Greetings!

This issue of the WMST/LGBT Undergraduate e-News is filled with upcoming events on campus and in the area.

Midway through the fall semester means it soon will be time to register for spring courses. This week we put the Spotlight on Advising and the Women's Studies Academic Advisor, faculty, and Director of Undergraduate Studies offer tips for making the most of the department's resources.

Note upcoming deadlines for grants, honors program applications, and internships as well as announcements of scholarships, fellowships.

Here, too, is information about an exciting Black Lesbian Conference not till the spring but early registration (with cheaper registration costs) is open now.

Enjoy this fall weekend and we will be back with another issue next Friday.

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Mark Your Calendars!
Oct. 9 - 17: The Clarice presents *Intimate Apparel* by Lynn Nottage

Pulitzer-prize winning playwright Lynn Nottage explores New York at the turn of the 20th century through the eyes of Esther, an African American seamstress. In an interview with *The Guardian* last year, Nottage explained, "All my plays are about people who have been marginalized, [people] who have been erased from the public record." The play opens at The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Friday, October 9th and runs until October 17th. Learn more about the play and buy tickets [here](#).

Oct. 11: How Art Keeps Hope Alive

The Prince George's County Historical Society is partnering with the University of Maryland's Campus Club to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through a presentation by Dr. Evelyn Torton Beck on the similarities between Frida Kahlo and Franz Kafka, specifically how they used their respective art forms to manage their illnesses and injuries. Dr. Beck is the former chair of our Women's Studies Department. **Sunday, October 11, 2015, 2:30-3:30pm, Hornbake Library, Room 0302 J**

Oct. 13: Community Town Hall to Discuss University's Strategic Diversity Plan

Come out to a town hall organized by UMD student leaders to discuss the University's Strategic Diversity Plan. The administration will be holding a forum to assess the plan from the student perspective at the end of October, so this town hall will be partly to prepare for the forum and also build community among students representing various communities and issues. Please circulate this information to your peers and student leaders! Tuesday, October 13, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Margaret Brent Room B, Stamp Student Union. Hosted by MICA.

Oct. 20: Alicia Garza on the 21st Century Civil Rights Movement

A social activist committed to challenging society to recognize and celebrate the contributions of all individuals, specifically black people and queer communities, Alicia Garza is the co-creator of the viral twitter hash tag and movement, #BlackLivesMatter, a national organizing project which has evolved into the banner under which this generation's civil rights movement marches. **Tuesday, October 20, 4:30 p.m., Grand Ballroom, Stamp Student Union.**

Oct. 23: Renaissance in the Belly of a Killer Whale
Killer Whale uniquely tells the story of three young women's love affair with Harlem from youth to adulthood through a montage of spoken word poetry, theatre, dance, and song. It explores the conflicts in coming to terms with a gentrified Harlem. This special performance is sponsored by The Women's Studies Graduate Student Association. This event is free and open to the public. Friday, October 23, 7:00 p.m., Hoff Theatre, Stamp Student Union.

Weekend Plans

Oct. 11: Subverting Expectations: Women's Work in Theater

What is feminist theater? Is it simply a play written by a woman or does there need to be more to it? How are plays by women different? Would you know a play was written by a woman by the writing alone? From comedy to drama to musicals, in solo shows, ensemble pieces or epic sagas, women playwrights are not only breaking the fourth wall, they're breaking the glass ceiling. Arena Stage playwrights Allison Engel, Margaret Engel (Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End) and Karen Zacarías (Destiny of Desire) discuss how women are seen and received in theater by audiences and artists, how they're subverting those expectations, and what's next. Now that women have the world's attention, what will they do with it? Part of the Women's Voices Theater Festival. Sunday, October 11, 3:30 p.m., Arena Stage Theatre, Washington, D.C. Free admission.

