

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: Lane Tables

What: Learn more about our local student chapter of AAUW. Student leaders will also be collecting feminine hygiene products for donations

When: November 4, 11-2 and November 6, 10-2

November 22: SPECTRUM's Drag Show

What: Join SPECTRUM, along with some amazing local drag artists for a fun night of music, dancing, and, of course, drag.

When: November 22 @ 7 p.m.

Where: Dunkle, 2nd Floor Auditorium

Contact: Vex, sdwilson01@frostburg.edu

4. WMST 2019-2020 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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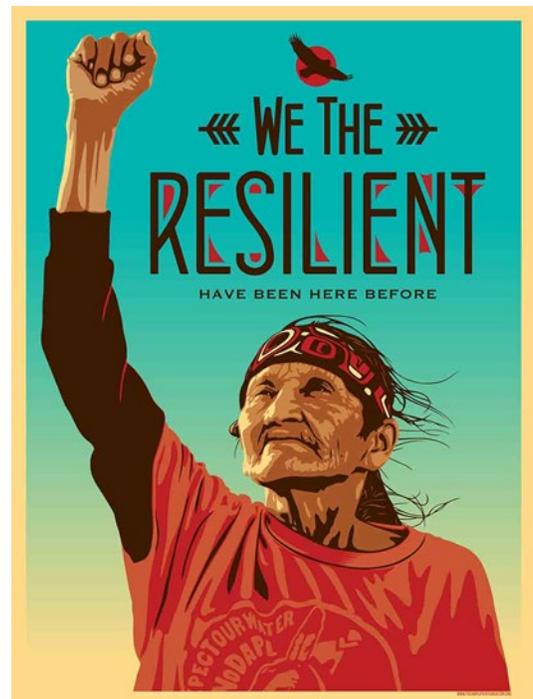
5. DID YOU KNOW?

With Thanksgiving week coming soon, it is important to acknowledge the difficulties that Indigenous communities continue to face over control of sovereign lands. Native Americans have long participated – and continue to participate – in the fight to protect these lands from the federal government’s pipeline plans and intervention. During November, we recognize and honor Native women activists who have been important figures in the fight for Native American environmental, political, social, and economic rights, as well as those who continue to fight still. This Native American Heritage Month, the FSU Women’s Studies program would like to spotlight one particularly resilient feminist activist, Winona LaDuke...

Winona LaDuke

“One of our people in the Native community said the difference between white people and Indians is that Indian people know they are oppressed but don’t feel powerless. White people don’t feel oppressed, but feel powerless. Deconstruct that disempowerment. Part of the mythology that they’ve been teaching you is that you have no power. Power is not brute force and money; power is in your spirit. Power is in your soul. It is what your ancestors, your old people gave you. Power is in the earth; it is in your relationship to the earth.”

Winona LaDuke (Anishinaabe) is a highly-acclaimed environmental and political activist. Born and raised on the White Earth reservation in northern Minnesota, LaDuke helped found two of the most influential Native organizations: [Honor the Earth](#) and the [White Earth Land Recovery Project](#). As the program director of Honor the Earth (an organization that she co-founded with Indigo Girls Amy Ray and Emily Saliers), she fights to further environmental awareness and conservation projects. Honor the Earth not only raises awareness of issues like climate change and renewable energy, but it also provides financial support to environmental justice issues in Native communities.



LaDuke is the sole founder of the White Earth Land Recovery Project, one of the leading Native organizations focused on issues of culturally-based sustainable development strategies. Through this organization, LaDuke works nationally and internationally to protect Indigenous wildlife, nature, and food crucial to preservation of Native heritage. WELRP’s work aims to reclaim and protect Anishinaabe land as well as “continue, revive, and protect our native seeds, heritage crops, naturally-grown fruits, animals, wild plants, traditions, and knowledge of our Indigenous and land-based communities. We strive to maintain our culture and resist the global, industrialized food system that corrupts our health and freedom through inappropriate food production and genetic engineering.”

In 2007, LaDuke was [inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame](#) for her work on environmental preservation and Indigenous land recovery. As an activist and leader, she was also awarded the Reebok Human Rights Award in 1988 (the award's inaugural year), the [Thomas Merton Award](#) in 1996, and *Ms.* Woman of the Year in 1998. In addition to her activist work and numerous awards, LaDuke is also the [author of five books](#), and has twice campaigned for Vice President on the Green Party ticket (in 1996 and 2000).

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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