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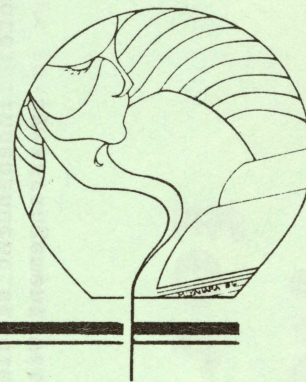
SPRING-SUMMER COURSES INSIDE

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM  
NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

# PROGRAM NOTES

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## LETTER FROM THE COORDINATOR BETTE TALLEN

It is with great pleasure that I lead off this newsletter with the announcement that President Gordon Lamb has declared March 21 to 25, 1988, WOMEN'S STUDIES WEEK at Northeastern. During that week, all faculty will be encouraged to make the study of women and gender-related issues the focal point of their classes. The Women's Studies Program will publish a list of these classes. Please call our office after March 1st if you wish to receive a copy.

This is our first newsletter since the departure of Reynold Feldman to his wonderful (if a bit cold) post at Metropolitan State University. The Women's Studies Program salutes the appointment of Bettye Parker Smith, Director of the Board of Governors B.A. Program and a member of the WSP core faculty, as Acting Dean. We wish her much luck and good wishes in her new position.

Besides Women's Studies Week, we have several things coming up this semester (see the last page of the newsletter for more details). Most notably, on March 22nd we will be co-sponsoring (with Women's Services and Health Service) a giant WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR. The fair will be in Alumni Hall from 10 am to 2 pm, and from 6 pm to 8 pm. Come get your blood pressure checked, learn how to perform breast self-exams, participate in an aerobics class. Come and meet many of the leading practitioners in women's health in Chicago. Another highlight is the Chicago Area Women's Studies Association's March 29th fundraiser held at Women & Children First bookstore for student scholarships to attend the National Women's Studies Association's 1988 conference (see back page for details).

Another new innovation at the program is our monthly Women's Calendar. James has worked long and hard to produce the first one for the month of February, with notable success. If you have items for the calendar, please send them to James Glowacz by the 20th of the month. It is too expensive to send the calendar out to our entire off-campus mailing list, so if you would like one please either come by or send us a SASE.

I hope to see many of you at our events. Please call or write me if you have any suggestions for future events.

## SOCIOLOGY 347: SOCIOLOGY OF COMMUNICATIONS

This course is a study of communication between individuals and groups and the patterns of communicating ideas and values in society. The major focus of the course is on the role of mass media, especially print and electronic media, and the social construction of reality - particularly as that reality relates to the differential roles, status, and power of women and various minorities.

Barbara Scott, the instructor for this course, is an Assistant Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies. She obtained her undergraduate degree (BA) in sociology and 2 master's degrees. Currently, she is a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Northwestern University. She is writing her doctoral dissertation on the "Strategies for Success in the Lives of Educated Black Women." She has published research on "Career Strategies of Successful Black Women Administrators in Higher Education." She has helped plan and conduct workshops, seminars, and symposia on issues germane to the lives of women. She has given numerous lectures and talks on women's issues and Black women. She has taught courses in sociology and women's studies at Northeastern Ill. Univ. since 1975.

## SOCIOLOGY 329: SOCIOLOGY OF VIOLENCE

Violence is a major social problem affecting all of us in many ways, either directly or indirectly, every day of our lives. Violence has many forms, ranging from suicide (violence against self) to crowd violence as part of social movements, all the way to war (institutional violence of one society against another), and countless variations in between. This course is conducted as a seminar, with a blend of lecture and discussion on the probable causes and consequences of many of these variations.

Particular emphasis will be given to violence against women and children, especially that occurring in families, rape (including date rape), sexual abuse of children, and violence against elders.

An important additional objective will be to learn the process of a sociological analysis. For example, the relationship between pornography and violence and between violence and social control will be examined.

