As we turn our attention to summer plans and vacations, many will feel relieved to see the end of an academic year marked by economic struggle and far too many catastrophes. It can be difficult to revitalize a sense of purpose and hope, especially in the face of cruelty and violence. In Women's and Gender Studies, we build hope on knowledge, curiosity, and connection—connections between and among people, connections among different problems, disciplines and ideas, and connections to myriad pasts and unwritten futures.

For instance, every March the Institute for Women's Studies organizes a full calendar of lectures, discussions, films, and other events for Women's History Month, but the month is much more than a reflection on the past. This year the national WHM theme was Women Taking the Lead to Save the Planet, which provided a perfect opportunity for new collaborations, and for highlighting the connections between social and environmental issues. President Barack Obama’s Proclamation for Women’s History Month paid tribute to Rachel Carson, Grace Thorpe, and other great environmental leaders who focused on those connections while “challenging the status quo and breaking social barriers.”

The Institute’s WHM events emphasized the insights of ecofeminism, the praxis of environmental justice, and the relationships between local and global realities. We welcomed influential and inspiring environmental advocates involved in the local food movement, the struggle for environmental justice in the Newtown community in Gainesville, Georgia, and the fight against mountaintop removal coal mining. (Do you know if the coal for your energy comes from strip mining in Kentucky and West Virginia? For many of us in Athens it does—check out the interactive map at www.ilovemountains.org). Thank you to the Environmental Ethics Certificate Program, and especially Professors Dorinda Dallmeyer and Peter Hartel, who supported and helped organize our symposium on “Ethical Complexity in Action” and the work of philosopher Val Plumwood, which was held at the beautiful State Botanical Garden of Georgia. Thanks also to the departments across campus who hosted events and contributed to the Women's History Month calendar, and especially to the many students and community members who helped make Women's History Month 2009 such a success.

As for the future, I am delighted to announce that in June the Institute for Women's Studies will be “movin’ on up” to a new home in Gilbert Hall on North Campus. Everyone on the Women's Studies core faculty and staff joins me in thanking students and community members who helped convey our pressing needs, and Provost Arnett Mace, Dean Garnett Stokes, Associate Dean Noel Fallows, and J. Dorsey, Director of Real Estate & Space Management for their dedicated efforts on our behalf. We look forward to seeing you all at our welcome party and open house in Gilbert Hall this Fall.

Our next Women and Girls in Georgia Conference will be in October 2010. The conference program committee is currently discussing possible themes. If you would like to learn more about the conference or get involved, visit www.uga.edu/iws/WAGG, or email waggconf@gmail.com. A wealth of research on women and girls in Georgia and links to relevant organizations and projects are also available on the website, so it is a perfect place to connect to local activism, or to get started on research that is connected to local needs.

The Institute for Women's Studies fosters interdisciplinary study of women and gender, and critical investigations of the complex ways knowledge, experience, and social systems are shaped by gendered norms and assumptions. Our teaching and research emphasize race, ethnicity, nationality, class, age, sexuality, and different abilities as categories of analysis. The Institute for Women's Studies offers an undergraduate major and minor, and a graduate certificate for M.A. and Ph.D. students in any discipline.
Meet Our New Faculty Members!

Cecilia Herles, the Assistant Director of the Institute for Women’s Studies, holds degrees in Philosophy and English from Clemson University. She earned her Ph.D. in Philosophy and graduate certificates in Women’s Studies and Environmental Ethics from the University of Georgia. During her time in graduate school, she spent two years working as an assistant on the journal, Ethics and the Environment. She has received recognition for her teaching and enjoys teaching her classes on Feminist Theories and Women and the Environment. In the future, she hopes to develop a course on Asian Feminisms. Dr. Herles’ research examines feminist philosophies, environmental ethics and philosophies of race. Her work has been published in the International Journal of Sexuality, Gender Studies and Women’s Studies International Forum. She has presented numerous papers at conferences, here and abroad. Her current research focuses on natural disasters, global climate change, population, and activism.

