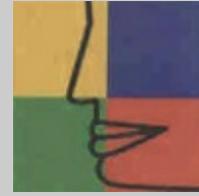


University of Maryland
Department of Women's Studies



WMST/LGBT Undergraduate E-News

Welcome Back

Greetings and Welcome/Welcome back for the start of the 2015-16 academic year.

Today the Department of Women Studies introduces a regular e-newsletter for undergraduate students with information of relevance to those in the WMST major and certificate program, the LGBT Studies minor and certificate program, and the Black Women's Studies minor. This newsletter will serve as a clearinghouse for announcements about upcoming events and deadlines as well as internship, research, and job opportunities. Included in each newsletter will be a message from Kate Juhl-- the College of Arts and Humanities' Program Director from the University Career Center-- concerning workshops, career shuttles, and employment opportunities. Additionally, throughout the semester, the Spotlight feature will focus in on specific students, faculty, and classes as a sample of what's happening in the department. In this issue we spotlight the two new faculty who have joined our department this fall.

Keep an eye out for future issues of WMST/LGBT Undergraduate E-News and let us know what you would like to see in it. The E-News will also be archived on the Department of Women's Studies website.

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Pizza with Professors & Peers!

Wednesday, September 9th

Start your year off right: come grab a slice of pizza from 11:45-2:00 on Wednesday, September 9th, in the Women's Studies conference room on the 2nd floor of Woods Hall. Chat with peers and professors about the coming year and enjoy a piping hot slice!



Mark Your Calendars!

Sept. 24: A Conversation with Angela Davis

Feminist and civil rights activist Angela Davis is coming to campus on Thursday, September 24th, through UMD's Voices of Social Change program. [Get your tickets today at Stamp Ticket Office](#) by Hoff Theatre. Learn more [here](#).



OUT on the Hill Scholarships

Sixth Annual OUT on the Hill Black LGBT Leadership Summit
September 15-20, 2015 / Washington, D.C.

The National Black Justice Coalition has scholarships covering registration fees for 50 emerging leanders (ages 18-35) to attend OOTH2015. For more on the conference, including schedule of activities, click [here](#). To apply for scholarships, use this [link](#).

NWSA Conference Scholarships

The Department of Women's Studies will support the participation of two undergraduate students in the **2015 National Women's Studies Association Conference** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 13-15. The conference will attract women/gender/sexuality studies scholars and students from across the country presenting workshops and panels on a wide range of issues addressing the conference theme, "Precarity," which "draws attention to the lived conditions, structured nature, and relational aspects of systemic inequality."

The award will cover transportation, hotel, conference registration, and food.

Who is eligible to apply: any University of Maryland College Park undergraduate student in good

standing who has completed 12 credits of WMST and/or LGBT courses. To apply, submit: resume, list of LGBT and WMST courses completed, name and email address of one faculty recommender, and a 250-500 word statement of why you would like to attend the NWSA conference. Applications should be emailed to Dr. Elsa Barkley Brown -- barkleyb@umd.edu -- no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 25.

To learn more about the National Women's Studies Association and see the program for this year's conference, visit <http://www.nwsa.org/> This video about the NWSA conference features several UMD women's studies scholars (Dr. Mel Lewis, WMST PhD 2012; Maariya Bassa, WMST B.A. 2012; Dr. Michelle Rowley, WMST Core Faculty): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K17Jrn0oRT0>

For questions about the award or the application procedure, please contact Dr. Elsa Barkley Brown, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Women's Studies Department and Program.

Emergency Scholarship Aid

The Dreamkeepers Emergency Financial Assistance

The Dreamkeepers Emergency Financial Assistance program at the University of Maryland is designed to help students who are faced with unforeseen financial difficulties. Dreamkeepers can help ease student worries about housing, food and utilities, transportation, childcare and medical needs to allow students faced with sudden financial obstacles to focus their energy on education.

Developed by Scholarship America with support from Lumina Foundation for Education and the Wal-Mart Foundation, the Dreamkeepers program provides students with emergency funding to allow them to remain in school. For further information about this opportunity, please visit <https://umd.dreamkeepers.org> or call the Office of Student Financial Aid at 301-314-9000.



Alternative Breaks

"Be a Part of the Movement"

This year there are 27 Alternative Break options open for students; below are two trips WMST/LGBT Studies students may be particularly interested in.

Modern Day Slavery: Education and Service on Human Trafficking in Washington D.C.

- Through this experience, students will learn about the complex, wide-reaching issue of human trafficking while working with local organizations such as FAIR Girls, Stop Modern Slavery, and Courtney's House.



