

Women's Studies at FSU E-Newsletter

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1. DECLARE YOUR MINOR

The minor in Women's Studies is only 18 credits and allows students with a passion for feminist issues to explore herstories, intersectionality, Black feminist thought, Latina feminism(s), as well as women and art, music, philosophy, politics, health, and more.

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

You can also visit Dr. Earles in 7 American, Room 302 (next to the Veterans Center). 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.

Feminism is about connecting the personal with the political and is open to ALL genders!

BTW... Follow us on Twitter [@fsuwmst](https://twitter.com/fsuwmst) and Facebook [/WMSTFrostburg](https://www.facebook.com/WMSTFrostburg)

2. Spring 2020 Classes

WMST 220-001: Introduction to Women's Studies, MW 3-4:15
WMST 220-701: Introduction to Women's Studies, ONLINE
ENGL 450: Women and Literature, M 6-8:30 p.m.
PSYC 220: Psychology of Women, MWF 11-11:50
SOC 332: Collective Behavior and Social Movements, TTh 2-3:15 p.m. BLENDED
SOC 364: Marriage and Families, MWF 3-3:50
SOC 366: Social Inequality, ONLINE
SOC 466: Women, Health & Healing, ONLINE
SOC 490/WMST 490: Gender & the City, MWF 2-2:50, BLENDED

3. Calendar

American Association of University Women: Final Meeting of the Fall 2019 Semester!

What: Learn more about our local student chapter of AAUW.

When: December 4 from 5 – 6 p.m.

Where: LIB 510

Contact: President Eleanor Doucette at eadoucette0@frostburg.edu

4. WMST Fall 2019 Graduates

With six Women's Studies minors ready to graduate this semester, we certainly have cause to celebrate. Please join me in congratulating the following students who are sure to continue their commitment to feminist scholarship and activism in their future endeavors.

- **Jessica Cebula**
 - **Melissa Clark**
 - **Meighan Jones**
 - **Tyll Jones**
 - **Angela Lowry**
 - **Shanna Thompson**
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5. DID YOU KNOW?

December 3 is International Day of Persons with Disabilities and this year's theme is The Future is Accessible!

THE FUTURE IS ACCESSIBLE means that we must all, together, look towards a future where the barriers which stand in people's way no longer exist. We envisage a future where people can access a building without using stairs; where a person can access a ramp to the beach; or can get a job without fear of discrimination; or can access a mainstream classroom.



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Working towards an accessible future is everyone's responsibility. With us, create a future which demands that people are not excluded because of their health impairments. Call out barriers wherever you see them, and work with us to overcome them.



The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons was proclaimed in 1992, by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. It aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development, and to increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

6. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

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 Vex at sdwilson01@frostburgh.edu

7. THE TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST

FIGHT FOR WORKING WOMEN!

UPDATE: We did it! On July 18, 2019, the House of Representatives [passed](#) the **Raise the Wage Act** with bipartisan support. Now it's up to the Senate to move this critical legislation forward.

Raising the minimum wage is an important part of ensuring women's economic security and that of their families. Women make up nearly two-thirds of minimum-wage workers nationwide, and women of color in particular are over-represented among tipped workers and other low-wage workers. Thus, they are particularly harmed by the \$7.25 federal minimum wage that has not gone up in a decade and by the \$2.13 tipped minimum cash wage that has been frozen for an astonishing 28 years. Raising these low minimum wages would also help shrink the persistent gender pay gap.

The Raise the Wage Act would gradually increase the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15 per hour, and then require that the minimum wage increase based on changes in overall wages. It

will also end unfair exclusions for tipped workers, people with disabilities, and youth so that they, too, can benefit from a decent minimum wage.

Voters have made it clear they support increasing the minimum wage, with 29 states and Washington, D.C. enacting measures to raise their state's minimum wage above the current federal level. But this patchwork of laws doesn't ensure that every worker can make a decent wage. We need federal action now.

The country supports higher wages — it's time for Congress to act. Click [here](#) to take action.

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