty for our feminist social justice work in exciting new ways.

WS alums have been active and engaged. They are connecting with each other and are here as resources for current students. Seek them out! WS is working on a Graduate Feminist Studies Certificate, a 5 year Feminist Social Justice Masters in Public Policy option in the UNH Carsey School, growing our partnerships with The Washington Center, the College for Social Innovation's Semester in the City Program, and a 5 year Law degree with the UNH Law School.

This year WS had an amazing experience on our tenure track search for new Africana and African American Feminist Studies professors. Next year Dr. Aria Halliday and Dr. Tina Beyene will join our team as full-time WS faculty and Dr. Kabria Baumgartner will join the Department of English as a Core Faculty in WS. WS Core Faculty from Psychology Dr. Katie Edwards has gone up for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor. Dr. Delia Konzett, Dr. Siobhan Senier, and Dr. Sharyn Potter, have put cases forward for promotion to Full Professor. You may not be aware how difficult it can still be for feminist faculty to earn tenure and promotion at UNH and more generally. WS continues to lead efforts at transforming the norms at UNH and in academia more broadly.

In addition, please help me welcome Dr. Siobhan Senier as our new WS Coordinator starting up next year. Our award winning students have been as feisty, smart, and creative as ever. Check out the news tidbits on our grad students inside this issue of *Full Circle*. Stay tuned for updates on these and other developments. It has never been more exciting to be in WS at UNH.

With much gratitude and in solidarity,

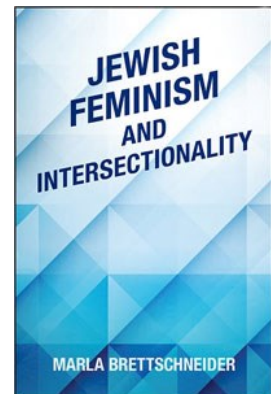
Dr. Marla Brettschneider

For an updated list of Women's Studies Faculty Bios, please visit: <http://cola.unh.edu/faculty/womens-studies>

Faculty News

Dr. Marla Brettschneider published a new book: *Jewish Feminism and Intersectionality*.

Jewish Feminism and Intersectionality explores a range of opportunities to apply and build intersectionality studies from within the life and work of Jewish feminism in the United States today.



Dr. Joelle Ruby Ryan, Promoted to Senior Lecturer

Dr. Maria Basterra, Professor of Mathematics joined the WS Core Faculty.

For more information about the UNH WS Faculty, please visit:

<http://cola.unh.edu/faculty/womens-studies>



Dr. Lyn Tjon Soeil Len

Dr. Aria Halliday

Dr. Tina Beyene

Dr. Kabria Baumgartner

The New Faculty of UNH Women's Studies

After 2 successful searches, WS is excited to introduce the newest T-T and Core Faculty of the program. Dr. Lyn Tjon Soei Len joined the program in August of 2016. Dr. Tina Beyene and Dr. Aria Halliday will join the faculty in August of 2017. And Dr. Kabria Baumgartner will join the WS Core Faculty in January of 2018. We are excited about their research, scholarship, and teaching and know that they will each bring something distinct to the program.

WS Student Spotlight

Advice for prospective WS students? **Meet Yamilex Bencosme**

Be open to learn new perspectives and make a plan to really get to know your professors. Our professors in our Women's Studies program enjoy student contact and I strongly believe meeting with students is the highlight of their career.

How has WS impacted your life?



I can honestly say that I have loved every single class I have taken with the Women's Studies program. I really enjoy discussion based courses and hearing the different opinions my colleagues have on topics which led me to major in WS. It has impacted my life in a positive way because I have had a chance to explore the topics that interest me in depth and learn more about myself as a woman of color in society.

Yami is famous for always being full of energy, embracing her big afro curly hair, and her sense of fashion.



instagram: @ybencosme

WS STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

MEET HOLLIE FOSTER
GRADUATION DATE:
MAY 2018

Women's Studies major. MUSO Arts & Lectures Director. SHARPP advocate. Hollie works at The Newmarket Creperie. She has a pet bearded dragon named Hagrid and likes going to hardcore and punk shows.

• What advice do you have for prospective WS majors?

Prepare to have your mind blown! Read the assigned text-it's worth it. Get to know your professors, they're remarkable humans and it's easy to make connections with them.

• How has WS impacted your life?

Since becoming involved with WS and feminism, I've become more confident in myself and I've been introduced to many opportunities that I wouldn't have been offered if I had a different major.



Hollie is famous for spending too much money on lipstick and coffee.



@hxchollie



gashhh.bandcamp.com

For more student stories, make sure you follow the WS program on all of our social media:



Semester in the City: Boston



Semester in the City: Boston

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Women's Studies and Social Justice Leadership students can use the 16 credits earned at SITC toward their degree.