Franklin Fellow Brooke Campbell, holds a B.A. in Literature from American University and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Emory University. She has taught such courses as “sexandtheology.org,” “Literary Gender Bending and Blending,” “Turning Pages, Turning Tricks: Writing/Sex/Work,” and “Written Out of Wedlock: Living in Sin in the Nineteenth Century.” Her general research interests include 19th-20th century French and American literature, film, new media, and urban culture; interdisciplinary, intersectional approaches to sex work/prostitution; feminist theory; queer theory; critical race theory; and capitalism. Dr. Campbell has been awarded fellowships by the Northeast Consortium for Faculty Diversity, the Center for Humanistic Inquiry, the Tinker Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and has presented her work for the CUNY Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies (CLAGS) Colloquium Series, the Feminism and Legal Theory Project, and the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, among other fora. Her dissertation, “‘Woman’ for Sale: Feminism, Queer Theory, and the Question of Sex Work,” is winner of the 2008 Lore Metzger Prize, awarded to the best dissertation addressing literary and social issues in Comparative Literature, English, and Women’s Studies.

Faculty Spotlight: Bethany Moreton

Tell us about your forthcoming publication, “Everyday Values”

That research grew out of a curiosity about the way we Americans think about the economy, how a particular version of market relations functions as common sense for most of us. The economic vision that we often refer to as free enterprise has achieved the status of a law of nature since World War II, and I wanted to know just how that really impressive cultural victory was won. But I’m a very concrete person, so I needed a specific institution to anchor the research. At about that time, a service company became the world’s largest corporation for the first time ever—previously, the rankings had always been dominated by manufacturers and oil producers—and that seemed like a unique moment in our economic history. That company—Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.—led me to all sorts of unexpected answers to the original question, and I was very fortunate through that research to meet such thoughtful and generous people. It’s a cliché to say that a book is never the product of a single person, but now I know just how much all research is a group endeavor.

And your recent achievements, especially the dissertation award?

The dissertation actually won five awards (Yale’s university-wide Theron Rockwell Field Prize; the Southern Historical Association’s C. Vann Woodward Prize; the Business History Conference’s Herman E. Krooss Prize; and the Labor and Employment Relations Association’s Kochan-Sleigh award; it was also selected the best dissertation in the humanities or fine arts by the Yale graduate school for a two-year period.) As for other honors, I’ve been lucky enough to hold year-long fellowships from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; the Woodrow Wilson Foundation; the Louisville Institute; and the Social Science Research Council. I’m deeply grateful for the confidence of those funders.

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Stephanie Burwell, Assistant Professor of Child & Family Development and affiliate faculty member, is publishing an article, “Feminist Informed Medical Family Therapy Principles and Techniques for Younger Women with Breast Cancer and Their Partners across Systems Levels” in the Journal of Feminist Family Therapy.

Chris Cuomo presented the keynote lecture “Climate Change, Ethics, and Local Knowledge,” at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association annual conference in 2009. She published “Environmental Change, Indigenous Knowledge, and Subsistence on Alaska’s North Slope,” (co-authored with Wendy Eisner and Kenneth Hinkel) in The Scholar and Feminist Online, and “Advancing Landscape Process Research through the Incorporation of Ifupiaq Knowledge,” (also co-authored) will appear in ARCTIC in the Fall. For the 2009-2010 academic year she will be a Copeland Fellow at Amherst College, where she will be working on a project on feminist and other questions concerning sustainability.

Marjanne E. Goozé, Associate professor of German and affiliate faculty member, received a Willson Center for Humanities and the Senior Faculty Research Grant to work on her book Henriette Herz and the Berlin Salon: A Jewish Life Between Enlightenment and Emancipation. An essay is also about to appear: “Counteracting Stereotypes: The German Cultural Mission to the East (Halb-Asien) and Jewish Masculinity in the Works of Karl Emil Franzos,” Global Contexts: Literature and Culture of German-Speaking Europe.