- *Location:* Washington, DC
- *Dates of Trip:* March 12-19
- *Cost:* \$230

From the Closet to the Street: LGBTQ Youth & Homelessness (*co-sponsored with The One Project*)

- Students will learn about issues impacting LGBTQ youth and engage in direct service, educational sessions, and advocacy work alongside multiple organizations in NYC.
- *Location:* New York, NY
- *Dates of Trip:* March 12-19
- *Cost:* \$300

Applications to participate in one of this year's Alternative Breaks are now available and due Sept. 27th by 11:59 pm. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Spotlight

Welcome Our New Faculty

We are excited to welcome two new faculty to the Department of Women's Studies:



Bobby Benedicto is Assistant Professor of Women's Studies. Prior to joining the department, he was an Andrew W. Mellon postdoctoral fellow in the Humanities at McGill University in Montreal, Canada (2013-2015) and a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for Cultural Inquiry in Berlin, Germany (2011-2013). His research interests include queer theory, postcolonial theory, critical race theory, and theories of the city. His first book, *Under Bright Lights: Gay Manila and the Global Scene*, was a finalist for the 2015 LAMBDA Literary Award for LGBT Studies. He is currently working on a second book project, tentatively

titled, *Queer Afterlives: Dictatorship Architecture, Transgender Performance, and the Place of the Dead*. **Fall 2015 Professor Benedicto is teaching LGBT200: Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies.**

LaMonda Horton-Stallings, Associate Professor of Women's Studies, is a native of Durham, North Carolina. Her research and teaching interests converge at the intersections of literary studies, feminist theory, queer of color critique, sexuality studies, and cultural studies, with a focus on cultures and communities situated outside the boundaries of normativity and respectability. She is author of *Mutha is Half a Word!: Intersections of Folklore, Vernacular, Myth, and Queerness in Black Female Culture* (2007). Her second book, *Funk the Erotic: Transaesthetics and Black Sexual Cultures*, will be published this fall. **Fall 2015 Professor Horton-Stallings is teaching WMST263: Introduction to Black Women's Studies and WMST496: African American Women Filmmakers.**



Volunteers Needed

BECOME A COUNSELOR AT THE HELP CENTER HOTLINE

Freshman and Sophomores Only

The Help Center is a student-run peer counseling and crisis intervention service on campus. Train to help people dealing with roommate issues, relationship dilemmas, thoughts of suicide, confusion, and other life issues.

Training begins only once a semester, so call 301.314.4357 to set up an interview!!

DEADLINE TO CALL: October 2nd

Must be available:

Thursday, October 22nd from 7pm-9pm,

Saturday, October 24th & Sunday, 25th from 9a-5p both days.

Requires 2-3 semesters of on-the-job training.

Call 301.314.4357 or stop by 3105 South Campus Dining Hall



Career Corner

ARHU Career Events & Opportunities via Kate Juhl

Upcoming Events

A full listing of career events can always be found at www.Careers.umd.edu. ARHU students can schedule appointments with the University Career Center @ ARHU through Careers4Terps (www.Careers.umd.edu). Walk-in hours are also held on Mondays from 1:30-3:30 pm and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 am in 1118 Francis Scott Key Hall.

Career Fair Prep Walk-in Hours <http://go.umd.edu/careerfairprep> Want to have an edge over other candidates at the Fall Career & Internship Fair? Need help with your resume or want it critiqued? Not sure how to present your qualifications to employers? Have questions about what to wear? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions or have other ones, then plan on taking advantage of these special walk-in hours to prepare for the Fall Career & Internship Fair. *****Printed resume REQUIRED for critique***** September 8-11, 10AM-4PM | University Career Center | 3100 Hornbake Library, South Wing

ARHU Senior Career Bootcamp <http://go.umd.edu/ARHUSrBootcamp> Graduating in May (or December)? Don't miss this crash course in what you can do now to find a great position after graduation! Though we will talk primarily about job searching, we will also touch on the graduate school application process and timeline. The first 15 attendees will receive a FREE padfolio to use in future interviews. RSVP [here](#) or email kjuhl@umd.edu if you do not use Facebook. September 9, 12-1PM | University Career Center | 3100 Hornbake Library, South Wing

How to Find an Internship <http://go.umd.edu/findaninternship> Not sure where to start with your internship search? Or, do you feel like you are at a standstill and unsure about the next steps in your search? To help you with your internship search, we will discuss specific resources available to research internship opportunities, tips on making a positive first impression, and strategies to connect with UMD alumni working within your intended career field. Click [here](#) to RSVP, or contact [Erica Ely](#) for more information. September 10, 4-5PM | University Career Center | 3100 Hornbake Library, South Wing

Career4Terps Opportunities

Thousands of internships as well as part-time and full-time jobs (including the few listed below) can be found by logging into Careers4Terps at www.Careers.umd.edu. Need help accessing your account? Stop by the University Career Center (3100 Hornbake Library, South Wing) anytime Monday-Friday from 10:00 am- 4:00 pm (no appointment needed) for help with Careers4Terps.

