

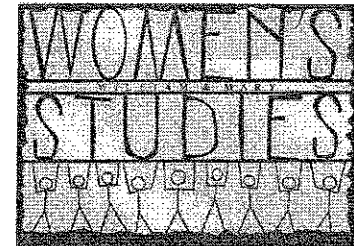
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Teaching Fellowship Opportunity

University of California, Santa Barbara
Women's Studies Program
Dissertation Scholars

The Women's Studies Program at the University of California, Santa Barbara invites applications for two fellowships for the academic year, 2003-2004. Applicants must be advanced to candidacy and expect completion of the dissertation during the term of residence. Women's Studies Dissertation scholars will teach one undergraduate course and present one colloquium.

The Women's Studies Program has a multidisciplinary, multicultural curriculum and faculty. Applicants from the humanities or social sciences should demonstrate research and teaching interests in the intersections of race, class, gender, sexuality, and cultural difference. Applications from members of traditionally underrepresented groups are especially encouraged. The duration of the award is nine months, with the fellowship grant of approximately \$20,000. Scholars are required to be in residence during the entire fellowship period.

Send cover letter, curriculum vitae, a brief description of dissertation project, a writing sample (approx. 25 pages), and three letters of reference to:

Professor Jacqueline Bobo, Chair; Women's Studies Program;
University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-7110.

**The deadline for the complete file is 4:00 P.M.
On Thursday, January 23, 2003.**

No fax or e-mail submissions will be accepted.

The University of California is an EEO/AA Employer.

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"A Few Good Girls"?

Alumni and Students of William and Mary are coming together to formulate a response to an article featured in last week's issue of *The Nation* regarding conservative organizations that are attacking liberal programs like Women's Studies. Please visit: <http://www.thenation.com/doc.mhtml?i=20021125&s=houpert> to view the full text of the article. If you are interested in helping, please email spemer@wm.edu.

Guest Lecturer at ODU

Do Babies Matter?

The Effect of Family Formation on the Life-long Careers of Men and Women Academics

Who:

Dr. Mary Ann Mason, Dean of the Graduate Division of the University of California/Berkeley and Professor of Social Welfare

What:

The negative correlation for women faculty between having a baby early in their academic career and achieving tenure.

When:

Wednesday, December 4, 2002

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Where:

Constant Hall, Room 1005
Old Dominion University

Norfolk, VA 23508

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Conference Announcement

Visions in Feminism 2003 Conference: Redefining Global Boundaries and Responsibilities

Saturday, April 19 2003 at the University of Maryland College Park

"As we move forward into the third year of the Visions in Feminism Conference, we keep in mind the words of Emma Goldman, writing in 1934: "I have always striven to remain in a state of flux and continued growth, and not to petrify in a niche of self-satisfaction." That said, our theme this year is "Redefining Global Boundaries and Responsibilities".

We hope not just to challenge the ossified social structures which allow for discrimination, stratification, and other injustices, but to challenge ourselves as activists and, even more importantly, as global and local citizens.

In a world of rapid technological and political upheaval, we wish to come together in dialogue regarding the roles and definitions of feminist activism in global and local communities, as well as our responsibilities to one another on all levels -- and our responsibilities to the planet.

We believe that questions of sustainable living and cooperative ecology are important to envisioning an equitable future. We also wish to challenge the very structures of personal relationships, not just in theory, but in practice.

All are welcome. Raise your voice and share your ideas and experiences!"

— 2003 Mission Statement

Please visit <http://www.visionsinfeminism.org> for up to date information on this upcoming conference. They will be accepting proposals for workshops until January 1, 2003. Send submissions to visionsinfeminism@hotmail.com or to:

PO Box 30
Riverdale MD 20738

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VA Tech BOV Decision

Concerned members of the Virginia Tech community are speaking out against what we see as an unjustified and discriminatory action on the part of Virginia Tech's Board of Visitors under the leadership of Rector John G. Rocovich, Jr., and we need your help. We believe that Virginia Tech's Board of Visitors cancelled the employment contract of Dr. Shelli Fowler because she is the domestic partner of Dr. Karen DePauw, Virginia Tech's Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School.