Linda Grant, Professor of Sociology and affiliate faculty member, was a recipient of the Sociologists for Women in Society Feminist Mentoring Award in August 2007 and won the UGA Graduate School Mentoring Award for Social and Behavioral Sciences and elected to the Publications Committee for Sociologists for Women in Society. She also published an article with graduate student Kimberly C. Kelly, “State Abortion and Nonmarital Birthrates in the Post-Welfare Reform Era: The Impact of Economic Incentives on the Reproductive Behaviors of Teenage and Adult Women” in Gender & Society.

Kelly Happe had an essay, “The Rhetoric of Race in Breast Cancer Research” reprinted in Race in Contemporary Medicine. She was awarded a Willson Center UGARF Junior Faculty Research Grant in the Humanities and Arts for “Heredity Embodied: Gender, Race, and Place in the Rhetoric of Genomics” and presented the essay “Genetics and Embodiment: A Feminist Critique” at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference.

Cecilia Herles presented “An Ecological Feminist Analysis of Hurricane Katrina” at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association annual conference in April 2008. Her ecological feminist analysis of global warming was accepted at the Ecological Restoration and Human Flourishing in the Era of Anthropogenic Climate Change Conference held at Clemson U in September 2008 and she has been invited to be a contributor to the Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy.

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**EVENTS**

Andrea Carson Coley Lecture 2008

Dr. E. Patrick Johnson presented “Pouring Tea: Black Gay Men of the South Tell Their Tales”

Women, Rock! & Politics 2008

Gretchen Phillips gave this year’s keynote performance
**New Women Faculty Reception**

**Women & Girls in Georgia Conference 2008: Health & Well-Being**

**Women’s History Month 2008**

Dr. Layli Phillips gave the keynote address at the Women, Hip Hop & Social Change forum

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**Doris Kadish** is serving as Interim Director of Latin American and Caribbean Studies. She developed a new course on French Feminism and participated in two Round Table discussions with Francophone authors: Maryse Conde in Chicago in February 2008 and Marie Ndiaye at Georgia Institute of Technology in April 2008; and she delivered the Keynote Address at the SECLL Conference at Georgia Southern U in March 2007.

**Carolyn Medine**, Associate Professor of Religion and affiliate faculty member, received a grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology, funded by Lilly Endowment. It is a “Difficult Questions in the Classroom” grant to look at what happens when women of color teach in the Religious Studies classroom.


**Patricia Miller** is the Co-PI on a new NIH grant awarded for 2008-2013, $672,351, Exercise and overweight children’s cognition. She published 2 research articles, 1 chapter, and 2 encyclopedia entries, and presented 2 conference papers and is on Editorial Board of the journal, *Cognitive Development*.

**Bethany Moreton** gave invited talks at Harvard, Yale, U. of Massachusetts, U of Utah, U of Western Ontario, and published three articles; one in *Social Text*, one in an edited collection just out from Harvard University Press called *Rightward Bound: Making America Conservative in the 1970s*; and one (co-authored) in *History Compass* (an online journal put out by Oxford University Press).

**Linda Renzulli**, Associate Professor of Sociology and affiliate faculty member, was awarded the M.G. Michael Award for New Research from Franklin College of Arts and Sciences and published, “Charter Schools, Achievement, and the Public Good,” in *Contexts*.

**Patricia Richards** was awarded the Richard B. Russell Undergraduate Teaching Award from UGA.

**Isabelle Wallace**, Assistant Professor of Contemporary Art and affiliate faculty member, published “Sex, Sameness and Desire: Thoughts on Versace and the Clone,” in *Fashion as Photograph*. 
Megan Blasier (A.B. Cert., 1998) lives in the San Francisco area with her fiancee. She graduated from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 2003 and completed internships in both small animal emergency medicine and wildlife medicine. She helped to open the Georgia Aquarium and currently works in a small and exotic animal hospital in San Carlos, California.