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Congratulations Graduates!

The WS Class of 2017

Women's Studies

Majors

Shannon Alper
Emily Berman
Emma Booth
Emerson Doiron
Bridget Furlong
Abby Geremia
Dana Gingras
Lauren Guetling
Giselle Hart
Audrey Johnson
Lindsey Megan Lussier
Jessica Lynch
Patricia McNamara
Kelsey Nicholson
Lacey Ryder
Alexa J. Wheeler
Moira Wright

Women's Studies

Minors

Amy Blocksidge
Hannah Bowen
Hannah Bush
Alexander Chase
Allison DePaolo
Kelly DiNapoli
Alexandra Doucette
Charles Durkin
Angelique Foley

Samantha Fuller
Katherine Guaragno
Erin Hohorst
Sarah Keiran
Kendra LaFrombois
Brooke Lawler
Angela Lawrence-Hurt

Joyce Lekien
Renee Loeffel
Heather MacDonald
Rachel McHugh
Monique Michon
Olivia Moore
Max Ning

Anna Parsons
Sydney C. Phelps
Anna SanMarco
Dominic Theroux
Katherine Troutman
Emily Tucker
Jen Turner

Jacqueline VanSickle
Tele Wilson-Bahoun

Social Justice

Leadership Minors

Kelly DiNapoli
Lindsey Lussier
Alexa J. Wheeler

Queer Studies Minor

Audrey Johnson



All graduates and award winners were honored at the annual WS graduation on May 10th 2017



16-17 AWARD WINNERS

WS students continue to be recognized by the university and beyond for their scholarship and service. We are so proud of the 2016-2017 Award Winners.

Gabrielle Greaves: Create Your Own Story Award

Kelsey Nicholson: Create Your Own Story Award

Charlie Durkin: Create Your Own Story Award

Abby Geremia: Women's Commission Student Award

Gabrielle Greaves: Ursula Robinson Daley '93 Women's Studies Scholarship

Emma Chinman: Helen Duncan Jones Award

Dana Gingras: Malcom and Virginia Prize

Chelsea Evankow: WS Research Award

Yamilex Bencosme: WS Research Award

Tali Cherim: WS Research Award

Rebecca Barton: Barbara A. White Social Justice Leadership Award

Hannah Mathieu: Barbara Ann White Scholarship

Mo'Opunahiwalani Kapanui: Barbara Ann White Scholarship

Emily Abdelmaseh: Best Feminist Theory Paper Award

Margaret Quick: NEW Leadership Conference Award, St. Anslem College

Rebecca Barton: NEW Leadership Conference Award, St. Anslem College

Jill Howard: WS Social Justice Leadership Book Award

Felicia Nadel: Population Connection Conference Scholarship

Hollie Foster: Population Connection Conference Scholarship

Hannah Bush: Population Connection Conference Scholarship

Hannah Mathieu: Population Connection Conference Scholarship

Celine Guedj: Population Connection Conference Scholarship

Yamilex Bencosme: Population Connection Conference Scholarship

Rebecca Barton: Population Connection Conference Scholarship

Gabrielle Greaves: Population Connection Conference Scholarship

Jane Kayarian: Population Connection Conference Scholarship

Emma Chinman: Dinner with a Wildcat

Douglas Marino: Truman Scholarship Finalist

Audrey Johnson: Kidder Award

Charlie Durkin: Kidder Award

Gabrielle Greaves: Status of People of Color Commission Student Award

Cayden O'Dea: URC Award of Excellence

Kelsey Nicholson: URC Award of Excellence

Chelsea Evankow: URC Award of Excellence

Gabrielle Greaves: URC Award of Excellence

Yamilex Bencosme: Diversity Abroad scholarship

Shannon McGrath: SURF Abroad





The Washington Center J-Term Program



WS Students at Semester in the City, Boston



Population Connection National Conference 2017, Washington DC.



Social Justice Leadership Minor



Explore policies, power dynamics, institutions, and structures that promote and hinder processes of Social Justice.
Put theory into practice.



bit.ly/SocialJusticeLeadership
(603) 862.2194 SJLminor@unh.edu

The Social Justice Leadership Program continues to offer students the opportunity to focus on the study of feminist leadership while training leaders committed to diversity and social justice.

This year we launched the brand new SJL Minor with much success!

This program has never been more important and we are proud of the students, faculty, and staff who are creating change on campus and across the nation.

