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PROGRAM NOTES

THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) held its First Annual Conference on the campus of the University of Kansas in Lawrence, May 30-June 3. Eight members of the UNI Women's Studies Program (WSP) attended. They were Joan Berman, WS Board; Ellen Cannon, Political Science; Renny Golden, Criminal Justice; Blanche Hersh, WSP Coordinator; Dee Dee Iazzetto, UWW; Nancy Katz, Criminal Justice; Martha Thompson, Sociology; and Paula Wolf, INTERVERSITAS.

UNI Participation in Conference

Convention Activities included 246 sessions, 59 films, poetry and prose readings, a concert, a women's dance, and a 1 day Business Meeting. Hersh presented a summary of her literature review on "Re-entry Women Involved in Women's Studies" at the session on Institutional Research: Planning Studies for National Institute of Education and Related Research. Wolf and Thompson presented papers offering conflicting views on the role of feminists in the academy during their workshop on "Academic Feminists vs. Feminist Academics: Toward a Redefinition of Feminism." Renny Golden's slide show on "Come Along Way to Stand Here: Black, Hispanic, and White Women Tell Their Story" was one of the films offered during the conference. Hersh, Katz, and Thompson were the UNI delegates to the convention and Berman, Iazzetto, and Wolf were 3 of the 10 Great Lakes Women's Studies Association delegates.

Controversy and Challenge

A recurring issue throughout the conference was the relationship between Women's Studies education and activism. The issue was highlighted initially by the presence of representatives of the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) in the exhibit space and on panels concerned with international women's studies. Among many other U.S. A.I.D. activities which are inconsistent with feminist principles is the involvement of U.S. A.I.D. in financial support of individuals and institutions attempting to control the reproductive lives of third world women. The lack of knowledge about U.S. A.I.D. among many conference participants raised issues about the involvement of women's studies with the women's liberation movement and the accountability of feminist educators to nonacademic feminists, third world, poor, and working class women. A large segment of the conference participants was concerned about the "add women and stir" focus of the women's studies movement and, consequently, raised questions throughout the conference about what women's studies is, who it is for, what its connections are to the everyday lives of women throughout the world, and what responsibilities feminists have to critically examine women's status within international political and economic structures.

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WOMEN'S STUDIES COURSES for FALL 1979



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The following have been cross-listed as Women's Studies Courses because they support the goals of WSP: to encourage new knowledge about women's experience, history, contributions, and status; to bring a critical perspective to traditional areas of knowledge dealing with women and gender roles; to promote nonsexist education.

REFERENCE #	DEPT	COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	TIME	PLACE	INSTRUCTOR
WSP	19469	101-31	INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES	3	7-9:30 PM W	CLS 0040	Jane Hawley
An examination of the methods and approaches used by the various disciplines in the study of women and of the basic concepts and issues relating to women.							
CRJU	12170	315D-31	RAPE VICTIM LAY ADVOCACY I	3	5:30- 6:45PM MW	S 144	Pat Sadow, Linda Reinshagen
This course will focus on the sociological, medicine, legal, and psychological aspects of woman abuse and rape. Students will learn to counsel victims and act as lay legal advocates for women taking their cases to court.							
CRJU	12212	315W-01	RAPE VICTIM LAY ADVOCACY II	3	Hrs Arr		Pat Sadow, Linda Reinschagen
Prereq: CRJU 315D For this field seminar, students will work as advocates for victims of woman abuse and rape by staffing the phone line at WICCA (Women in Crisis Can Act) and by attending WICCA meetings.							
CRJU	12251	3159-31	WOMEN AS POLITICAL PRISONERS	3	5:30- 8:15PM M	S 222	Renny Golden
Prereq: Women's Studies Course This course will study the lives of women who have been imprisoned for political acts which challenged the legal, political or economic norms of their country.							
ECED	20130	336-81	NON-SEXIST STRATEGIES FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN	3	6-8:30 PM R	CEX HERSY	Sandra Styer
An exploration of the principles of effective parenting and child growth with emphasis on sex role development in addition to analysis of familial influences as well as societal ones such as toys, games, and TV.							
HIST	14888	3791-31	WOMEN IN FILM: SILENTS TO THE SEVENTIES	3	7-9:45 PM R	S 102	June Sochen
Film will be viewed as providing an important perspective on American cultural values. The various images of women from the 20's to the present will be investigated.							
PHIL	17067	105-01	FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY	3	12-12:50 PM TRF	S 240	Sarah Hoagland

An analytical investigation of recent work in feminist theory for the purpose of understanding women's situation and its foundations in culture, perception, and reality.