Oct. 11: National Gallery of Art Presents the Filmmaker, Ute Aurand
German experimental filmmaker, Ute Aurand, will be present for discussion following the screening of her most recent works, including *To Be Here* (2013), filmed in New England, New York, and the southwestern United States; *Sakura, Sakura* (2015) filmed in Japan; and the short portraits of the filmmaker's friends-- *Maria, Susan, and Lisbeth* (2011-2012). The Tate Modern describes Aurand's films as "drawing on traditions of the diary film, feminism and artisanal practices" and "filled with joy at the small details of life - from observations of landscapes to friends filmed over many years." **Sunday, Oct. 11, 2:00 p.m., National Gallery of Art, East Building, Washington, D.C.**

For more on the National Gallery of Art's Fall 2015 Film Program, see this [calendar of events](#).

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**Spotlight: Advising**

The time to sign up for spring 2016 classes is just around the corner! Putting the Spotlight on Advising this issue, we invite you to think about the range of advising resources available to you in the Women's Studies Department.

1. **Meet with Dr. JV Sapinoso, Undergraduate Advisor for WMST to:**
   - Keep in good contact with your advisor
   - Identify which requirements you need to fulfill, and what courses are being offered
   - See past course syllabi so that you can make a more informed decision about what classes you might want to take
   - Find scholarships, internships, and/or job opportunities
   - Keep in touch! Schedule a meeting with him by going to [http://ter.ps/meetJV](http://ter.ps/meetJV) or send him an update via email to [sapinoso@umd.edu](mailto:sapinoso@umd.edu)

2. **The WMST/LGBT Faculty Are Eager to Meet with You to:**
   - Get to know you better so that they can write strong letters of recommendation
   - Know about your interests outside the classroom so that they think to nominate you for undergraduate awards and prizes
   - Talk with you about interesting areas of research
   - Help you brainstorm ideas for what to do after you leave UMD
   - Help you think about applying to graduate school
   - Work with you to find different resources on campus as you navigate the institution
   - Find out what a really cool person you are.
3. **Contact Dr. Barkley Brown, Director of Undergraduate Studies in the department to:**

- discuss the requirements of the internship, find a faculty advisor for the internship, and to get your internship learning contract approved
- learn more about the Honors Program, its requirements, and the kind of project you might take up in the program
- to have a better sense of the criteria for awards, scholarships, and prizes or for help in applying for any
- discuss concerns about a class or an instructor
- make suggestions about courses, events, or activities you would like to see the department sponsor
- Contact Professor Barkley Brown by email - barkleyb@umd.edu - or stop by her office hours, Tuesdays, 12:00-2:00, 2101 Woods Hall.

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**Academic Enrichment Grants for Women's Studies Majors -- Apply by October 15**

Women's Studies Majors are eligible to apply for Academic Enrichment Grants to fund research, or participation in academic or leadership conferences and workshops, or other activities that will enhance your education in women's, gender, and/or sexuality studies. Application deadlines are October 15 for projects during the September 2015 to February 2016 time period, March 15 for projects during the February 2016 to August 2016 time period. Students submitting applications by October 15 will be notified by October 30 if their project will be funded.

To apply, send a 250-500 word statement about the project/conference/workshop/organizing meeting, for which you are requesting funding and indicate how you see this relating to your work in Women's Studies. Also, submit a resume, budget, the name of one professor who can serve as a recommender, and, if applicable, a list of any other sources from which you are requesting funding for this same project. If applying for an activity that occurred prior to the application deadline, please submit copies of receipts to accompany your budget.

Applications submitted after the scheduled October 15 and March 15 deadlines will be considered if there are any remaining Academic Enrichment funds for the semester.

For questions about these grants or assistance with developing your proposal, email Professor Elsa Barkley Brown, Director of Undergraduate Studies, at barkleyb@umd.edu.

