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Director's Column

Gretchen Ritter
June 2006

I have just come from a planning meeting for next year's annual theme events. To have fourteen talented, good humored, and accomplished people show up for such a meeting on a hot day in late June is indicative of the excitement and interest that surrounds our topic for next year which is *Gender, Politics and Leadership*. The group that met included two deans, another center director, and faculty from six schools or colleges. As always, I feel privileged to work with such a wonderful group of faculty, and I am struck by the depth and range of our program's interdisciplinary contribution to the mission of the university

Over the course of this coming year we will focus on different aspects of this broad theme. In the fall, we are co-sponsoring a conference on October 19 & 20 with the Law School that is entitled *Gender and Labor: What's Working?* This conference will provide a critical examination of labor governance (broadly conceived) in the US and its impact on women. There are several factors that make these particularly challenging times for working women, the labor movement, and women's advocacy groups. Political conservatism, labor movement weakness, economic globalization, and debates over immigration are just some of the challenges being faced by the allies of working women in the US these days.

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Hillary Hart presents Lynn Miller with the Gilbert Teaching Award at the 2006 Spring Awards Reception



annual theme

women's and gender studies



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Our annual theme for the 2006-2007 academic year is *Gender, Politics, and Leadership*. Our workshops, conferences, colloquia, and film screenings are always open to the entire UT community and the broader public.

<http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/cwgs/events/>

Pictured Left to Right: Jackie Salcedo (CWGS - Graduate Coordinator), Dr. Susan Wood (former Director of the Women's Health Office at the FDA), Gretchen Ritter (CWGS - Director), and Sarah Wheat (NARAL Texas)



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<http://www.rhnp.org/science/SusanWoodRoadShow.asp>

Director's Column - Continued

There are also innovative and interesting alternatives being considered and tried. We want to highlight some of these alternatives. The topics we will focus on include women in the labor movement, workplace discrimination, work and family issues, and trade governance as a labor issue. Each of the panels will include a mix of academics from different disciplines and representatives of nonprofit and advocacy organizations. The participants include nationally recognized scholars, legal advocates, political representatives, and labor leaders. I expect the conference to draw national attention

During the spring semester we will be cosponsoring a colloquium series on *Diversity and Religion in American Public Life*. Our co-sponsoring include the Religious Studies Program and the LBJ Library. Events of recent years have made us all more aware of the role that religion plays in shaping our communities and our politics – whether it be in debates over gay marriage or concerns about the religious divisions that have contributed to the conflicts in the Middle East. Too often, however, our understanding of the role of religion in politics and public life is based on stereotyped views about Christian conservatives in the US or Islamic fundamentalists in the Middle East. This series is designed to create a broader dialogue and exploration of the role that religion plays in organizing American public life in different social and faith-based communities. Beyond the colloquium series, this coming year we will be sponsoring other events on gender and religion in other parts of the world.

Finally, on the topic of leadership, we would like to explore how leadership is created and made manifest in diverse communities and in a variety of areas such as science, politics, higher education, community advancement, business, law, and the arts. How might we encourage young women, especially those from less advantaged backgrounds, to become leaders and to join fields where there are too few women? How do women leaders emerge and what style of leadership do they exercise?

Is there a distinctively feminist form of leadership or empowerment that we can identify and learn from? Interdisciplinary teaching and research centers such as CWGS have a special role to play in the advancing of diversity in leadership.

The National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan recently held a conference that brought together representatives from different universities to discuss the mission of fostering diversity in higher education. Diversity in higher education matters because education is the gateway to social opportunity and leadership in our society. It also matters because our social experiences shape our approach to learning and intellectual innovation, so the presence of students, researchers, or faculty from diverse social backgrounds creates a learning environment in which we learn to see the world from different angles of view, opening us up to new approaches to knowledge and understanding. Finally, diversity in higher education matters because we live in a diverse world where our economic and political success depends upon our ability to communicate and work with people who are different from ourselves. This coming year, the Center will host events that highlight the importance of diversity and leadership in higher education and in society more generally.

Announcing the CWGS Fall Conference

**Gender and Labor:
What's Working?**

October 19 & 20, 2006

Co-Sponsored by the UT Law School

Graduating MA STUDENTS

Laura Jo Gladney-Lemon

Laura Gladney-Lemon first came to UT as a transfer student from the University of Oregon in spring of 2002, graduating in August of 2004 with a BA in Government. During her tenure at UT she has been active on campus hosting a community programming show on KVRX, writing a column for The Daily Texan, and working in the Women's Resource Center. Laura also served on the UT Student Government. Laura's Thesis is called, "The Real World: Size Discrimination and Fat Activism." Laura's faculty supervisor was Lisa Moore, Ph.D.