PSCI 17431 3730-31 WOMEN IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

3 7-8:15 PM TR CLS 2081 Ellen Cannon

This course will examine the tradition of hierarchy, bureaucratic behavior and personnel practices which reflect and reinforce sexism. Also health, education, welfare and social security policies will be surveyed in relation to the interests of women.

PIE SEM 19362 383B-38 WOMEN, SCIENCE, AND SOCIETY

3 7-9:30 PM M S 111 Gloria Dimoplon

We will focus on (1) documentation of women's traditional participation in science, (2) perception of women's current scientific status and roles, and (3) access of women to decision making power.

PIE SEM 19370 383C-31 WOMEN'S STUDIES: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

3 4-6:30 PM W CLS 0040 Paula Wolf, Martha Thompson

Using the UNI program as a case study, this course will examine the historical development, current status, and implications of Women's Studies Education.

PIE SEM 19444 383T-01 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

3 10-1 PM W S 134 Marge Witty, Nancy Katz

We will conduct an investigation of the causes of violence against women beginning with the personal shared experience of the forms of woman abuse and then studying the cultural and economic dimensions of that violence.

PSYC 18193 320-31 PSYCHOSEXUAL DEVELOPMENT
Prereq: PSYC 201

3 5:30-6:45 PM TR S 144 Peggy Anderson

We will study the factors which influence the development of gender identity and its effect on personality and individual functioning.

SOC 18600 203-01 SOCIALIZATION PROCESSES
Prereq: SOC 202

3 11-11:50AM M 10-10:50AM TR CLS 2094 Donna Iven

This course will focus on human development from a life cycle perspective with emphasis on the stages in infancy, sex role socialization, adolescence, adult socialization and preparation for old age.

SOC 18663 214-31 SOCIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY
Prereq: SOC 202

3 5:30-8:15PM M CLS 2106 Mary Schwartz

Areas of study include the historical role of the family, various family structures and living arrangements and sexuality.

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COURSES "SPECIAL INTEREST" WOMEN

BIOL 11610 106-01 BIOLOGY OF HUMAN REPRODUCTION 3 3-3:50 S 101 Caryn Dupon
PM MTR

A course designed to study the anatomy, physiology, and development of reproductive function in humans, as well as the applications of basic biological principles to the control of fertility, infertility, and related topics. Lecture only.

PIE SEM 19331 283T-01 CREATIVE PARENTING 3 3-5PM CLS Jayne Kamau
W 2-071 Lillian Perlman

This course will consist primarily of role playing, discussions, and skill training oriented towards participants experiencing, understanding and solving problems of parenting. Historical and cross-cultural perspectives on child rearing will be studied.

The National Women's Studies Association (Continued from Page 1)

The purpose of the NWSA is "to further the social, political, and professional development of women's studies throughout the country, at every educational level and in every educational setting." Through the National and regional associations, a network of feminist educators is being developed and issues crucial to feminist education are being raised. Anyone (administrator, faculty member, staff member, student, community worker) interested in feminist education is encouraged to join the organization. The Second Annual Conference of NWSA will be held at Indiana University, Bloomington, May 16-20, 1980.

Send name, address, city, state, zip, and affiliation with check made out to the National Women's Studies Association, to: National Women's Studies Association, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742. No person shall be excluded from membership because of inability to pay. Those who can contribute in addition to dues will help sustain this policy. Dues are \$8.00 (income under \$5,000); \$13.00 (income \$5,000-9,999); \$18.00 (income \$10,000-14,999); \$23.00 (income \$15,000-19,999) \$28.00 (income over \$19,999).

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