Because Rector John G. Rocovich, Jr., and the Board of Visitors has refused to respond to the Virginia Tech faculty, staff, and students who asked the Board via a petition to reconsider their earlier decision and approve Dr. Fowler's contract, we feel we must move this struggle from the local to the national arena. The Roanoke Times (Nov. 14, 2002), has argued that the Board's decisions strongly suggest that "the board is imposing an 'official' morality," one that is problematic for "tolerance, academic freedom and future [recruitment] at Tech."

Please take a minute to participate in the letter-writing campaign we have initiated on behalf of Dr. DePauw and Dr. Fowler. (For detailed information about this issue, please see the recent Chronicle of Higher Education article—Nov. 18, 2002, printed below. See also the Roanoke Times editorial—Nov. 14, 2002, and the fact sheet, both of which are included as attachments with this email.) We are asking that you write a brief letter in response to The Chronicle of Higher Education article and that you send it to the email addresses listed below. Rector John G. Rocovich, Jr., and the Board of Visitors at Virginia Tech need to know that this kind of action is unjust; they need to know that a willful disregard of the academic decision-making process is unacceptable; they need to know that this action will seriously harm Virginia Tech's reputation; and, they need to know that their local actions have national repercussions. It will only take a moment, and your support is crucial. (Your letter can be as short as two or three sentences, or as long as you'd like.)

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VT BOV Decision Continued

Please address your letter to John G. Rocovich, Jr., Rector, Board of Visitors of Virginia Tech, c/o Kim O'Rourke, Secretary of the Board. Make sure to send your letter to all of the addresses listed below, which include President Charles W. Steger and Justice4Tech. Hard copies of your letter will be forwarded to the other members of the Board of Visitors and to Virginia Governor Mark Warner.

Please write a letter today and distribute this email among your own colleagues and listservs.

Thank you very much for your support.

EMAIL ADDRESSES:

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If you are not on the William and Mary Women's Studies mailing list and want to receive further information regarding this situation, please email the editor at:
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Featured Web Site

FMF job database

Looking for a job that offers a little more than a paycheck? Check out the Feminist Majority Foundations searchable job database to find jobs, internships, or other opportunities for feminist, progressive, and woman-oriented organizations.

Some of the postings are a bit out of date, but the site also contains links to other data-

bases and career resources that may be useful to the budding feminist professional.

Visit: <http://www.feminist.org/911/jobs/911jobs.asp>



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NWSA 24th Annual Conference

The New Orleans Women's Studies Consortium will be hosting the 24th Annual National Women's Studies Association Conference in the Radisson Hotel, New Orleans from June 19-22, 2003.

Plenary Topics

Southern Discomforts — This plenary will contextualize, historicize, and actualize the themes of our embedded conference. It will bring together scholars, artists, and activists, lesbian and straight, black and white; in short, women who have either chronicled or are part of social movements that have worked or are working against white male supremacy in the region. Speakers will bring to the forefront the racial, cultural, and sexual diversity of southern women's lives and activism. The panelists will furthermore explore how these women fit or may not fit into standard definitions of feminism and feminist activism. The panelists will furthermore explore how southern women have had to negotiate not only gender, but also race, and class in their work and lives.

What Women's Studies Graduates Do — This plenary will invite graduates of Women's Studies programs to discuss how their major, minor, or graduate work prepared them for the work they now do. As we find many of our graduates in all fields of employment and activism, in politic, in the non-profit community, we realize that Women's Studies as a major or a graduate program develops someone who is both panelists will be graduates of our Women's Studies programs who will discuss what their programs have taught them and how they have used those skills.

NWSA: The Next 25 Years — This plenary will pose the following questions: How can we bridge the perceived tension between "pure" research or "high" theory, on one hand, and advocacy and women's "real" lived experience on the other; What are the consequences for Women's Studies of the impact of expanding technologies and globalization on women's lives; What is a feminist organization in the 21st century and how do we use what we have learned to shape scholarship and activism in the next quarter century?

For further information, or forms to submit topic proposals, please visit the Morton Women's Studies Office.