Melissa Koonce



Melissa Koonce is interested in research including sociology of queer communities, (de/re) constructions of gendered identities, and performance as a site of activism. Her Master's Thesis, "Identity Construction and Community Building in Austin's Drag King Culture," is an ethnographic project aimed at examining a local moment in the contemporary drag king

performance movement. As an artist, Melissa explores academic theory through her performance work and incorporates her performance experiences into her understandings of theory. As an activist scholar, she strives to generate social and political impact through her research. As a mother, she permits her lived realities to shape her feminist politics. Melissa is firmly committed to the success of gender studies as an academic discipline. She is co-coordinator for the CWGS Brown Bags for Graduate Students series, worked on staff of the CWGS Journal, *Women's and Gender Studies in Review Across Disciplines*, and served on the organizing committee for the Emerging Scholarship in Women's and Gender Studies Conference held in April 2006. Melissa's faculty supervisor was Dorie Gilbert, Ph.D.

Sonia Montoya



Sonia Melitta D. Montoya is a UT Graduate Recruitment Fellow and David Burton Jr. Fellow. Sonia came to Austin from San Jose State University, California as a McNair Scholars Fellow with a BS in Public Relations and a minor in Women's Studies. Her research reexamines the history of the 1950-52 Local 890, Empire Zinc strike in Bayard, New Mexico through the lens of women. Her thesis, "Voicing Solidarity, The Ladies Auxiliary: The

Retelling of the Empire Zinc Strike," retells the history of the longest strike in New Mexico's history using auto-ethnography methodology to document women's life histories who participated in the women's delegation the Ladies Auxiliary, who victoriously succeeded the strike. In addition to her research, she is a teaching

assistant for a Center of Mexican American Studies (CMAS) course on The History of Mexican-Americans in the U.S., a graduate representative on CMAS 35th Anniversary Planning Committee, and a volunteer for Interfaith Care Alliance advocating AIDS awareness in Austin. Sonia's faculty supervisors were Dana Cloud, Ph.D., and Emilio Zamora, Ph.D.

Rebecca Moody

Rebecca Moody came to Austin from Arkansas and Oklahoma by way of Washington, DC and Atlanta, where she worked with both local and national women's advocacy organizations. This experience not only showed Rebecca the importance of merging advocacy with academic theory but also forced her to begin formulating her most basic research question: beyond how, why?



Rebecca's research revolves around the role women's bodies play in and for their communities. Her thesis, "(Im)Pure Thoughts: Rethinking Women's Ritual and Physical Impurity," examines menstruation as a ritual and physical impurity and its role in a community during times of chaos. She looks forward to presenting her analysis of women's impurity in Judaism at WOCMES2, the Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, in Amman, Jordan this June. Rebecca feels passionately about women's and gender studies as an academic discipline and its role in exposing students to feminist-centered dialogue. In addition to her research, she is an editor of *Intersections: Women's and Gender Studies in Review Across Disciplines*, a peer-reviewed graduate student journal, and co-coordinates the "CWGS Brown Bag for Graduate Students" series. Rebecca's faculty supervisor was Faegheh Shirazi, Ph.D.

Andria Salucka



Andria Salucka graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 2001 with a degree in psychology. She came to the University of Texas after working for two years at the Houston Area Women's Center, a non-profit that provides direct services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Andria's thesis, "Restorative Justice: Is Austin, Texas Ready for an Alternative Approach to Domestic Violence?" examines the intersection of restorative justice and domestic

violence, identifying the most critical factors to consider when determining whether or not, and how, to develop, implement, and support a restorative justice initiative addressing domestic violence. In addition to her research, Andria enjoys spending time with her husband, dog and cat and volunteering with the Lance Armstrong Foundation. She loves to run and in April had the honor of competing in the 110th Boston Marathon. Andria's faculty supervisors were Noël Bridget Busch, Ph.D. and Marilyn P. Armour, Ph.D.

CWGS Community Advisory Board

The Center for Women's and Gender Studies is pleased to announce the formation of our new Community Advisory Board. Within the the central Texas area there are many organizations and individuals that seek to promote gender equity and to understand and improve the lives of women, girls, and families. We applaud their efforts and endeavor to provide scholarly support for their work. Our new *Community Advisory Board* includes representatives from business, the arts, education, and advocacy organizations that are involved in such efforts. We plan to work with these distinguished community leaders to plan programs and workshops that allow our faculty and students to learn from the experience and expertise of community members and that provide scholarly support to groups seeking to understand and advance the position of women and girls. We will also seek the board's assistance in our development efforts, so that we can achieve financial security for our programs.