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**Honors Program Applications due November 1**

The Department of Women's Studies Honors Program provides an opportunity for students within the university to pursue an academic interest in some aspect of women's, gender, and/or sexuality studies in greater depth than that allowed by formal classes. While the Honors Program puts emphasis on the development of habits of self-reliance, individual initiative, and critical
analysis, students also have the experience of working one-on-one with a faculty mentor. The thesis project may result in a sustained piece of writing or a substantial creative or activist project.

Students are accepted into the honors program each semester. Ideally students should apply in the second semester of their sophomore year. Transfer students are welcome to apply.

Applications are accepted from students of any major who have completed three WMST and/or LGBT courses at the time of application and have a 3.25 overall GPA and a 3.25 GPA in the WMST/LGBT courses taken.

The Honors program consists of 12 credits, ideally taken across four semesters. Transfer students or students who are planning study abroad should speak to the Director of Undergraduate Studies about the possibility of completing the Honors program in three semesters. The four courses are: an upper-level course of choice taken with an Honors Option; the WMST or LGBT senior seminar taken with an Honors Option; and 6 credits of WMST Honors Thesis.

Students wishing to begin the Honors Program in Spring 2016 should apply by November 1, 2015. Students wishing to begin the Honors Program in Fall 2016 should apply by March 1, 2016.

To apply, submit

- a transcript (unofficial is acceptable),
- a list of all LGBT and/or WMST courses completed,
- a list of any LGBT or WMST courses in which you are currently enrolled,
- the names and email addresses of two faculty who can evaluate your abilities and readiness to take on an independent project, at least one of whom has been your instructor in an LGBT or WMST course,
- a sample writing or creative project that you have completed for a course
- a brief (maximum 250 words) statement of why you are interested in the Honors Program;
- and, indicate when you intent expect to graduate.

Applications should be submitted to Professor Elsa Barkley Brown, Director of Undergraduate Studies. They may be submitted electronically to barkleyb@umd.edu or in hard copy to Professor Barkley Brown's mailbox in the Department of Women's Studies, 2101 Woods Hall.

If you have questions about the Honors Program, your application, the program's structure, possible Honors projects you might do, or other, you are encouraged to speak with Professor Barkley Brown and with other members of the LGBT/WMST faculty. For Fall 2015 Professor Barkley Brown's office hours are 12:00-2:00 Tues and by appointment in 2101 Woods Hall or email barkleyb@umd.edu.

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**Workshop**

The Writing Center conducts a number of workshops aimed at improving students' writing practice and process. The workshops are open to the university community, but space is limited; RSVP here.
Monday, October 19, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Tawes 1203: Personal Statements.
Led by: Nabila Hijazi, Assistant Director, The Writing Center

Applying to graduate school or an internship? Bring your personal statement ideas, draft, or questions.

Register Now for the Black Lesbian Conference 2016!
March 25-26, 2016, New York City

Beyond Bold and Brave's Black Lesbian Conference 2016: "The Evolution of Our Community" will be held March 25-26, 2016 at the Barnard Center for Research on Women at Barnard College. The Conference will celebrate individual and collective political, social, and cultural victories; assess what issues, concerns, and challenges continue to be priorities for the Black/African Descent Lesbian community and develop steps to address and resolve them; and connect participants with resources for healthy, productive lives and work. Beyond Bold and Brave works to increase the visibility of Black/African Descent Lesbians by supporting and producing programs, projects, and events that responsibly and truthfully affirm and represent Black/African Descent Lesbian life, work, and identity. Learn more about the conference and register here.

Fellowships for Undergrads and Recent Grads

Applications for 2016 Humanity in Action Fellowship programs are now open. Current sophomores, juniors and seniors as well as graduates from the undergraduate classes of 2014 and 2015 are eligible to apply. The Humanity in Action Fellowship program seeks people who are passionate about active and responsible citizenship, diversity and human rights.

Humanity in Action Fellowship programs in Europe
In 2016, the Humanity in Action European Fellowship programs will take place in Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris and Warsaw and bring together international groups of college students and recent graduates to explore national histories of injustice and resistance—including anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and racism—as they affect different minority groups today. To learn more about the European programs, click here.

