

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 jearles@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)

3. Calendar

October 9:

What – Healthy Dating and Relationships with speaker and author, Lindsey Ellison

When – 7 p.m.

Where – CCIT 397

Contact – Ben Brauer btbrauer@frostburg.edu

October 10-13:

What – Social Justice Summit

Where – Camp Allegheny

Contact – Robin Wynder rwynnder@frostburg.edu

October 11:

What – National Coming Out Day

Where/When – March starts outside near CAF at 5:30 p.m. Reception will begin at 7 p.m. in Lane's Armah

Contact – Vex sdwilson01@frostburg.edu

October 17:

What – [MCASA's regional trainings](#) for colleges and universities focus on sexual violence prevention and response on campus, particularly, survivor-centered responses to reports of sexual violence. Registration will be open to campus investigators, police, administration and staff, counselors, students, and advocates.

When – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where – CCIT 397

October 19:

What – [Therese Fowler](#) Reading

When – 7 p.m.

Where – Lewis J. Ort Library

2. 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

4. DID YOU KNOW?



Today marks the beginning of the annual celebration of **LGBT History Month**, a time dedicated to recognizing important moments in the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Encompassing a number of historically important days, this October is set to remind both the LGBT and wider communities of important roles LGBT people have taken in creating the social, legal, and political worlds we live in today.

LGBT History Month was created in 1994 by Rodney Wilson, a high school history teacher in Missouri. The month, which garnered early support from organizations such as the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), was initially chosen to include the

by-then well-established **National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11** and the anniversary of the first march on Washington by LGBT people in 1979 on Oct. 14.

The month now also includes **Spirit Day on Oct. 20**, on which people around the country wear purple in support of LGBT youth; **Ally Week**, a week in which allies against LGBT bullying are celebrated; and the anniversary of **21-year-old Matthew Shepard's murder on Oct. 12, 1998**, which sparked the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

During the early years, the celebration was largely marked by a call to action and commemoration. But since then, LGBT History Month has blossomed into a national coordinated effort to highlight exemplary role models from the LGBT community. Since 2006, this push has so far been led by LGBT rights and education organization Equality Forum.

On the celebration's [website](#) this year (and every year since they took charge), **Equality Forum** is highlighting a new LGBT icon every day with a video, biography, images and bibliography describing the person's significance.

Some icons to be recognized this year include Kate Bornstein, transgender activist and author; Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Presidential Candidate; Brandi Carlile, Award-Winning Singer-Songwriter; Sharice Davids, Native American Congresswoman; Anne Lister, Pioneering Feminist; Emma Gonzalez, Parkland Gun Control Activist; Ana Brnabic, Prime Minister of Serbia; and more.

5. 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.

Our next meeting will take place beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 7 in LIB 510.

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

6. 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 to 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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