Linda Aaker – Attorney, author of *A Women's Odyssey*, active participant in environmental and political causes. She is a freelance writer and the former Chief of the Antitrust Division of the Texas Attorney General's office. She also served on the advisory board of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Cathy Bonner – Business woman and philanthropist. She is the founder of the Women's Museum in Dallas. She also helped to found Leadership Texas and is on the board of directors for the Foundation for Women's Resources. She was the Executive Director of the Department of Commerce under Governor Ann Richards.

Evan Carton – Director of the Humanities Institute and Professor of English at UT Austin. Carton is a community leader whose research interests include abolition and social reform in the U.S. *Patriotic Treason: John Brown and the Soul of America*, was published this year by Free Press.

Sheryl Cole – Public Accountant, former president of the Lee Elementary PTA, and member of the Austin City Council. Cole currently serves on the Board of Leadership Austin and the Austin Area Urban League, and is a former Board member of Communities in Schools. Sheryl also served as Tri-Chair of the 2004 AISD Citizen Bond Committee, and was appointed by

former mayor Kirk Watson to serve on the 1998 City of Austin Citizen Bond Committee.

Marta Coter – Chicana feminist activist, scholar, and librarian. Since the 1960s, she has been active both in the Chicano movement, and in documenting the role of women within the movement. She is best known for her book, *Sol y Hembra*, one of the first and best histories of Mexican American women, and their contributions to civil rights and Chicana/o history.

Lulu Flores – Attorney and community leader. Flores is the legislative coordinator for the Mexican-American Bar Association, vice president of public affairs at the MexicArte Museum, is serving her second term on the diversity and outreach section of the National Women's Political Caucus, and is immediate past president of the Texas Political Caucus. She also served two terms as chair of the Women's Advocacy Board and was on its board for 10 years.

Cynthia Levinson – Educational consultant, community activist, and author. Levinson used to work for the Texas Education Agency. She is active in the Austin Interfaith Alliance and in the Breast Cancer Resource Center.

Catherine Mauzy – Attorney and community activist. Mauzy is regarded as one of the leading family law practitioners in the state. She is also involved in reproductive rights and other progressive causes. She is currently the chairperson of the NARAL Pro-Choice Board. Last fall, she helped to lead the anti-Prop 2 campaign.

Rachel Muir – Social Entrepreneur and Business Leader. She is the founder and executive director of Girlstart, a nonprofit organization that empowers girls to excel in math and science.

Regina Rogoff – Executive Director of People's Community Clinic, a not-for-profit primary care clinic providing affordable health care for uninsured central Texans. Prior to joining PCC, Regina was Executive Director of Legal Aid of Central Texas for twenty years. She serves on the Board of Capital I.D.E.A. and is a co-chair of Austin Interfaith. She is the immediate past-president of the Austin Area Human Services Association and secretary of the Indigent Care Collaboration.

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Become involved with the student-run journal!

Contact: intersections.journal@gmail.com

<http://studentorgs.utexas.edu/wgsreview/index.html>

13th Annual Emerging Scholarship in Women's and Gender Studies Conference

by Stephanie Green

In April the Center for Women's and Gender Studies held its 13th annual conference highlighting graduate and undergraduate student work. The conference highlighted the Center's interdisciplinary focus as papers were presented by students and faculty chairs culled from a broad range of departments, including American Studies, Anthropology, Art History, Comparative Literature, English, Germanic Studies, Government, History, Radio-Television-Film, Social Work, Sociology, the School of Nursing and the Americo Paredes Center for Cultural Studies. For the first time, the call for papers included other central Texas universities. Among the students included in the conference was Laura Young an undergraduate student in English from Concordia University.

The conference included panels focused on both local and international studies and contemporary and historical debates. Topics included: "Constructing Narratives of Kin and Family," "Social Construction of the Body," "Women's Roles in Shifting Political Systems" and "Gendered Cultural Artifacts." The panel "Queer Austin: Identities, Representations and Communities" was chaired by Dr. Laurie Green from the Department of History. It included papers by Kyle Brillante and Mel Koonce, from the MA Program, who



presented their ongoing work studying queer identities within the Austin Community. First-year students Starr Corbin and Jamie Madden also presented their respective papers "Women, War and Gender Regulation" and "Post-feminist Philosophy and (some) Contemporary Popular Fiction Texts as Forms of Deceptive Liberation: The Third Wave Responds." The conference also included a workshop organized by the members of the graduate, student-run, interdisciplinary journal *Intersections* (pictured above).

The Center invited two plenary speakers from Planned Parenthood: Jennifer Brown, Southern Region Field Manager and Danielle Tierney, Public Affairs Director for the Texas Capital Region (pictured in left column). The joint presentation, "Stand Up For Choice: Community Organizing for Reproductive Rights" discussed the timely debate and followed the theme of community based work presented in many of the panels.

CWGS would like to thank everyone who helped make the conference a great success.



All CWGS PORTFOLIO STUDENTS are required to present at the Annual CWGS Student Conference in the Spring.