Ariela Royer, the instructor for the course, is finishing her doctoral dissertation on the psychosocial aspects of chronic illness - at the Univ. of Ill. at Chicago. She has been teaching at Northeastern for 6 years.



# Women's Studies Courses for Spring-Summer 1988

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The following courses have been cross-listed as Women's Studies courses because they support the goals of the Women's Studies Program: 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. All courses may be applied to the Women's Studies minor.

<u>DEPT. / COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
<b>SPRING TERM (MAY 3 - JUNE 24, 1988)</b>					
<b>ART 303-41</b>	<b>IMAGES OF WOMEN IN ART</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12:30-3:10 pm TR</b>	<b>S-222</b>	<b>Jean Gillies</b>
This course will focus on a study of the images of woman as she has been portrayed historically and culturally in art.					
<b>ENGL 444G-51</b>	<b>SEMINAR IN ROMANTIC LITERATURE: JANE AUSTEN</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4:50-7:20 pm TR</b>	<b>CLS-2103</b>	<b>Jacqueline Krump</b>
One of a series of graduate courses involving advanced study of a single author. (Graduate students only.)					
<b>HIST 398A-51</b>	<b>WOMEN IN POPULAR CULTURE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4:15-6:55 pm TR</b>	<b>CLS-3094</b>	<b>June Sochen</b>
A survey of novels, radio, movies, music, and TV from the viewpoint of feminist scholarship.					
<b>PSYC 320-41</b>	<b>PSYCHOSEXUAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10:00-11:50 am MWF</b>	<b>S-323</b>	<b>Peggye Anderson</b>
Focus will be on three areas: 1) How biological and environmental factors interact to produce gender identity during the critical period for its development; 2) How gender identity, once developed, channels cognition and behavior along stereotyped "masculine" or "feminine" lines; and 3) Evaluation of the functions performed for the individual by identification with sex roles and the constriction of full development resulting from identification with stereotyped sex roles. (Prerequisite: PSYC 102 or PSYC 201.)					
<b>SOC 329-41</b>	<b>SOCIOLOGY OF VIOLENCE</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8:15-10:55 am TR</b>	<b>CLS-2071</b>	<b>Ariela Royer</b>
This course will focus upon violence against women and the institutional factors that foster such behavior. Childhood sexual abuse, rape, wife battering, as well as other issues will be considered.					
<b>SOC 347-41</b>	<b>SOCIOLOGY OF COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12:30-3:10 pm TR</b>	<b>CLS-3081</b>	<b>BarBara Scott</b>
The study of communication between individuals and groups and the patterns of communicating ideas and values in society. A major focus of the course will be on advertising and various other forms of mass media. The functions and effects of mass media and the social context in which they are created will also be investigated. Special attention will be paid throughout the course to the presentation of women and minorities in the media.					



Students will study the family as a system. They will examine the ways in which communication used effectively and in-effectively affects the family system. They will learn how family roles, rules, and power operate to increase or decrease communication effectiveness in a family. Experiential activities will illustrate the theories about family behavior in communication.

**SUMMER TERM (JUNE 28 - AUGUST 22, 1988)****CRJU 325-71****WOMEN AND REVOLUTION****3****1:00-3:45 pm TR****S-228****Renny Golden**

This course will examine the following questions: What theories of justice inform revolutionary practice and specifically the role of women in revolution? Can there be a feminist revolutionary theory without Marxist theory? Discussion of the "the unhappy marriage of Marxism and feminism." Can this marriage be saved or is a divorce necessary?

**ENGL 302-91****LOVE IN WESTERN LITERATURE****3****7:05-9:45 pm TR****CLS-2020****Harry White**

This course examines the various and changing attitudes towards love, sex, family, and male-female relationships, as illustrated in literature from the Bible to the end of the nineteenth century. The course is intended, in part, to offer an understanding of the historical background leading up to contemporary issues regarding these subjects.

