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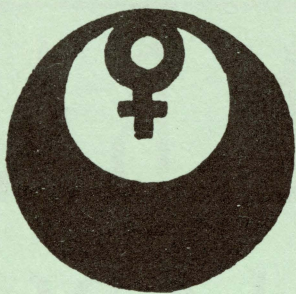
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**WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM  
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

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## WOMEN'S HERITAGE: CELEBRATION & CHALLENGE

A major women's studies conference will take place on November 13 and 14 at Roosevelt University, sponsored by the Chicago Area Women's Studies Association and the Chicago Area Women's History Group as well as Roosevelt University, Northeastern Illinois Women's Studies Program and other women's studies programs and women's educational and professional groups in the Chicago area. A flyer with pre-registration form is enclosed.

This will be a multi-theme celebration: the coming to Chicago of Judy Chicago's "Dinner Party" exhibit, the 10th anniversary of the Chicago Women's History Group, and the continued existence and expansion of Women's Studies as a recognized scholarly area of study in spite of all efforts to erase, ignore, and trivialize it. The eight years since Northeastern's program was approved have seen the growth of programs, committees, and courses at University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Northwestern, Roosevelt, Loyola, and most of the other colleges and universities in the area. This is typical of what has been happening nationally. In spite of the antifeminist crew in national office and the difficult economic times, we will persevere--cause enough for celebration.

The "Challenge" part of the title refers to more than getting through the 1980's (although that will indeed be an achievement)--it comes from what will be a major focus of the conference, the first planning for a Woman's Building at the 1992 World's Fair, which Chicago hopes to host. The Saturday morning plenary session will be devoted to this exciting project. Plans are not yet firm at this writing, but it will certainly include a look back to the Woman's Building erected for the Columbia Exposition held in Chicago in 1893 as well as a forward view. The committee planning this session hopes to involve Mayor Jane Byrne and members of the World's Fair committee as well as historians of women's history and women in design and architecture.

Other features of the conference will be workshops presented by all the participating organizations, a concert of works by "forgotten" women composers, both classical and jazz, an opportunity to view "The Dinner Party," and a culminating celebratory dinner.

Blanche Hersh is serving on the conference planning committee; for more information, contact her.

**PROGRAM NOTES**



- \* FALL 1981
- \* THURSDAYS AT 12:30
- \* 2ND FLOOR-COMMUTER CENTER

Sponsored by the Women's Studies Program at Northeastern Illinois University. Informal discussions will alternate with special programs on women's issues. Men as well as women are invited.

# BROWN BAG SEMINARS

September 24 MEET THE WOMEN'S STUDIES PEOPLE

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Join us in viewing the 15 min. slide show about the Women's Studies Program and talk with some of the faculty, students, and staff who were interviewed in the making of the show. This is your opportunity to learn more about our program and our philosophy, as well as our people. Don't forget to ask about the Women's Studies Minor!

October 15 POLISH WOMEN

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This will be a preview of an exciting course to be offered in the winter by Czeslawa Kardas-Kolak, who teaches Polish at Northeastern and is a faculty advisor for the Polish Club. Ms. Kardas-Kolak is from Poland (she has an M.A. from the U. of Krakov) and is vitally interested in the condition of women in Poland as well as the Polish women's movement.

October 29 EMPTY NEST: MYTH AND CHALLENGE

CC217

Midge Verhein, actress and sociologist, will present a one-woman show based on the findings of her latest research among mid-life women. Her dramatic presentation will illustrate the range of choices women in our society have made in constructing fulfilling lives for themselves. This special program will be co-sponsored by Groupvine, the Civil Service Women's network.

November 12 LATINA WOMEN

This will be an opportunity for a dialogue between the Women's Studies Program and the newly formed Latina Women's Advisory Committee, organized under the aegis of Proyecto Pa'lante. Myrta Badillo, Program Associate, and other women from the committee, will be present to discuss the special needs of Latina women students.

December 3 BLACK WOMEN

Representatives from the Black Women's Caucus on campus will discuss the special educational needs of Black women students. As on November 12, we will try to make this discussion the basis for future action by the Women's Studies Program in better meeting these needs. We encourage all Latina and Black women faculty, students, and staff to attend and contribute to the dialogue.