If you have questions about portfolio requirements, please contact the Center for Women's and Gender Studies office.

<http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/cwgs/graduate/portfolios/>

CWGS Community Advisory Board

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Nancy Scanlan – Professional award-winning photographer and long-time community leader. In addition to her work with Save Our Springs Alliance in Austin, she is a board member of KMFA, classical radio station in Austin, TX; Texas Photographic Society, and Advisory Councils of the University of Texas School of Architecture and the Ransom Center.

Martha Smiley – Businesswoman and community leader. She is a co-founding shareholder of Grande Communications. Her corporate and community leadership is reflected in her public and community service positions including: Board of Regents, The University of Texas System; Board President, SafePlace Foundation Board; President, KLRU Public Television Board; President, Foundation for Women's Resources Board, and a founding member of Leadership Texas and Leadership America.

Judge Bea Ann Smith – Justice on the Texas Court of Appeals, Third District. She also is the first Texas judge to serve as president of the National Association of Women Judges. She is on the faculty of the Institute of Judicial Administration at New York University Law School and is an adjunct professor at the University of Texas Law School. In 1999 she won the Outstanding Achievement award by the Women Lawyers Association. She is a member of Leadership Texas and the Texas Journal of Women and the Law and the Journal of Texas Administrative Law.

Gerald Torres – Professor of Law, UT Austin, is the former president of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). Torres has served as deputy assistant attorney general for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and as counsel to then U.S. attorney general Janet Reno. His latest book, *The Miner's Canary: Enlisting Race, Resisting Power, Transforming Democracy* (Harvard University Press, 2002) with Harvard law professor Lani Guinier, was described by *Publisher's Weekly* as "one of the most provocative and challenging books on race produced in years." Torres was honored with the 2004 Legal Service Award from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) for his work to advance the legal rights of Latinos.

Donna Van Fleet – Chairperson of the Board of Directors for GENAustin, the Girl's Empowerment network, which seeks to foster healthy self-esteem in girls by engaging them to explore and define their personal values and to build skills that empower them with the confidence and courage to make wise choices. Van Fleet is the former vice president for development at IBM. She is also a director on the boards of the Girl Scouts Lone Star Council, Ballet Austin, The Long Center for the Performing Arts, St. Edward's University, Jane's Due Process and the United Way Capital Area.

CWGS Welcomes New Staff Member

Kathleen McDonagh joins the Center for Women's and Gender Studies as our new Senior Administrator. Kathleen comes to our offices from the University of Texas Library.

We are very pleased to have her on our team!

Bibliographer's Corner

by Lindsey Schell

The UT Libraries has recently upgraded our campus subscription to CQ Weekly, published by Congressional Quarterly and now available in electronic format. CQ Weekly is considered the most authoritative, non-partisan source on current legislative activity. The content includes feature-length articles on the full spectrum of policy issues, focused updates on legislative activity, floor vote reports and side-by-side comparisons of competing versions of bills. The online product holds reports and articles back to 1983 and can be searched by keyword, date, bill number or committee. Renowned for its accurate, thorough reporting and accessible "outside the Beltway" language, CQ weekly is a favorite of Congress-watchers as well as Congress members.

This tool is an excellent resource for advanced researchers in government, politics, public affairs, economics and history as well as a good tool for undergraduates writing position papers.

To use CQ Weekly online, visit:

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/indexes/titles.html?id=430>

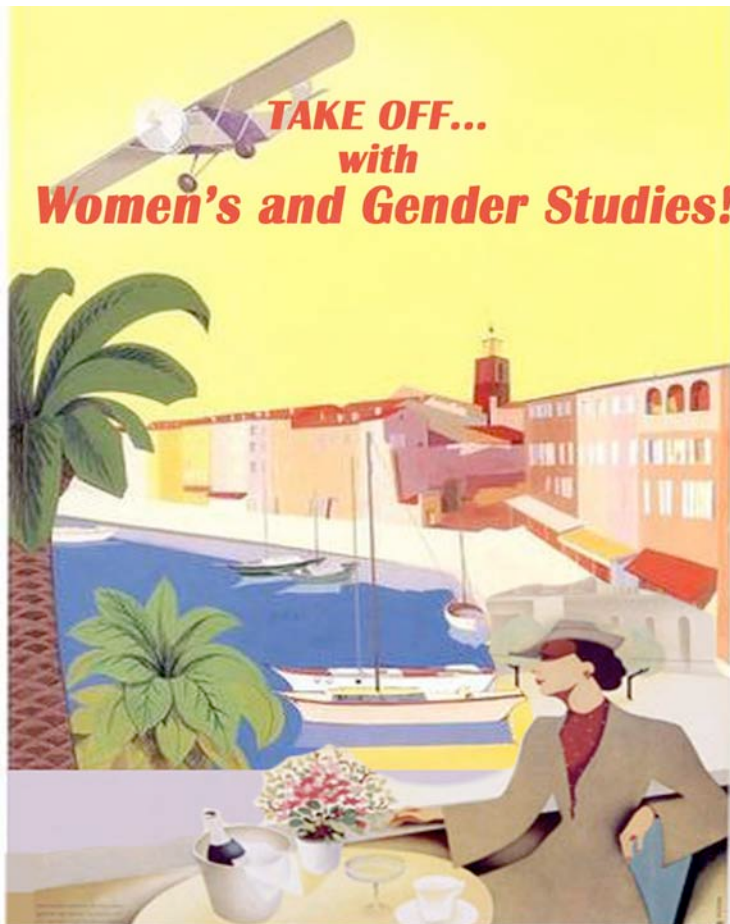
As always, if you would like assistance with this or any other library resource, please contact me at schell@mail.utexas.edu or 495-4119.