Find out more about the SJLP here: <http://cola.unh.edu/womens-studies/social-justice-leadership>

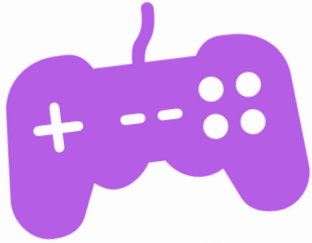
Summer & Fall Courses

For full descriptions of our courses visit: <http://cola.unh.edu/womens-studies/courses>

SUMMER 2017

Session 1
5/22 -6/23

Instructor: Jane Stapleton
100% Online



WS 515

Game Girl: The Social Construction of Gender Identities in Video Games

Examine the representation of girls and women in digital gaming environments and patterns of digital game play. Explore how gender intersects with broader contexts of digital games and the gaming industry.

Social Science Discovery

WOMEN'S STUDIES 401

Inquiry, W.I. Social Sciences

Topics Include: Body Image, Sexuality, Reproductive Rights, Violence Against Women, Health Issues, Sexism, Women's History, Politics, Gender Identity, and Race/Ethnicity

Taught through multicultural, multidisciplinary texts, films, and guest speakers

Sections:

- Aria Halliday
T/R 8:10-9:30
- Mary Grace Elliot
T/R 9:40-11:00
- Lyn Tjon Soel Len
T/R 11:10-12:30
- Charli Valdez
M/W 2:10-3:30

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Latinx Feminism

Jaime Nolan

WS 796.2
Wednesday
5:10-8:00
CRN 15623

This course examines Latinx feminisms in contemporary and historical context. It will look at the unique concerns and struggles

Leadership For Social Change

WS 505.04 Tuesday & Thursdays
3:40-5:00PM
Aria Halliday

IF YOU WANT PEACE, WORK FOR JUSTICE

Satisfies Discovery: Historical Perspectives & Inquiry

This course affords students the opportunity to focus on the study of the various social constructions of identity while training leaders committed to diversity and social justice. Through the study of social change efforts, and activities building on personal development and leadership, students will increase their knowledge, skills and confidence so that they may become agents for social change.

Somewhere over the rainbow...

Sustainability and Spirituality

Given our global crisis, can we work and hope for change?
How can we become empowered Eco-Citizens?

WS 505.02
Monday & Wednesday
3:40-5:00
Penelope Morrow

Satisfies Discovery: Historical Perspectives & Inquiry

Queer Cinema

Survey of U.S. narrative and documentary cinema featuring LGBTQ themes from the 1950s through the present. Utilizes these films and place them in a historical, socio-cultural and political context. Attention is paid to intersecting identities such as ethnicity, class, disability, age, weight/appearance and religion to gain a complex understanding of the diversity of the LGBTQ community and the struggles and issues they have faced in the past 60 years, including: coming out; identity politics and LGBTQ activism; historical and contemporary discrimination; race and racism; queering the film canon; and sexual expression. Work for the course includes readings, film screenings, a group project, brief presentations, response papers and a final research essay on the queer/trans film of your choosing.

WS 505.04 J. Ryan
T/R 3:40-6:30 PM
Satisfies Discovery: Historical Perspectives & Inquiry

Women's Writing

with Dr. Diane Freedman
Diane.freedman@unh.edu

"If I Could Write This in Fire, I Would Write This in Fire"

"MY LIFE HAD STOOD A LOADED GUN"

On Lies, Secrets, and Silence

The Warrior Woman

WS 505.1
Women's Writing

Queer Sustainability Women's Studies 798.01

Writing Intensive M 3:40 - 6:30pm
Tasmin Whitehead

What is queer sustainability?

How can we sustain queer lives and queer culture?

Can queer ideas about life, our environment and the future help us live more sustainably?

WS 405 Gender, Power, & Privilege

Examination of the construction of gender/queerness. It explores the co-created nature of race/ethnicity, class, age, weight/religion. The course is to explore how power, oppression and the variety of U.S. culture that we can do to change it.

(01) MW 3:40-5:00 PM



Hi Everyone,
I'm Stacey and I graduated from UNH in 2012 with a major in Social Work and minor in Women's Studies. I was also a work study at Women's Studies for 3 years and it was such an amazing opportunity to constantly be surrounded and working with the WS faculty, staff, and students. Since graduation, I've moved to Seattle, WA but will never forget my Women's Studies roots!

I became interested in Women's Studies after I was an undeclared first year student and decided to try out Intro to Women's Studies with Carol Conaway. This was my first experience speaking candidly about the -isms and their intersections in our society. It was an eye-opening experience and I knew it would be an education that would span across many different career paths.

My fondest memories of UNH took place at the Waysmeet Center. If you haven't been there already, it's full of the most loving, inclusive, and friendly people and you'll always have some free bread or chocolate to eat and a kind person to talk to. Waysmeet has instilled so many important values in me and how-tos of building a community. It is a magical place!

