

Women's Studies at FSU E-Newsletter

October 2020

1. Become a minor!

The minor in Women's Studies is only 18 credits—and if you have ever taken a Women's Studies course you probably already have earned some of them! The minor explores intersectionality, Black feminist thought, history (and herstory), Latina feminism(s), as well as women and art, music, philosophy, politics, health, and more.

To declare your minor, simply email Dr. Morris at jamorris@frostburg.edu and include your student number so that you can be officially registered.

Once you have officially declared a Women's Studies minor, it will appear on your official records and in PAWS, which will assist both you and your major advisor in planning your coursework.

2. Events!

Save the Date: *Healing the Heart of Democracy* Discussions to Be Held Before and After the Presidential Election

Please save the date for two virtual discussions about "*Healing the Heart of Democracy* during a Divisive Election Year" on **Mon., Oct. 12 and Tues., Nov. 10 at 6 p.m.** These mindful virtual discussions will draw on excerpts from Parker J. Palmer's inspiring book *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit* (2011) as well as offer mind-body skills practice and State of Maryland voter registration information to help participants address the anxieties, emotions, and questions they have about voting and election outcomes this Fall. The sessions will be facilitated by FSU's Communication Leadership Lab and are being cosponsored by the FSU's Voter Engagement Committee, Office of Civic Engagement, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Mindful Well-being Group along with the Allegany College of Maryland Democracy Commitment Committee, Peace Club, and Mind-Body-Wellness group. Information about Palmer's book is available at The Center for Courage and Renewal's website at <http://www.couragerenewal.org/democracy/>.

Zoom event registration links will be available soon. For more information on this Choose Civility event, contact Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski at elruminski@frostburg.edu, Communication Leadership Lab coordinator, or Kayli Dunitan, Lab assistant, at krdunithan0@frostburg.edu.

Raising Our Voices

FSU alumnus Phillip Border will serve as the emcee for a series of poetry readings titled Raising Our Voices. Phillip is a graduate student in Carlow University's MFA creative writing program.

The first reading will be taking place via zoom next Thursday on October 15th, 2020. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/MFAvoices> in order to obtain the Zoom link.

Raising Our Voices was created with the mission to feature local and nationally known writers whose work is socially engaged or highlights the need for social justice and racial equality. Our goal is to create and strengthen a literary community of allies for social justice in these times of unrest.



CARLOW UNIVERSITY

RAISING OUR VOICES

CARLOW UNIVERSITY'S MFA IN CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM
A COMMUNITY OF LITERARY ALLIES DEDICATED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE
Invites you to join us for our Alumni Reading Series

Inaugural reading **October 15, 2020 at 7 p.m.** via Zoom

➔ RSVP at bit.ly/MFAvoices

OPEN MIC!
2 mins per reader

To sign up for Open Mic, contact Phillip Border at pmborder8@gmail.com

FEATURED READERS



RICHARD BLANCO, Fifth Inaugural Poet of the United States and Carlow MFA Poetry Mentor



SHEILA CARTER-JONES, Award-winning poet and Carlow MFA Alum



LEE ANN RORIPAUGH, Acclaimed Poet and former Poet Laureate of South Dakota and Carlow MFA Poetry Mentor

This reading is sponsored by the Carlow University MFA in Creative Writing Program, the Women's and Gender Studies Program, and the Social Justice Institutes at Carlow University.

From Robin Wynder: There are still some UCDEI Talks to attend this term!

One of the initiatives of the University Council for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion this year is to engage the campus community in conversations around DEI. Providing a platform to engage in what can be difficult conversations may help in creating a campus cultural environment that is safe and inclusive to all. Volunteer Services has hosted the Thursdays Times Talk on Thursdays, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. every other week for a while. This semester, the UCDEI Talks are on the alternate weeks. We are especially hoping to have a strong student voice during these conversations. Your help is needed in joining in and encouraging your peers and students to do the same. Watch for the weekly email from "Volunteer Services" to get the topic, the article, and the log-in link.

Below are the dates and topics for this semester:

Sept. 10 Black Lives Matter

Sept. 24 Voting Inequities (all the policies, procedures, laws, etc. standing in the way of marginalized people being able to vote)

Oct. 8 The LGBTQ+ Community

Oct. 22 Performative Allyship

Nov. 5 Free speech vs. hate speech

UCDEI is also seeking grant applications for programs:

**Frostburg State University
University Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

CALL FOR PROGRAMS

“The members of the University Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are soliciting applications for mini-grants to support department events and/or programs that support the mission of the council:

The mission of the University Council for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is to promote harmonious human interaction that results in a campus community where we value and embrace our genders, our races/ethnicities, our languages, our sexual orientations, our ages, our faiths, our cultural and social class contexts, and our intellectual and physical abilities.

Applicants must complete an application form (check your email) and submit through email to UCDEI@frostburg.edu. There is a rolling deadline however events must occur during the fall 2020- spring 2021 semesters.

For more information, submit your questions to UCDEI@frostburg.edu.

Co-Chairs: Dr. Kara Rogers-Thomas and Ms. Robin Wynder

3. Register to Vote!

There's a lot happening politically that affects the daily lives of women. Make sure you're registered to vote [HERE!](#)

4. Spring Course Offerings:

- a. Introduction to Women's Studies (WMST201)
- b. Psychology of Women (PSYC 220)
- c. Perspectives on Sexuality (PSYC270)
- d. Women in the United States (HIST434)

5. Interested in joining our Book Club? Email jamorris@frostburg.edu!

6. Student Organizations:

American Association Of University Women

Women's Studies has sponsored an extension of AAUW's membership. Here is information about the organization. Many of the benefits are available even during the pandemic (as a lot of the national organization's materials are online):

The Women's Studies program is actively organizing a student chapter of the national organization, AAUW. While student organizations take AAUW's mission to the next level by [raising funds for their organization](#) and planning feminist campus events, they also gain valuable experience and see direct results on their campuses! AAUW student organization members can:

- [Boost their résumés](#) with critical leadership experience
- Gain networking opportunities through [AAUW's leadership programs](#)
- Get [AAUW swag](#) to recruit other student members
- Receive resources and staff support to [create campus programming](#)
- Join a global network of more than 170,000 members and supporters

The best part? Your involvement with AAUW doesn't stop after you graduate! AAUW helps women [continue their education](#) and [prepares them for the workforce](#). The global support network you build with your AAUW student organization lasts a lifetime.

Those interested students should contact Eleanor Doucette at eadoucette0@frostburg.edu.

Spectrum:

Connect with FSU's LGBTQ student organization on Twitter [@spectrumfsu](#). The Club strives to provide a safe space for everyone on campus, to promote equality for everyone, and to make a positive impact on our community for LGBTQ students, faculty, and youths.

For more information, contact Carlee Garitty at ccgaritty0@frostburg.edu

Frostburg Secular Student Alliance:

The Secular Student Alliance empowers secular students to proudly express their identity, build welcoming communities, promote secular values, and set a course for lifelong activism.

For more information, contact Emma Lepore at elepore0@frostburg.edu

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