Now is also a great time to think about including a library research session in your fall syllabi. Let me know if you would like to schedule a workshop for your class or collaborate on creating a research assignment.



Academic News

by Associate Director & Graduate Adviser Susan Sage
Heinzelman, Graduate Coordinator Alma Jackie Salcedo



Learn about the new undergraduate
Women's & Gender Studies Major*
http://www.utexas.edu/cola/content/degree_plans/2006_2008_catalog/WGS06-08.pdf

* Pending Final Approval



CWGS Undergraduate Program*:

As the WGS undergraduate major approaches the final stages of approval, preparation is underway to welcome students into the department. The Center for Women's and Gender Studies encourages all undergraduate students who are interested in the major to visit the advisors in the College of Liberal Arts.

CWGS staff is receiving training during June 2006 to better assist new WGS majors. One of the advantages of belonging to the Women's and Gender Studies program is the individual attention that students will receive. CWGS would like to invite our undergraduate students to come visit our offices in Walter Webb Hall (Campus Club) building, and get to know our faculty and staff.

(*Pending Approval)

CWGS MA Graduate Program:

We are very excited to be at the start of a new academic year. The sequence of our WGS Foundations courses has been restructured to allow completion by a student's first year in the program. Foundations I will be taken in the Fall semester, and Foundations II & III will be taken in the Spring semester. We believe this will better prepare our students to research their ideas (for their thesis or report) during the crucial summer in between their first and second year.

The Center for Women's and Gender Studies is pleased to welcome another cohort this year. We have an excellent group of students from diverse backgrounds including Texas, Mississippi, India, Iran, and even an International Ford Foundation Fellow from Uganda.

Our next Student Conference will be held in the Spring semester in April. We would like to remind all WGS MA and Portfolio Program Students that their participation is required.

The undergraduate degree plan is now available online:
http://www.utexas.edu/cola/content/degree_plans/2006_2008_catalog/WGS06-08.pdf

The University of Texas at Austin - College of Liberal Arts Women's & Gender Studies Degree Plan Fall 2006 & Spring 2007			
Area A: Required Core Courses (12 credits) WGS 301: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3 credits) WGS 302: Women's and Gender Studies in the United States (3 credits) WGS 303: Women's and Gender Studies in the World (3 credits) WGS 304: Women's and Gender Studies in the Future (3 credits)		Elective Courses (12 credits) Students must select 12 credits from the following list of courses: WGS 305: Women's and Gender Studies in the United States (3 credits) WGS 306: Women's and Gender Studies in the World (3 credits) WGS 307: Women's and Gender Studies in the Future (3 credits) WGS 308: Women's and Gender Studies in the United States (3 credits) WGS 309: Women's and Gender Studies in the World (3 credits) WGS 310: Women's and Gender Studies in the Future (3 credits)	
Area B: Required Core Courses (12 credits) WGS 311: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3 credits) WGS 312: Women's and Gender Studies in the United States (3 credits) WGS 313: Women's and Gender Studies in the World (3 credits) WGS 314: Women's and Gender Studies in the Future (3 credits)		Elective Courses (12 credits) Students must select 12 credits from the following list of courses: WGS 315: Women's and Gender Studies in the United States (3 credits) WGS 316: Women's and Gender Studies in the World (3 credits) WGS 317: Women's and Gender Studies in the Future (3 credits) WGS 318: Women's and Gender Studies in the United States (3 credits) WGS 319: Women's and Gender Studies in the World (3 credits) WGS 320: Women's and Gender Studies in the Future (3 credits)	
Area C: Required Core Courses (12 credits) WGS 321: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3 credits) WGS 322: Women's and Gender Studies in the United States (3 credits) WGS 323: Women's and Gender Studies in the World (3 credits) WGS 324: Women's and Gender Studies in the Future (3 credits)		Elective Courses (12 credits) Students must select 12 credits from the following list of courses: WGS 325: Women's and Gender Studies in the United States (3 credits) WGS 326: Women's and Gender Studies in the World (3 credits) WGS 327: Women's and Gender Studies in the Future (3 credits) WGS 328: Women's and Gender Studies in the United States (3 credits) WGS 329: Women's and Gender Studies in the World (3 credits) WGS 330: Women's and Gender Studies in the Future (3 credits)	
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CWGS Affiliate NEWS

