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## Welcome and Welcome Back!

Greetings and Welcome/Welcome Back for the start of the academic year.

This is the first issue of the 2016-17 e-newsletter for undergraduate students in the Women's Studies major and certificate, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Studies certificate and minor, and the Black Women's Studies minor. This weekly newsletter serves as a clearinghouse for announcements about upcoming events and deadlines as well as internship, research, and job opportunities. Included in each newsletter is a message from Kate Juhl, ARHU's Program Director from the University Career Center, concerning workshops, career shuttles, and employment opportunities. Additionally, throughout the year, the Spotlight feature focuses on specific students, faculty, classes, and programs as a sample of what is happening in the department.

Do note that the first item in this issue is an invite to the WMST/LGBT lunch for undergraduates, Wednesday, September 7. Come join us for pizza and conversation. (Come also if you only have time to run by and grab a slice.)

Our first Spotlight highlights a new award offered by the Department of Women's Studies - the Laura Nichols Award recognizes undergraduate activist, service, or creative projects with a certificate and \$600. Open to any student in the major or one of the certificates or minors.

Let us know what you would like to see in future issues of the newsletter. The E-News is also archived on the Department of Women's Studies website.

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## *Pizza with Professors & Peers!*

**Wednesday, September 7th**

**11:45 am - 2:00 pm**

Start your year off right at our Welcome/Welcome Back event. Come grab a slice of pizza from 11:45 am-2:00 pm on Wednesday, September 7th, **in the Women's Studies conference room, 2101 Woods Hall**. Stop by to join us for lunch and conversation with professors, classmates, and friends. Or, if you have a busy schedule, feel free to just drop in and grab a slice to go!



## *Weekend Plans*

### **September 4: National Museum of Women in the Arts Free Community Day**

The first Sunday of every month is Free Community Day at the National Museum of Women in the Arts! This Sunday, be sure to check out the special exhibition *Alison Saar in Print*, which explores the artist's interest in history, identity, and cultures of the African diaspora.

**Location: NMWA, 1250 New York Ave NW, Washington, DC 20005.**

**Sundays: 12:00-5:00pm. Mon-Sat: 10:00-5:00.**

More information [here](#).



## *Mark Your Calendars!*

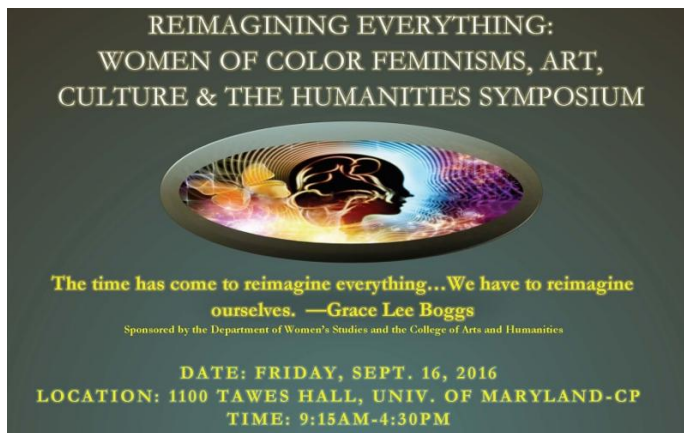
### **September 8: Quelcome: LGBTQ+Welcome Fest**



Each fall the LGBT Equity Center hosts a campus-wide welcome event for all LGBTQ and allied staff, faculty, students, and alumni to welcome new students, foster networking, and to showcase some of the resources and opportunities on campus or in the community. There will be performances, food, a resource fair, and a dance party! Stay up-to-date with what's happening at Quelcome by [joining the guest list at Facebook](#).

## September 16: Reimagining Everything: Women of Color Feminisms, Art, Culture, and the Humanities Symposium

Inspired by the words of revolutionary Grace Lee Boggs, this daylong event, sponsored by the Department of Women's Studies, will be a transformative interdisciplinary conversation among twelve dynamic scholars in the fields of Gender and Sexuality Studies, American Studies, Asian American Studies, and African American Studies. Speakers will provide critical discussion about subjects such as black feminist sexual politics, surveillance studies, immigration, the war on terror, HIV/AIDS and black communities, Chicana feminist praxis and digital humanities, queer of color performance art and culture, and interrogations of the human and art that speak to the important imaginative work Boggs understood as vital to social justice, activism and revolution.



For a detailed schedule of the day, visit [here](#).  
The event is free and open to the public, but please register [here](#).

**Location: 1100 Tawes Hall**

**Time: 9:30am-4:30pm**

## September 29: WORLDWISE: Claudia Rankine in Conversation with Sheri Parks

Award-winning poet Claudia Rankine joins Professor Sheri Parks for a conversation on the role of public education, specifically art, in the making of American democracy. The event combines a reading from the poet's *New York Times* best-seller *Citizen: An American Lyric*, and a discussion in which Rankine engages audience members on themes related to race, art and citizen making.



**Location: The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.**  
**Time: 5:30- 7:30pm. Free but ticket required. More information, click [here](#).**

## *NWSA Conference Travel Grants*



The Department of Women's Studies will support the participation of two undergraduate students in the **2016 National Women's Studies Association Conference** in Montreal, Quebec, November 10-13. 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, "Decoloniality," which "questions dominant ideas about power; disrupts colonial settler notions of place, land, property, and personhood; and troubles normative ideas about embodiment, identity, subjectivity and agency."