Doh Driver (A.B., 1997) spent 3 years in Europe after graduating. She had a son there, and soon after, moved back to the States to care for her ailing grandmother. Doh relocated to Seattle and married in 2007. She now manages a non-profit vegan grocery store/boutique, and co-owns a vegan restaurant.

Beth Ferri (Grad Cert., 1995) is an Assoc. Professor of Education at Syracuse U, where she is on the faculty in Disability Studies and Women's Studies. She teaches several courses in wmst, including “Gender, Sexuality, & Disability.” She is the author of, Reading Resistance: Discourses of Exclusion in Desegregation and Inclusion Debates. Beth lives with her partner of 11 years, Vivian.

Brittany Haddock (A.B. Cert., 2006) is in her 2nd year of teaching 11th grade American Literature at North Gwinnett High School and says, “I am incorporating Feminist Critical Analysis within my curriculum to open the student’s eyes to different reading approaches.”

Joy Hlavenka (A.B. Cert., 1999) works as a deputy public defender with the San Bernardino County Public Defender in southern California.

Helen Kruskamp (A.B., 2006) is finishing her M.Ed. in Professional School Counseling at UGA. This summer she will begin working toward an Ed.S. in Education Administration and Policy. She was married in July and says, “I can’t explain how much my foundation in Women’s Studies has helped me as I continue the fight for equality and equity in education.”

Marie “Danielle” Monroe McNair (A.B. Cert., 2001) moved to Vail Colorado 2 weeks after graduation for a position with a lodge and has been there ever since. She is a Sales Manager for the Vail Valley Partnership Chamber and Tourism Bureau. She married Ben McNair 2006 and became a mom in 2008 to Champney “Champ” Adams McNair III. She says, “Life is good and of course it’s great to be a Georgia Bulldawg!”

Megan Murphy (Grad Cert., 1999) is an Assoc. Professor in the Dept. of Human Development and Family Studies at Iowa State U. She is the Director of the Couple and Family Therapy (CFT) Clinic at ISU. Her research focus on power dynamics in couples’ relationships, and helping therapists-in-training be attentive to and address diversity.

Stefanie Papps (A.B. Cert., 2005) is a legislative analyst at the Virginia General Assembly’s Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in Richmond, VA. Stefanie is working on a study of Virginia’s service delivery system for people with autism spectrum disorders, which will be presented to the General Assembly in June 2009.

Christin Post (A.B. Cert., 2003) received her Master's of Social Work in 2005 and is currently working in Atlanta at the Sibley Heart Center where she assists children with heart conditions. She says, “I’ve come across many instances where my women’s studies education has shone through especially when it comes to educating teenagers about birth control and giving them a choice.”

Suzanne Scoggins (A.B., 2002) is working on her Ph.D. in Political Science at UC Berkeley. She studies state-society relations in China.

Lotus Seeley (A.B., 2002) earned a Masters in Women’s Studies from the Ohio State U. Her work there was focused on gender and labor. She taught intro to women’s studies and had a great time teaching the students to be media literate with a feminist eye. Currently, she is in her second year of the joint Ph.D. program in Women’s Studies and Sociology at the U of Michigan.

Michelle Topkoff (A.B. Cert., 2002) has been married for 15 years and has a 3 year-old daughter. After graduating, she taught early childhood education in Atlanta. In 2004 she returned to her home state of Colorado and is currently a social worker and provides case management for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Seretha Williams (Grad Cert., 1996) is Interim Director of Women’s Studies at Augusta State U. An associate professor of English, Williams teaches Women’s Literature and Intro to Women’s Studies in addition to her current Humanities and African American literature courses. She is also under contract with Facts On File Inc. to write a Critical Companion on Langston Hughes.