On April 28th, BookPeople hosted a *Reflections* book party to celebrate a sample of CWGS faculty affiliate publications. For more information on future *Reflections* events, please contact CWGS Associate Director **Susan Sage Heinzelman**.

Books featured included - *German-Jewish Literature in the Wake of the Holocaust: Grete Weil, Ruth Klüger, and the Politics of Address* by **Pascale Bos** (Germanic Studies); *Utopia In Performance: Finding Hope At The Theater* by **Jill Dolan** (Theatre and Dance); *Beyond Hill and Hollow: Original Readings in Appalachian Women's Studies* by **Elizabeth Engelhardt** (American Studies); *The Heart of Whiteness: Confronting Race, Racism and White Privilege* by **Robert Jensen** (Journalism); *Media*

Janet Staiger, Elizabeth Engelhardt, Christine Williams, and Pascale Bos pose with their books at the CWGS Reflections BookPeople book party.



The Center for Women's and Gender Studies hopes to host a *Reflections* event at least once a semester. The Spring 2006 book party at BookPeople was well attended.

Reception Studies by **Janet Staiger** (Radio-Television-Film); *The Power Of The People* by **Sean Theriault** (Government); and *Inside Toyland: Working, Shopping, and Social Inequality* by **Christine Williams** (Sociology).

Mary Lou Adams (School of Nursing) has received the 2005-2006 Award of Excellence from the Austin Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs). Adams' research focuses on the health-promoting behaviors of women, particularly of minority women, who often are part of under-served populations.

Katherine Arens (Germanic Studies) received a Mellon Foundation/SCMLA Fellowship for work at the HRC in summer, 2006: "Making Science American: How Migration Changed Intellectual Culture"—part of a book-in-progress on the history of science, 1870-WWI. She was also an Invited Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany, June 9-11th 2006.

Pascale Bos (Germanic Studies) published "Feminists Interpreting the Politics of Wartime Rape: Berlin 1945; Yugoslavia 1992-3" in *Signs* volume 31, issue 4, (Summer) 2006.

Sharon Brown (College of Pharmacy) has been appointed as the new Chair of the Health Services Organization and Delivery (HSOD) Study Section at the National Institutes of Health, effective July 2006.

Cynthia Buckley (Sociology) has been awarded research grants from the International Research Exchange, the National Council for East European and Eurasian Studies and the American Councils for International Education for her research on labor out-migration, gender and health in the southern Caucasus. The research focuses on the ways in which male labor out-migration in the region influences female gender roles, household economic security and health behaviors, including HIV/STD risk related behaviors.

Noel Busch (Social Work) was awarded the Council on Social Work Education's Distinguished Recent Contributions to Social Work Education in March 2006.

Jill Dolan's (Theatre and Dance) newest book, *Utopia in Performance: Finding Hope at the Theatre*, was published in December 2005 by University of Michigan Press. In Spring 2006, she was appointed a new member of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers here at UT.

Elizabeth Engelhardt (American Studies) has published *Beyond Hill and Hollow* (Ohio University Press) an anthology of scholarship on Appalachian Women's Studies.

Rowena Fong (Social Work) was announced as a faculty recipient of the 2006-2007 Office of Graduate Studies Research Internship (RI) Program.

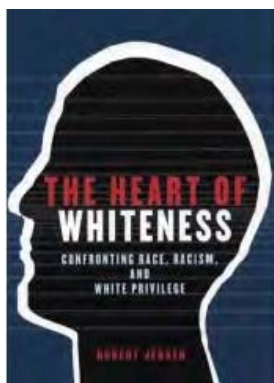
Dawn Fowler (Social Work) is the Principal Investigator on research projects examining issues affecting women who are survivors of intimate partner abuse including spirituality and substance abuse. Dr. Fowler is currently evaluating The SafePlace Domestic Violence Agency's Child and Adolescent Counseling Program, funded by the Dell Corporation. She also presented on Substance Abuse: A Leading Health Care Issue Among Ethnic Minorities at The 20th Annual Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights, Health Care Disparities: A Civil Rights Issue in April, 2006.