**John Lewis Fellowship program in Atlanta, Georgia**

Humanity in Action and the The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Inc. launched the John Lewis Fellowship in Atlanta, Georgia, to honor U.S. Representative Lewis, an icon of the Civil Rights Movement. The program explores the history of the Civil Rights Movement, diversity and minority rights in the United States, with a particular focus on Atlanta. Key areas of inquiry include race and racism, immigration, national identity, Native American issues and the relationship between civil rights and human rights. The Fellowship will also discuss contemporary racial and diversity issues. To learn more about the American program's John Lewis Fellowship, click here.

The application deadline for both programs is **January 7, 2016, 11:59 p.m. EST**.

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**Call for Undergraduate Research Papers**

**The Womanist Mystique: A Symposium on Scholarship and Activism Conference : Princeton University, February 6, 2016**

"The Womanist Mystique: A Symposium on Scholarship and Activism" will be a one day long event held on Princeton University’s campus on February 6th. The brainchild of a Princeton undergraduate student, this event welcomes all scholars, but particularly undergraduate researchers to submit their papers for presentation. 

**Deadline for paper submission: December 1, 2015.**

Why do we need womanism? How do the differences between Black feminism and womanism guide scholarly thought and activism? How do we see the two play out in literature (for example: Alice Walker, Zora Neale Hurston, Maya Angelou)? How have we seen it unfold in movement spaces? What do we make of the representations of Black women, both historically and contemporarily?

This symposium will bring together academics and scholar activists to discuss the historical materialization of a an intellectual movement that began with women such as Anna Julia Cooper and Mary Church Terrell, continued through activists Ella Baker and Diane Nash during the Civil Rights Movement, and is now both a scholarly movement with Kimberle Crenshaw, Dorothy Roberts, and many others, and is also materializing within the Black Lives Matter movement. The paper presentations and panel discussions will be a space for both the theorist and the activist to engage. Paper topics can range from a critical analysis of a work of literature, to coverage of a historical or contemporary movement, to any critical analysis of historical phenomena that have disproportionately impacted Black women.
Scholarship Opportunities

Rainbow Scholarship

The Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) Rainbow Scholarship is awarded to a student who is a self-identified member of the LGBTQI community and who is planning to study abroad in the 2016-2017 application cycle (summer 2016, fall 2016, spring 2017). The scholarship application opens Monday, November 16, 2015 and the deadline to apply is Monday, January 18, 2016. In order to apply for a FEA scholarship, students need select a study abroad program. Please visit the Education Abroad Office to learn more about study abroad opportunities at the University of Maryland. For specific questions about the FEA Rainbow Scholarship, contact Conrad Zeutenhorst, Advisor in the Education Abroad Office: 301-405-0596 / czeut@umd.edu.

Critical Language Scholarship

Interested in studying one of these critical languages during summer 2016 all expenses paid?
*New: SWAHILI* ARABIC - CHINESE - KOREAN - JAPANESE - RUSSIAN - TURKISH - INDONESIAN - HINDI - BANGLA/BENGALI - PERSIAN - PUNJABI - URDU - AZERBAIJANI

Want to study abroad in one of these countries during summer 2016 all expenses paid?

FINAL information sessions about the Critical Language Scholarship program:

All sessions meet in 2100 D McKeldin Library, RSVP to scholarships@umd.edu as space is limited.

- Monday, October 12th at noon
- Tuesday, October 13th at noon
- Tuesday, October 13th at 3pm

If you are interested but unable to attend, please write to scholarships@umd.edu to be enrolled in our CLS Resource site on ELMS and include your umd.edu email address in your reply or RSVP.

Application Deadline: November 23, 7:59 pm.

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: Applicants must be: US Citizens; currently enrolled freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate students. A GPA of 3.4 or higher recommended; all majors are eligible.
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.