## OFFICE OF WOMEN'S SERVICES

Marge Witty has resigned to return to graduate school (though she will be teaching her course on assertiveness training as part-time faculty). There is a search on for a replacement, but until the new person takes over, the Dean of Student Development, Kipp Hassell, has made the following arrangements: the Office will remain open for routine requests and referrals; crises will be handled by the Counseling Center; complaints of sexual harassment should go to Barbara Hursh, Affirmative Action Officer and Assistant to the President, who has been instrumental in setting up procedures to deal with this form of sex discrimination on campus. These procedures have been formally approved, and will be publicized as soon as the pamphlet detailing them is completed.

## FEMINISTS AGAINST MILITARISM

On the weekend of September 11-13, a survival gathering will be held at Circle Pines Center, an educational and recreational cooperative in South Central Michigan, by women who are concerned with the growing militarism as well as the sexism of our society. Panels and workshops will be balanced by entertainment, celebrations, and music. Cost is minimal; free child care is available. For more information, call Darlene Gramigna at the American Friends Service Committee, 427-2533.

## CONFERENCE TO INCLUDE WOMEN'S FILM

"With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Case for Compensation to Japanese-Americans Imprisoned during World War II" is a conference which will be held at Northeastern Illinois University on Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Monday evening, September 21, from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. The conference is being held prior to the final round of hearings by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians which will be held at Northeastern on September 22 and 23. This nine-member Commission is authorized to review the facts and circumstances surrounding the internment of Japanese-Americans. Dr. Shirley Castelnovo, professor of Political Science at Northeastern and member of the Women's Studies Faculty, is co-director of the conference.

"Mitsuye and Nellie" is a film which will be shown in connection with the conference. It is about the experiences with racial prejudice of two Asian-American women poets and feminists; their poetry serves to accentuate and weave the diverse elements into a meaningful whole. Nellie is a Chinese-American poet; Mitsuye was one of the 120,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry (70,000 were American citizens) confined to internment camps in the United States during World War II. This unique and terrible experience is treated in the film.

"Mitsuye and Nellie" runs 58 minutes and will be shown on Saturday, September 19, at 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the third floor Library Classroom. The Women's Studies Program is co-sponsoring the viewing of this film.

. . . . . TELL US WHAT INTERESTS YOU . . . . .

In order for the Women's Studies Program to plan Brown Bag Seminars and other activities, we need to know the topics you would like to see addressed. Any other suggestions you may have will be welcome also. Jot them down and return this to the Women's Studies Office, C-532, Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625. (Use extra sheet if necessary.)

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## OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN'S STUDIES PEOPLE

THE WOMEN'S STUDIES BOARD, chaired by Sandra Styer of Early Childhood Education, will begin its weekly fall meetings on September 18 at 1:00 PM in C-505 in the Beehive building. Visitors are welcome. Returning to the Board this year is Jane Hawley of Secondary Education; new appointments are Mary Sue Mohnke, News Bureau Manager, and student Dianne Kalnitz. A major loss for the board and the program will be the imminent departure from the university of Karen Peugh, television producer and the initiator of "Women's Visions" in 1980 and 1981, the First and Second Annual Women's Film and Video Festival. We will miss you, Karen!

FALL HOURS FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES RESOURCE CENTER, 0-041, in the basement of the Classroom Building will be: Monday: 9:00-11:00 a.m.; Tuesday: 1:00-4:00 p.m.; Wednesday: 12:00-2:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00-11:00 a.m. Nora Blalock will be the new supervisor. (Laura Murphy, former student aide, did yoewoman service this summer as a volunteer--many thanks, Laura.) Come and browse or get an early start on a term paper. We have acquired many new books and three valuable new bibliographies: Women in America, a general bibliographic work edited by Barbara Haber, and two specialized bibliographies on "The Black American Woman in the Social Science Literature," and "Women and Language."

## N.W.S.A. SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER

The National Women's Studies Association, founded in 1977 to further the development of women's studies at every educational level and in every educational setting, invites new members to join now at 1982 rates and receive a bonus of the Fall and Winter 1981 issues of the Women's Studies Quarterly with information about N.W.S.A.'s 1981 and 1982 conferences as well as many useful and interesting features. Individual rates are on a sliding scale based on income: under \$5,000, \$15; \$5,000-\$9,999, \$20; \$10,000-\$14,999, \$30; \$15,000-\$19,999, \$40; \$20,000-\$29,999, \$50; \$30,000 +, \$60; checks payable to The National Women's Studies Association should be sent to University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742. NOTE: Northeastern Illinois University faculty, students, and staff may receive 50% reimbursement from a women's studies fund established with the University Foundation for this purpose. Send a copy of your check to Blanche Hersh, who will arrange for the refund.

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