



Women's & Gender Studies Program News

September 2018

From the Collegewide Coordinators:

Welcome! We are excited to begin a new year! We are busy planning events that correlate with the supreme importance of the 100-year anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

Certification:

The Women's and Gender Studies certificate has NOT been deleted and is still active despite any indication otherwise. We are in the process of redesigning the certificate; watch for updates coming soon! Please consider completing the certificate, as these skills and knowledge are becoming more and more essential across majors and workplaces. For more on the certificate, please visit <https://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wgscertificate/>.

Scholarship:

The WGSP offers scholarships for students who have taken one of our courses. For details, please visit <https://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wgsscholarships/>. Take note that the application deadline is Wednesday, December 5th by 5:00 pm!!

In Review: The WGSP Summer Colloquium

The Women's & Gender Studies Program continued its tradition of a summer colloquium as 50 faculty, staff and students gathered on June 15 to share resources on the topic of *Radical Inclusion: Addressing Students' Needs in Challenging Times*. Dr. Donald Palmer, Professor of Psychology, opened the program with an overview of mental health concerns specific to young people. Ms. Gina Smallwood, the keynote speaker, presented mental health resources related to suicide prevention. Six faculty members discussed grass roots efforts at MC, such as food pantries and food baskets, the Safe Zone program, the [Global Nexus](#) program, the Bringing in the Bystander curriculum, and awareness of the challenges faced by women in STEM fields. Resources shared by the participants are available on the colloquium Web page at <https://libguides.montgomerycollege.edu/wgsc2018/resources>.

Campus Coordinators

Takoma Park Coordinator, Deb Taylor, PhD, graduated from Bates College with an interdisciplinary, independently designed Women's Studies/History major. Since then, she's worked in higher education from teaching for two years in Beijing to being a research fellow in the African American Studies program at UMD, College Park. When she teaches, she likes to include novels and non-fiction about utopian and dystopian thinking. When Takoma Park hired her in 2003, she was elated...and still is about the school and her students! She loves teaching a



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wide number of classes from Women's Studies and Women's Literature to African American and, of course, themed composition classes. As coordinator of the Women and Gender Studies program at the TP/SS campus, one of her favorite things was putting on the play, *The Vagina Monologues*. She also enjoys working with the students in the campus club called "The Fourth Wave."

Germantown Coordinator, Sam Bergmann, Professor of Psychology, attended an academic conference this summer. Thus far this semester, he has been focused on prepping and teaching GNDS 102 and will be attending the Safe Zone training with the aim of facilitating it in the future. He has also been working with Political Science Professor Jennifer Haydel on coordinating the Jefferson Café events listed below at the Germantown campus.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 21, 12: Meet and greet/LGBTQIA chat with Fourth Wave (women and gender studies student club at Takoma). Learn about Safe Zone training possibilities; Brainstorm semester activities; participate in icebreakers to get to know one another; eat cookies and have tasty drinks; and learn about available resources. (Takoma, Institute for Institute for Race, Justice, and Civic Engagement 2nd floor)

October (date TBD): Screening of film *Chavela* about trailblazer, rebel, and icon Chavela Vargas and in honor of LGBTQ History Month (Rockville, details TBD)

<http://www.chavelavargasfilm.com/>

October 3, 12-1:30: Songwriting workshop, concert, and conversation from Songwriters Against Sexual Assault (Takoma; Commons Bldg Rm 211)

October 3, 3-4: LGBTQIA Chats! (Rockville, SC 461)

October 10, 2:30-3:30pm: "Equal dignity in the eyes of the law:" Reflecting on Justice Kennedy, Same-Sex Marriage, and the Courts. (Germantown, location TBD)

October 22-26, Humanities Days: The WGSP will be hosting film screenings about women from Costa Rica, Haiti, Australia, and the Cherokee Nation; full calendar at

<https://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/EDU/Department4.aspx?id=84367>

- **Oct. 24th 3-4:30:** Learn more about the life and work of the first Cherokee woman chief, Wilma Mankiller, at the *Mankiller* documentary screening (Rockville, Theatre Arts Arena); <http://www.mankillerdoc.com/>
- **Oct. 25th 3:30-5 pm:** Comedy special *Nanette* addressing issues of gender and sexuality by comedian Hannah Gadsby (location TBD)
- **Oct. 25th 12:30 - 1:30:** The documentary film *Poto Mitan: Haitian Women, Pillars of the Global Economy* (location TBD) <https://www.potomitan.net/>



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November 7, 2:30-3:30pm: Gender and the 2018 Midterm Election (Germantown, location TBD)

November 7, 3-4: LGBTQIA Chats! (Rockville, SC 461)

November 15, 2-3:15pm: Acting Up: What Makes Activism Work? (Germantown, location TBD)

December 5, 3-4: LGBTQIA Chats! (Rockville, SC 461)

Faculty News:

Lucinda Grinnell, PhD, Professor of English and Women's and Gender Studies:

This summer, Dr. Lucinda Grinnell participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities summer institute on "Suffrage Across the Americas" held at Carthage College in Wisconsin. Thirty professors from across the country participated in the institute, as well as approximately ten visiting faculty, experts in their subject field. Most of the visiting faculty traveled from Latin America, which was the most exciting aspect of the institute for Dr. Grinnell, as there are few opportunities in the U.S. for such transnational collaboration. She is currently writing an article on topics related to the institute and developing a primary source set for teaching about suffrage movements throughout the Americas.

Forthcoming publications (this fall/winter):

"Lesbian Feminist Encuentros of Latin America and the Caribbean" *The Global Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer History* (forthcoming)

"Amor Solidario: Art and the Politics of Revolutionary Lesbianism in Mexico City" in eds. Jessica Stites Mor and Maria del Carmen Suescun Pozas, *The Art of Solidarity: Visual and Performative Politics in Cold War Latin America*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2018.

Tara Tetrault, Professor of Anthropology and Women's Studies:

"I worked on researching the earliest African American landowners/Farmers/Businesses. A woman started one of the many towns I recorded on my database, so I hope to create an interpretive panel highlighting her accomplishment. I have also been working with the National Women's party Museum: I added Emma Turner, founder of Turnertown; Judge Sarah Hughes, who ran for President in 1952, and her campaign manager to the NWP historic trails inventory. They have offered to train a few of my students in artifact work. The last week of September, I will be putting up an exhibit in the Georgetown Public Library exploring the Archaeology of early Georgetown and the Georgetown landowners who planned Washington DC. I used the archaeological findings from the Francis Scott Key Site and Forrest-Marbury House to tell the story. Some students are using this for their project observations."