



Le think tank:  
life in a policy institute,  
à la française

Bringing theory to concrete,  
and vice-versa, for a women's  
studies major

**Name**

Bridget Carr *2010*

**Name**

Eve Grice *2010*

**Undergraduate major field(s)**

International Relations, Economics.

**Undergraduate major field(s)**

Women's Studies, French.

**Goals for her Paris Field Study semester**

Explore in a French setting the global relations and economics subjects she has studied in courses at W&M; learn more about France-Africa relations; become fluent in French.

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Deepen her understanding of French society, while testing her theoretical learning on marginalized groups through an activist setting, and in another culture.

**Placement**

IFRAP (Think tank for public administration and policy research).

**Placement**

Not-for-profit support organization (Tjenbé Réd) for LGBT members of African and Caribbean communities + women's movement bookstore (Violette et Co.).

**Responsibilities as intern**

- Carry out a research project on development aid worldwide.
- Attend staff meetings, participate in the life of a research institute.
- Generate notes and memos for internal and external communication.

**Responsibilities as intern**

- Violette et Co.: Participate in all activities of the bookstore, maintain presence at a booktable on the sidewalk out front, participate in activist group meetings in the store, familiarize herself with this specialized bibliography.
- Tjenbé Réd: Interview heads of other associations to build a network, attend weekly meetings, help organize and participate in activist events.

**Subject of research**

Future Forms of Aid to Development.

**Subject of research**

Inevitable Intersections in Gender and Ethnic Communities: Anti-communitarianism and recent developments in French feminist and LGBT movements.

**And...** Bridget's research results will be included in material soon to be published by IFRAP.

**And...** Involved with several not-for-profits and activists groups, including demonstrations, Eve more than fulfilled her initial wish to get out of the classroom and onto the pavement! Which didn't keep her