Becky Winkler (A.B. Cert., 1998) received her Ph.D. in Industrial Organizational Psychology from DePaul U in 2004. She is now a corporate psychologist working at Green Peak Partners. She is also on the Board of the Brookwood Alliance and the Blue & Gold Foundation. She married Johnathan Bailey in 2003 and they have two rescued standard poodles.

Heather Woolstenhulme (A.B. Cert., 2002) has been a social worker for the past five years and is currently employed at Spalding County Department of Family of Children Services in Griffin, GA as a Protect and Placement Services Supervisor. She and her boyfriend, moved to Newnan from Athens about a year ago.

Beth Yash (A.B., 2002) is back in Athens, working on her DVM. This spring she will enter clinical rotations for her final year of vet school at UGA. She is engaged to her partner of four years, Emily Ulmer and they have a household menagerie with 3 dogs and 2 cats!
WMST GSA was organized in the Spring of 2007 to facilitate interaction and continued growth among graduate students associated with the Institute for Women’s Studies. The organization creates a community that extends beyond the classroom during graduate certificate classes to connect current certificate students to former certificate students still on campus, including graduate students currently teaching introductory courses. This provides a natural avenue for professional development in terms of teaching opportunities and career progression as well as the support of feminist research.

Composed primarily of current and former WMST graduate certificate students, WMST GSA unites graduate students across the university who study and research all areas of women’s studies. WMST GSA intends to promote and encourage feminist research through student/faculty paper workshops, professional development seminars, attending local, state and national conferences that relate to the advancement of feminist research.

On February 29, 2008 WMST GSA hosted the Institute for Women’s Studies 15th Annual Women’s Studies Student Symposium: “Feminist Research Across the Disciplines” as part of the annual Women’s History Month Celebration.

Undergraduate and graduate students from University of Georgia, Georgia State University, and Emory University presented their work. Over 200 people attended.

18 graduate students are currently involved. The executive committee has done phenomenal work to get the organization running smoothly: the current co-presidents are Daleah Goodwin and Abigail Richardson, Christina Davis is treasurer, and Beth Turner is the secretary. Also, Daleah and Stephanie Doktor deserve much of the credit for the success of the Symposium. Elections for next year’s executive committee will be held soon, and Daleah Goodwin will remain as co-president.

As WMST GSA moves forward they plan to continue to host the WMST Student Symposium, develop long term collaborative relationships with other progressive campus organizations, provide camaraderie and support to wmst colleagues, and organize a university-wide lecture.

For more information, or to join, email wmstgsa@uga.edu.

Daleah Goodwin, a Ph.D. student in History and a Graduate Teaching Assistant in Women’s Studies, served as one of UGA’s Teaching Assistant Mentors for 2007-2008. She presented papers at two conferences: the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference and the National Council for Black Studies Conference. Daleah serves as the Co-President of the Women’s Studies Graduate Student Association and co-coordinated the 15th Annual IWS Student Symposium. The Department of History awarded Daleah with the prestigious “Encouragement to Teach” Award.

Kristen McCauliff, a Ph.D. student in Speech Communication and a Graduate Teaching Assistant in Women’s Studies, was awarded the UGA Graduate School’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship.

Shannon Miller, Ph.D. Student in Child & Family Development and a Graduate Teaching Assistant in Women’s Studies was awarded the Advanced Training Institute Travel Grant from the American Psychological Association, an Institute for Women’s Studies Travel Grant, and a National Coalition Building Institute England Travel Scholarship from the NCBI Rainbow Caucus. She was invited to present: “When Margins become Centered: Queer Women of Color in Front of the Classroom,” at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Conference in Charlotte, NC. Shannon also presented at two conferences: “Black Lesbian Daughters Come Out to Mothers,” at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference and “The Violence of Silence: Coming Out as Black Lesbian Resistance,” at the Women and Girls in Georgia Conference.