- **Stigma Discrimination and Gender Intern (#123126)**

- International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)**

- Position Type* : Fall or Spring Part-Time

- Desired Persons* : All Majors; Seniors and Masters Candidates

- Description* : Headquartered in Washington, D.C., ICRW provides evidence-based research to inform policies and programs that alleviate poverty, promote gender equality and protect the rights of women and girls. Focus areas include adolescent girls, agriculture and food security, economic empowerment, HIV and AIDS, population and reproductive health, gender-based and intimate partner violence..

- Duration* : 3-4 months

- Approximate Hours Per Week* : 22.5

- Qualifications* :

- ability to plan ahead, strategize and use proficient time on between public health and management skills to juggle multiple tasks at once
 - interest in the intersection between global health and social justice
 - strong writing and research skills
 - proficiency in MS Office
 - Expertise in social media and networking, including Facebook, Twitter, blogging, etc.
 - Strong graphic design skills and previous knowledge of website design

- For more information, please visit <http://icrw.applicantstack.com/x/detail/a25z2g1kyt49>*

- **Expecting Health: Maternal and Child Health Internship (#109898)**

- Genetic Alliance**

- Position Type* : Internship

- Deadlines*: Fall/Winter (ongoing); Winter/Spring (November 14); Summer (February 10)

Job Function : communication, education, healthcare, research, sciences, social services

Description : Our work in Expecting Health focuses on improving the health delivery system for women, children, and families across multiple points in life. We use the lens of screening and testing through preconception, prenatal, and childhood periods to increase knowledge and promote the dissemination of evidence-based materials and resources.

This internship is valuable for those interested in health education, genetic counseling, health policy, advocacy and outreach, research, business development, and media relations.

Qualifications :

Individuals must demonstrate through past experience a passion for improving health systems to better meet the needs of individuals and communities/ previous experience in the internship

For more information, please visit www.geneticalliance.org/internships

- **Office of Civil Rights and Diversity (#122837)**

Peace Corps

Position Type : Fall or Spring Part-Time (unpaid)

Job Function: administrative/ support services

Desired Persons : All Majors; Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, Masters Candidates

Description : Today's Peace Corps is more vital than ever, working in emerging and essential areas such as information technology and business development, and contributing to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Peace Corps Volunteers continue to help countless individuals who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.

The Office of Civil Rights and Diversity (OCRD) provides leadership and guidance on all civil rights, equal employment opportunity (EEO) and diversity matters. OCRD is responsible for promoting diversity and maintaining an EEO program throughout Peace Corps through program development and implementation, special projects, activities, and other proactive measures.

Qualifications:

- Academic background/ interest and/or work experience in civil rights, diversity, or other related social sciences
- Strong writing, public-speaking, research and analytical skills
- Knowledge and ability gained through education and experience to conduct studies, contribute to training courses, and make formal presentations and recommendations to agency personnel

Duties/ Activities :

Assist in preparation of EEO reports required annually by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Office of Personnel Management, the White House, Congress, and other Federal entities

Provide analysis and recommendations to the OCRD Director and other agency officials on how to promote diversity, locate and define barriers to EEO, identify reasons for these barriers, and propose specific action items to eradicate them

Compile, extract, and analyze information and statistical data from a variety of sources and prepare diversity/ EEO reports, briefing, charts, and graphs

To apply, please send a cover letter and updated resume to ocrd@peacecorps.gov . For inquiries please call OCRD at 202.692.2139

Additional Internships

Research on LGBT communities, **The National Archives (NARA)**

- **NARA** needs an intern to help make their records relating to LGBT communities more accessible by conducting research, describing materials, scanning these resources, writing blog posts about the collection, and providing content for the NARA website. Much of the material is located at the College Park, Md. facility but there will also be projects at the downtown D.C. office.
- Applicants must be able to work both independently and collaboratively, understand historical methods, have excellent interpersonal skills, have strong writing skills, and have strong organizational skills.
- Internship Work Schedule: Flexible
- How to Apply: Submit a cover letter, resume, two letters of recommendation, and a college transcript (does not need to be official) to:

Internship Coordinator, Diversity and Inclusion Office
Room 1331
National Archives at College Park
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- Deadline to Apply: September 30, 2015

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Stay Connected



Quote of the Week

"You cannot, you cannot use
someone else's fire. You
can only use your own. And
in order to do that, you must
first be willing to believe that
you have it." - *I Am Your
Sister: Collected and
Unpublished Writings of
Audre Lorde*