Lucia Gilbert (Vice-Provost) is the Principal Investigator for the Difficult Dialogues grant from the Ford Foundation, with other faculty members including CWGS Affiliated Faculty members **Ann Cvetkovich (English)**, **Pauline Strong (Anthropology)**, and **Paige Schilt (Connexus)**. She also published "Therapeutic Relationships" in *The Handbook of Girls' and Women's Psychological Health*, which she co-wrote with Lisa K. Kearney.

Susanne Hafner (Germanic Studies), with a special award from the College of Liberal Arts, conducted research at the *Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana* as Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome last December. In April, her year as the Mellon Fellow in Medieval Studies at the Medieval Institute at the University of Notre Dame was concluded with a symposium on her book in progress, *Virgilian Masculinities: Medieval Readings of the Aeneid*. Her book *Maskulinität in der höfischen Erzählliteratur* was featured as the subject of the 2006 New Books Roundtable by the Society for Medieval German Studies at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo in May. She also published an article on "Erzählen im Raum: Der Schmalkaldener Iwein" and gave papers at the University of Notre Dame, the Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies at Ohio State University, and delivered the John Boswell Memorial Lecture at the College of William and Mary in April.

The Teaching Company, which produces DVDs and CDs of lectures by university professors, selected **Susan Sage Heinzelman (English)**, to be featured on its Web site. Heinzelman's course, titled "Representing Justice: Stories of Law and Literature," is one of The Teaching Company's new course offerings.

Neville Hoad (English) was announced as a faculty recipient of the 2006-2007 Office of Graduate Studies Research Internship (RI) Program.



Robert Jensen (Journalism) recently published *The Heart of Whiteness: Confronting Race, Racism and White Privilege* (City Lights Books).

Barbara Jones (Social Work) has been elected President of The Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers, a National social work organization.

LeeAnn Kahlor (Advertising) has partnered with "RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association" to examine the time spent by infertile individuals accessing infertility-related information and support groups, including those currently available on the Web and outcomes related to that information seeking.



Mary Kearney (Radio, Television, and Film) has been selected to participate in the UT Humanities Institute in Spring 2007. Also, her first book, *Girls Make Media* (Routledge, 2006), has just been released.

Naomi Lindstrom (Spanish and Portuguese) has recently been named to two editorial boards: *Hojas del Cila-vario: Revista de Literatura y de Cultura Argentinas* (an Argentine on-line literary journal scheduled to begin publication in August 2006), and *Modern Jewish*

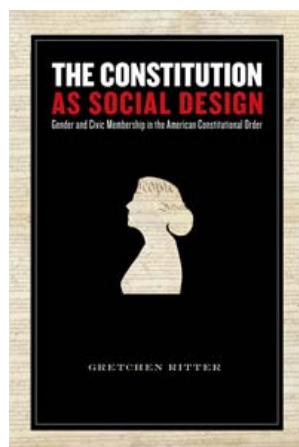
Studies (the annual issue of the journal Yiddish open to studies of Jewish writing in any language).

Tracy McMillan (Architecture) is co-author of a journal article, being published in *Children, Youth, and Environment*, called "Johnny can walk to school— Can Jane? Examining sex differences in children's active travel to school." She also gave a talk, broadcasted on C-SPAN Radio on May 21, 2006, called "Safe Routes to School: a transportation policy's impact on child and family health."

Lynn Miller (Theatre and Dance) was awarded the Lucia, John, and Melissa Gilbert Teaching Excellence Award in Women's and Gender Studies for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Ann Reynolds (Art and Art History) will spend the fall of 2006 at the Clark Institute in Williamstown, MA and the spring of 2007 on a Dean's Fellowship to work on a new book-length project *Playtime: Creativity and Community in New York, 1940-1970*. This spring, she was the first recipient of the College of Fine Arts Distinguished Teaching Award.

Gretchen Ritter (Government, Women's & Gender Studies Director) has published *The Constitution as Social Design: Gender and Civic Membership in the American Constitutional Order* (Stanford University Press).



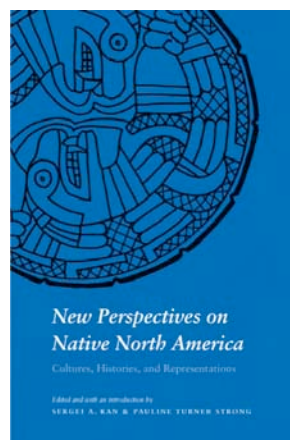
Dean Victoria Rodriguez (Graduate Studies) and **Christine Williams (Sociology)** were both honored as Contributors of the Year at the Center for Women's and Gender Studies 2006 Spring Awards Reception.

Michele Rountree (Social Work) received a Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research in Underserved Populations from UT's School of Nursing to conduct a pilot study on a HIV/AIDS Prevention Intervention for Women Who Have Experienced Intimate Partner Abuse.