I've pursued a career in Social Work since graduation and I've primarily worked with youth and families. I currently work as a Wraparound Facilitator at a community mental health agency. My role is to build a strong team around youth with intensive behavioral needs and support them in reaching their goals. The youth and families I work with all belong to marginalized communities and they experience oppression on a daily basis. Part of my job is to help advocate for my clients and I'm constantly using the knowledge I gained in Women's Studies to help educate them on what they can do to be activists in their community and empower them to speak out against the oppression and discrimination that they face.

Build up your network of allies and activists and make sure to keep in touch with them after graduation! It's been difficult to find a community of people working towards social justice after leaving UNH (specifically New England). Even in the agency I work for, I see so much privilege and reluctance to change. It has been a slow process to help my co-workers acknowledge their privilege and power and wish I had more allies in my direct community.

Alumni would you like to be profiled in an upcoming Full Circle or on our Social Media?

We are taking submissions now. Please email your responses and a current photo to womens.studies@unh.edu

- 1. When did you graduate?**
- 2. What made you interested in Women's Studies/Queer Studies/Social Justice Leadership?**
- 3. What is your fondest memory of UNH?**
- 4. How are you applying what you learned in Women's Studies to your career?**
- 5. What advice do you have for current students?**
- 6. Other relevant information our readers may find useful.**

Alumni, we want to hear from you! Tell us what you've been up to. Share your news.

<http://cola.unh.edu/womens-studies/alumni>

We'll feature Alumni updates in each of our Full Circles.

A Year in Review...



Fight For Her Rally

Population Connection Capitol Hill Days



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From providing student with scholarships and books, to giving students the opportunity to attend leadership conferences and programs, our donors help our students every day! We couldn't do our work without you!

The Barbara A. White Social Justice Leadership Award

The UNH Women's Studies Program offers an award for women's studies majors who have demonstrated feminist and social justice leadership. The award honors Women's Studies Program co-founder Barbara A. White, who passed away in 2014. The award is made possible by generous donations made on behalf of Dr. White.

The Barbara Anne White Scholarship Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to provide need-based scholarship support to students concentrating their studies in Women's Studies. Recipients must be juniors or seniors who are majoring in or minoring in Women's Studies. The scholarship honors Women's Studies Program co-founder Barbara A. White, who passed away in 2014. Preference will be given to students who embody Barbara's legacy and lifelong commitment to higher education.

Social Justice Leadership Project Women's Studies Special Fund

The Social Justice Leadership Project affords students the opportunity to focus on the study of feminist leadership while training leaders committed to diversity and social justice.

The Ursula Robinson Daley '93 Women's Studies Scholarship Fund

The Ursula Robinson Daley '93 Women's Studies Scholarship Fund was established through the generosity of Ursula Robinson Daley, a member of the Class of 1993. Ursula received her bachelor's degree, cum laude, in Women's Studies from UNH and continued her studies at Pace University School of Law, receiving her J.D. in 1997. After practicing law in the financial services sector for several years, Ursula co-founded a private wealth management company. She credits the UNH Women's Studies program with contributing to her success at UNH as a student and in building a career as a female financial consultant. In establishing this scholarship fund, Ursula wants to ensure that students are given the same opportunities to pursue their education that she had while at UNH. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship support to students majoring in Women's Studies. Recipients must demonstrate a financial need and be in good academic standing.

The Sheila Clary Memorial Fund

This fund was founded in memory of Sheila Clary, 6/19/60-6/28/84. Beloved daughter, sister, friend and outstanding Women's Studies student. The Fund's purpose is to purchase books, videos and audio resources for the Women's Studies Program. Your gift to this fund provides a lasting tribute to Sheila Clary and helps make a positive difference for the Majors and Minors of the Women's Studies Program at UNH.

***Donations to all WS Funds may be directed to: Women's Studies Program,
c/o UNH Foundation, 9 Edgewood Road, Durham, NH 03824.
Or made online at unh.edu/women's-studies/giving***

The 603 Challenge is Coming

Have you considered giving a donation to UNH WS?

We talk to students, alumni, and community members all the time who want an accessible way to support WS and the SJLP. If that sounds like you: please consider donating during the 2017 603 Challenge.



During the challenge you can double the impact of your gift by having it matched (up to \$150 per donor until the matching funds run out).

You can choose to direct your gift to UNH WS by selecting “Other” and writing in UNH Women’s Studies Program.

Full Circle

We don't have a beginning
or An End.

Still,

We start from the Begging.
A full circle can take no sides,
so instead we embrace,
to comfort
and to surround completely
to include everyone
Like earth does, Like the sun.

Ancient Wisdom
of Community that comforts.
A circle makes our differences
apparent
and the cycles of nature
bring them together
To balance everything.
Full Circle is the movement
of Life and death.

Kacey Dutton,

Zachary Adinolfi