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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

On Thursday, March 7th, the Oberlin Women's Studies Program sponsored a keynote address in celebration of International Women's Day by Dr. Minoo Moallem, Associate Professor and Chair of Women's Studies at San Francisco State University. The lecture, titled "Between Warrior Brother and Veiled Sister, Islamic Fundamentalism and the Cultural Politics of Patriarchy" (her forthcoming book from University of California Press), was very well-attended and focused on visual representations of Afghani women and men in the current conflict, as well as gendered debates and contestations in contemporary Iran.

THE PHYLLIS JONES MEMORIAL AWARD

The Phyllis Jones Fund was established through gifts from students, colleagues, and friends of Phyllis Jones (1945-1982). This annual award recognizes and honors student work in areas related to Phyllis Jones's interests: women writers, minority women, women in the community, and the integration of personal and professional goals for women. Applications for Spring 2002 can be found online or outside of the Women's Studies Program office, Rice 116. The deadline for submissions is April 15th, 2002.

LEAH FREED MEMORIAL PRIZE AWARD FALL 2001 RECIPIENTS

The Leah Freed Memorial prize is awarded to support engagement in student research, creative work, performance, or other academic projects. This year's Fall 2001 recipients were:

Dominique Atchison
Project Title and Description: "Pass Me Not," was a performance piece created by Dominique Atchison. It gave light and legitimacy to the experiences of Africans displaced in the US. The main focus was on the lives and daily struggles of Black-American women of the past and present. She used the personal stories of four generations of her family from her great grandmother to herself. The history in the show was enhanced by many forms of media and performance, including dance, song, spoken word, instillation art and slides.

Jennifer Leigh Katz
Project Title and Description: "Internalization of Social Values as a Function of Manner of Pregnancy Termination". This paper discusses the potential impact of the United States Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval of the drug combination mifepristone and misoprostol as a non-surgical abortion method. The paper explores the ways that this new methodology can shift the focus of abortion practice from its current public and political orientation to one that is more centered on the private and personal ways that the termination of pregnancy affects women as individuals. The paper makes use of a substantial history of abortion in the United States, introduction to mifepristone, a review of the literature, as well as a qualitative study and analysis.

UPCOMING MAJORS MEETING

Keep an eye open for an upcoming majors meeting! Your student representatives will be calling a meeting shortly to elect next year's major representatives.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Wendy Hesford
Associate Professor, Ohio State University
“Globalization, Gender Politics & Community Service-Learning as Materialist Practices”

Friday, April 12th, 2002
12:00 p.m., Wilder 101

This paper considers how neo-liberal notions of the nation-state, citizenship, and the public sphere have infiltrated community service learning paradigms and its institutionalization in the U.S. academy. The anti-sweatshop movement on campuses throughout the United States and materialist feminist perspectives on the feminization and naturalization of “service” learning provide a window into the potential risks as well as the potential transformative value of community service learning and its interdisciplinary status in a changing university.

2002 GLCA WOMEN’S STUDIES CONFERENCE

Four Oberlin students from Professor Frances Hasso’s Fall 2001 "Gender, Social Change, Social Movements" (cross-listed in women’s studies and sociology) course have had proposals based on original research papers accepted for presentation at the 2002 GLCA Women’s Studies Conference. The Conference will be held at Wooster College, April 4-6. The panel, titled “Critical Analyses of Identity Issues and Movement Strategies in Web-based Social Movements,” includes A. Lara Dredge, junior (English concentration) Women's Studies major and Psychology minor, whose paper is titled "Affirmation: The Imagined Community of Gay and Lesbian Mormons." Claire Jahns, junior double major in Environmental Studies and Economics, will present "An Isolated Discourse: Strategic Essentialism and Generation X Rightwing." Haley Pollack, sophomore Women's Studies major, will present ""Redefining' Masculinity in the Mythopoetic Men's Movement." And Katherine M. Lehe, junior Environmental Studies major, will present "The Afro-Latin and Afro-Caribbean Women's Network: Cry of the Excluded." These papers, like the others written by students in the course, were based on original analysis of the discourses and visual representations (addressing the significance of absence as well as presence) of website and chat room material in order to ascertain the ideologies, theoretical assumptions, and mobilization strategies of a given movement.

FALL 2002 WOMEN’S STUDIES COURSE OFFERINGS

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For course descriptions please refer to the Women’s Studies website.

http://www.oberlin.edu/~wstudies