Loriene Roy (School of Information) received the 2006 Equality Award from the American Library Association for outstanding contribution toward promoting quality in librarianship. She was elected ALA President-Elect and President-Elect of the ALA-Allied Professional Association, the first indigenous person to serve in these offices. She was selected as ALA Executive Board Liaison to the American Indian Library Association and Liaison to ALISE, the Association of Library and Information Science Education. She also joins the Board of the Freedom to Read Foundation.

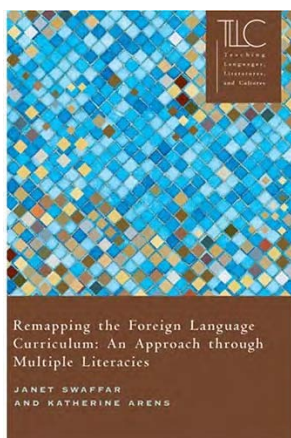
Pauline Strong (Anthropology) won the UT-Austin 2006 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award. With co-editor Sergei Kan, she published *New Perspectives on Native North America: Cultures, Histories, and Representations* (Lincoln and London: U of Nebraska P, 2006). She also gave a presentation on "Captivity and Vengeance in Colonial and Postcolonial Empires" at the Gender and Empire Conference, American University, Cairo, Egypt.

Dean Victoria Rodriguez receives the Contributor of the Year Award from CWGS Director Gretchen Ritter.



Kathleen Tyner (Radio-Television-Film) participated with experts from around the world in a recent documentary about the digital divide for *Asociación de Televisión Educativa Iberoamericana* in Madrid, Spain. The documentary, "La Brecha Digital," was broadcast throughout Spain in May and will be distributed widely to countries in Latin America and South America. In June, Professor Tyner was also keynote speaker for "Media Literacy: Overseas

Conversations" at the Chelsea Museum in New York City. The series is a project of the Museum of Television and Radio, The Chelsea Art Museum and the European Observatory of Children's Television in Barcelona, Spain.

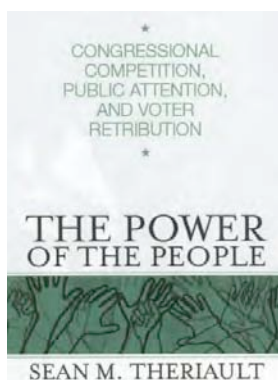


Janet Swaffar (Germanic Studies) and **Katherine Arens (Germanic Studies)** announce their new book *Remapping the Foreign Language Curriculum: An Approach through Multiple Literacies* (Modern Language Association, 2005).

Sean Theriault (Government) was awarded the President's Associates Teaching Excellence Award and recently published *The Power of The People* (Ohio State University Press).

Christine Williams (Sociology) has published *Inside Toyland: Working, Shopping, and Social Inequality* (University of California Press). Christine Williams was also a faculty recipient of the 2006-2007 Office of Graduate Studies Research Internship (RI) Program.

Janet Todd (Kinesiology & Health Education) was elected as President of the History Academy of the American Alliance for Health Physical Education Recreation & Dance. She will serve one year as President elect, and then as President in 2007-2008



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Undergraduate Students:

The Peña Award for earning a distinction in Women's and Gender Studies scholarship and service was given to Anya Rous. The Romero Award, honoring a paper which contributes to increased understanding of the intersection between race, ethnicity and gender- was given to *Contraception and Identity Construction: Family Planning Policy in Egypt* by Scottie Buehler.

Susan Sage Heinzelman presents Scottie Buehler with the Romero Award. Our Student Awards are made possible by gifts from various donors.



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Graduate Students:

The Temple Award for support of research in the study of the history of U.S. Women (preference to Texas History) was given to Lilia Roquel D. Rosas for *(De)sexing Prostitution: Race, Politics, and the Reform of Sex Work in Progressive San Antonio, 1889-1920*. An honorable mention for the Temple Award was given to Anastasia Coon for *Gracie and Rose*.

The Dissertation Fellowship was awarded to Sandra Benavides-Vaello for *The Interplay of Diabetes, Culture and Food for Mexican-American Women*. Carolyn Cunningham was awarded as a Dissertation Fellowship honorable mention for her work, *Gender, Technology and Media Production*.

Information and next year's applications will be available here: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/cwgs/awards/>

CWGS STUDENTS PRESENT AT CONFERENCES

Sonia Montoya:

-1st Annual Chicana/o Summer Institute Conference at Western New Mexico University (Silver City, NM) - June 13-15.

-North American Labor History Conference, co-sponsored by Industrial Relations at Wayne State University and the Labor and Working Class History Association. (Detroit) - October 19-21, 2006.

Rebecca Moody:

- June 2006, WOCMES2 (The Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies), Amman, Jordan

- August 2006, "A Question of Sex? Gender and Difference in the Hebrew Bible," King's College, London

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