**ENGL 371-71****STUDIES IN WOMEN'S LITERATURE****3****1:00-3:45 pm MW****CLS-2056****Jacqueline Krump**

Literature by or about women; includes writing by women, portrayals of female characters, attitudes toward women, and women's roles.

**SOC 357L-71****SOCIOLOGICAL PORTRAIT OF THE BLACK WOMAN 3****1:00-3:45 pm TR****CLS-2105****BarBara Scott**

The aim of this course is to expose students to a wide sampling of the research and literature, both past and present, on Black women. This course will also deal with the historical position of Black women in American society.  
(Prerequisite: SOC 202.)

**SOC 357L-76****SOCIOLOGICAL PORTRAIT OF THE BLACK WOMAN 3  
(at Center for Inner City Studies)****8:00-10:45 am TR****CICS****Iva Carruthers**

The aim of this course is to expose students to a wide sampling of the research and literature, both past and present, on Black women. This course will also deal with the historical position of Black women in American society.  
(Prerequisite: SOC 202.)

**Note:** Independent studies and internships are available for 1, 2, or 3 credit hours  
by arrangement with the coordinator of the Women's Studies Program.

The Women's Studies **Resource Center** contains books and periodicals on women and women's issues. Winter 1988 hours are:

Monday:	10-11 and 1-2
Tuesday:	8:40-9:40 and 11-12 and 1-5
Wednesday:	10-11 and 1-7
Thursday:	8:40-9:40 and 11-12 and 1-2
Friday:	11-2



### COMING EVENTS ON CAMPUS

February 22, 1988	"Rate It X," a video on men's attitudes towards women. 6 pm in room CLS-3096.
February 25, 1988	"Women & Religion" with Audrey Karabinus, at 12:30 pm in Golden Eagles room.
March 15, 1988	"Make Way! 200 Years of American Women in Cartoons." Authors of the book Monika Franzen and Nancy Ethiel, speaking at 9:40 am in room CLS-2081.
March 21-25, 1988	<b>WOMEN'S STUDIES WEEK.</b> Call program office after March 1st for complete list.
March 22, 1988	<b>Women's Health Fair.</b> 10 am to 2 pm; 6 pm to 8 pm; in Alumni Hall. A comprehensive fair involving health practitioners and facilities from the entire Chicago area (co-sponsored by Women's Studies Program, Women's Services, and the Health Service).

### COMING EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

February 17, 1988	"Coping Skills in Stressful Times," 12:00 noon, Northwestern (Chicago).
February 18, 1988	"How Do I Look? Women's Obsession with the Body Ideal" with Amy Grabowski, at 12:00 noon, Northwestern (Chicago). Lecture and slide presentation.
February 24, 1988	"My Resume's Done - Now What?" Judy Lansky, 12 noon, Northwestern (Evanston).
February 24, 1988	"Survival Skills for Faculty Women." Panel, 7 pm, Northwestern (Evanston).
February 26, 1988	"Hannah and the Dog Ghost." Film on widowed woman, 12:00, NU (Evanston).
February 29, 1988	"Choices" by GERALYN HORTON. Dramatic reading. 7:30 pm, NU (Evanston).
March 1, 1988	"How Do I Look? Women's Obsession with the Body Ideal" with Amy Grabowski. at 7 pm, Northwestern (Evanston). Lecture and slide presentation.
March 4, 1988	"Rate It X," a video on men's attitudes towards women. 12:00, NU (Evanston).
March 9, 1988	"Self-Esteem." Workshop with Cynthia Ashton-Georgeson, 12:00, NU (Chicago).
March 29, 1988	<b>CAWSA Student Scholarship Benefit.</b> At Women & Children First bookstore, 1967 N. Halsted, at 7 pm. Hear the latest in feminist scholarship! Panelists will include Sarah Hoagland, Barbara Scott, Bette Tallen. \$3 donation.
June 22-26, 1988	<b>Annual NWSA conference.</b> At U. of Minnesota (Minneapolis).

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