Abigail Richardson, Ph.D. Student in Sociology and a former Graduate Teaching Assistant in Women’s Studies, graduated in August 2008 and accepted a Tenure Track Position in Sociology at Mesa State College in Grand Junction, CO. Her dissertation is titled: “‘To Diet or To Eat (Healthy): Women’s Food Negotiations Across the Life Course in the Context of Body, Culture, and Identity.” She presented, “Eating-Related Health Behaviors: Creation of the New Health Behaviors Decision and Enactment Model,” at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference.
Catching up with WSSO

The Women's Studies Student Organization is dedicated to education, activism, and building feminist solidarity. Every year brings a new opportunity to rally around new issues. Almost every year we devote time and energy to combating sexual and domestic violence in the Athens and UGA community.

This year events targeted sexual and domestic violence. Considering the prevalence of sexual harassment reports this year, we felt these issues needed as much attention as possible. In October, we sold t-shirts and ribbons for Domestic Violence Awareness month and donated all our profits to Project Safe. In April, we held our annual event, Take Back the Night. This event is dedicated to confronting numerous social ills, including rape, sexual violence, domestic violence, violence against children, and violence against women. This year, as every year, TBTN provided members of the Athens community with the opportunity to participate in a candlelight vigil and an empowerment march. The night ended with the opportunity for survivors of violence to give voice to their experiences and publicly affirm their transition from victim to survivor in front of the Athens-Clarke County Courthouse. WSSO also spent time advocating for a women's center on campus and organized social events, such as our annual feminist potluck.

-Tiffany Ball, co-chair

Spring Lectures & Events

Jan. 30 Amy Trauger “Our Market is Our Community: Gender & the Spatiality of Value in Sustainable Agriculture”

Feb. 6 Marla Carlson “Gender, Pain, & Ecstasy: Premodern Mystics & Postmodern Body Art”


Feb. 20 Cecilia Herles “Stories of Tree Huggers & Hysterical Housewives: Local Activisms, Global Perspectives”

Feb. 27 Karen Sichler “Less than Free Speech: The First Amendment & Subjugated Knowledges”

Mar. 6 Barbara Biesecker “Love & the Nation: White Women and/in the Remembrance of WWII”

Mar. 20-21 Women’s History Month Symposium: Environmental Justice & Ecofeminism: Ethical Complexity in Action

Mar. 27 Deborah Gonzalez “Princesses of the Pyre: Globalization & Its Impact of Women in Developing Countries”

Apr. 10 Sarah Haley “Gendered Punishment, Gender Justice: Women Confronting the U.S. Prison System”

Apr. 17 Andrea Carson Coley Lecture Michelle Cliff, Everything Is Now

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Why was it important to you to get involved in the recent sexual harassment and living wage issues and lobbying for a women's center on campus?

Living wage and economic justice issues are a natural outgrowth of my research; it would be morally unjustifiable to ignore on a practical level what I have learned on a theoretical one. As for the other two issues, I can’t take any credit for the incredible work that has been done on them (and on on-campus affordable child care, another enormous concern at UGA): I was very much a follower there, albeit an enthusiastic one. With all of these campaigns, it’s as much an issue of self-interest as of moral responsibility: you can’t ignore a fire on your own doorstep, and UGA is a better place for me if it is a better place for hourly workers, parents, and the students, staff, and faculty whose documented experiences of harassment have come to light. Activism is just the tax you pay on living: other people long dead stood up for rights and benefits we all enjoy, and we can’t just consume that social surplus without also adding to it. It’s a privilege of citizenship, but also therefore a duty.

What do you love about UGA, and Women's Studies?

That’s easy: the students. I have been incredibly honored to work with some truly extraordinary young women and men here, people who inspire me both intellectually and morally. I regularly compare notes with colleagues around the country, and while it’s not actually supposed to be a competition, I think our students are unparalleled.
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