Law School Fair 2015 http://go.umd.edu/LawSchoolFair This event provides a unique opportunity for students and alumni considering law school to meet face to face with law school admissions representatives from across the country. Over 100 law schools typically attend this event. The University of Maryland's Pre-Law Advising Office within Letters and Sciences is partnering with the University Career Center & The President's Promise to present this Law School Fair. This event is open to not only University of Maryland students, but also students and alumni from around the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. area. October 13, 1-4PM | Grand Ballroom | Adele H. Stamp Student Union

Internship Panel: Diversity Matters http://go.umd.edu/DiversityMatters Internships matter for students' career success while Diversity matters for organization success in performance, innovation and marketplace reputation. Come learn about internship opportunities with organizations who value diversity in the workplace. Panelists include J.P.Morgan, Under Armour, American Red Cross, Morgan Stanley, SEO, T. Howard Foundation, Peace Corps & INROADS. Come with questions you have about their internship programs and the value of diversity in the workplace. Please click here to RSVP for this event; October 15, 4-5:30PM | University Career Center | 3100 Hornbake Library, South Wing

Employer in Residence with TOP NY (Japanese staffing company) http://go.umd.edu/TOPNY Purpose of this session: To provide useful information for Japanese/English bilingual students about the job market and trends in Japanese industries. Target students: Students who are interested in working for Japanese companies, international students from Japan, students who are studying Japanese, students who are just interested Japanese business, etc. We would like meet each one of you and conduct an individual session to answer your questions as well as present job opportunities. For first and second year students, we are able to discuss more general matters such as the Japanese job market, trends in Japanese industries, and so on. For International Students, we can provide useful job market information to prepare you for a future career in the US. Grab a spot today by submitting your resume to position #126658 in Careers4Terps (www.Careers.umd.edu). Walk-in appointments will
be taken on October 14 on a space-available basis. If you have any questions or trouble accessing Careers4Terps, please email Kate Juhl at kjuhl@umd.edu. October 14, 1-6PM | 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.

Children's Defense Fund -- Position #126484 on Career4Terps

Position: Policy Internship -- Spring 2016

Location: Washington, D.C.

For best consideration for Spring 2016 CDF internships, apply by November 1, 2015.

Description: The Children's Defense Fund's policy team seeks interns to work on the issues of Child Health, Child Welfare and Mental Health, Early Childhood Policy, Education Policy, Juvenile Justice, and Policy Research. Interns might work on a single issue or on multiple issues depending on need and interest.

Additional Internships

National Museum of Women in the Arts
Paid and unpaid internships available in the fall, spring, and summer in a variety of departments. Unpaid interns must work at least 20 hours a week for three months, and the time commitment for paid internships vary. Applicants may apply for up to three internships per season.

For Spring 2016 NMWA internships, apply by October 15, 2015.
For more information about how to apply, please visit http://nmwa.org/about/internships

National NOW Action Center

NOW is the largest feminist advocacy group in the United States with hundreds of thousands of contributing members. Our mission is to bring women into full participation in society - sharing equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities with men, while living free from discrimination. Each semester NOW interns participate in a wide range of activities that provide them with the tools and knowledge to become activist leaders.

For Spring 2016 NOW internships, apply by November 1, 2015.
For more information on how to apply, please visit http://now.org/job/internships/

Looking for students/employees for LGBT Campaign on the Equality Act
The Fund for the Public Interest is a nationwide non-profit organization that tackles a broad range of issues while working with a number of progressive organizations. In Washington, D.C., the Fund is working with the Human Rights Campaign to pass LGBT rights legislation that would expand federal protections in employment, housing, and education to LGBT Americans. The Fund is interested in getting college students involved on a part-time basis to help spread the campaign and recent college graduates looking for full-time employment. Learn more here.

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Quote of the Week
"To be truly visionary we have to root our imagination in our concrete reality while simultaneously imagining possibilities beyond that reality."
~bell hooks

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