**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
- 250-500 word statement of why you would like to attend the NWSA conference. Please also note whether or not you would be able to attend the full conference.

Applications should be emailed to Dr. Elsa Barkley Brown -- [barkleyb@umd.edu](mailto:barkleyb@umd.edu) -- no later than 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 20.

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.

## *Spotlight: Laura Nichols Award*

From her arrival at the University of Maryland in 1987 to her retirement in 2014, Laura Nichols was a key staff member in Women's Studies and an important advocate for equality and inclusiveness in the university as a whole. The Laura Nichols Award recognizes undergraduate students who exemplify her commitment to feminist principles and social change through their scholarship, service, activism, and/or creative endeavor. Women's Studies majors and certificates, Black Women's Studies minors, and LGBT Studies certificates and minors are all eligible.

**Applications may be for activist, service, or creative projects that reflect a commitment to social change and the values of equality, inclusion, and justice. Applications may be for work done on-campus or in the wider community.** In some instances awards may be given to support a student research project if it fulfills the goals of the Laura Nichols Award. Students may directly apply or nominations for the Laura Nichols Award may be forwarded by any member of the University community. We especially encourage students to nominate other students whose work they see as especially worthy.

For this inaugural award, applications will be accepted for projects completed within the last 2 years, for ongoing projects, or for projects to be undertaken sometime within the 2016-17 academic year.

Applications/nominations will be accepted for work done by a single student or for a group of students working together in an activist/service/creative endeavor. In the instance that the nomination is for a group of students, the majority must be officially enrolled in one of the departments programs: Women's Studies major or certificate, Black Women's Studies minor, LGBT Studies certificate or minor.

Applicants must be in good academic standing at the time of the application and should submit:

- A 300-500 word statement describing the academic, service, activist, or creative project for which the nomination is being made and, especially, noting the ways in which this project reflects a commitment to social change and the values of equality, inclusion and justice. Please be as specific as possible in describing the work, considering its impact/importance or potential impact/importance, and indicating why it is especially worthy of the Laura Nichols Award.
- If you are proposing a new project: 100-200 word narrative of the applicant's prior work in this area or other qualifications for successfully undertaking the proposed project
- Resume(s)
- Transcript(s) (unofficial is okay)
- Names and contact information for two individuals who could serve as references in relationship to the project

In the case of nominations, the nominator should explain their relation to the student(s) and/or project and should confirm that the student(s) have agreed to be nominated.

**The award carries a certificate and \$600.**

**Applications are due Monday, September 26, by 4:00 p.m.** and should be submitted via email to Professor Elsa Barkley Brown, Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Women's Studies - [barkleyb@umd.edu](mailto:barkleyb@umd.edu).

The recipient(s) will be announced at the department's Fall Gathering on Friday, October 7, 3:00-5:00 pm.

Recipients will be expected to present a discussion of their work at the department's Undergraduate and Research Day, Wednesday, December 7, and to submit to the department a short written report on their project by the end of the semester.

### **Laura Nichols**

As Assistant Director and Academic Advisor, Laura Nichols managed the administrative functions of the department and from 1987 to 2014 advised every Women's Studies major or certificate student; she also advised Black Women's Studies minors. Especially noteworthy was Nichols' work to facilitate students' experiential learning opportunities through internships that had social, economic, educational, and/or political impact on women's lives and that helped students develop the skills to critically analyze their work experiences and practically consider how they might implement feminist models in the workplace. Nichols's dedication to student success-in both their on-campus experiences and beyond-was unwavering, and part of the legacy we hope to preserve through this award.

In addition to the ways that she served the department, Laura Nichols was also an active proponent of equality and inclusiveness in the university as a whole. A longtime member (and 2002-04 chair) of the President's Commission on Women's Issues, Nichols also served on the campus Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Committee. Throughout 2004 and 2005 she organized surveys and focus groups culminating in a co-authored Center for Leadership and Organizational Change report on campus climate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender faculty and staff. For this work, she was awarded the 2005 Champion of Our Community award by the LGBT Staff and Faculty Association. Beginning in the late 1990s, Nichols served as a member of the Peer Consulting Network for the Center for Leadership and Organizational Change and today continues in that capacity. A serious Terp, Laura and her four children all attended the University of Maryland.

## *Maryland Center for Undergraduate Research*

### *Maryland Student Researchers Program*

ARE YOU AN UNDERGRADUATE INTERESTED IN EXPLORING RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL 2016 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND?

Learn more about the Maryland Student Researchers program, and review nearly 150 available opportunities by visiting <http://www.ugresearch.umd.edu/current-studentresearchers.html>.

The MSR bulletin board is designed to help undergraduates find research opportunities that are a good fit for their interests and qualifications. The research opportunities posted on the MSR website typically call for students to spend around six hours a week working under the direction of a faculty mentor on that faculty member's own research. Participating students learn skills and gain valuable experience that will enhance their graduate school and job qualifications. Most positions are volunteer, some are paid.

The Maryland Center for Undergraduate Research will hold numerous information sessions to assist students who want to use the MSR bulletin board to identify suitable research opportunities, and also to provide advice about additional ways to pursue research opportunities. Space for each session is limited so please RSVP to [ugresearch@umd.edu](mailto:ugresearch@umd.edu) with the date/time of the session you plan to attend:

Wednesday, September 7, 1:00-1:30 pm - 1201 Marie Mount Hall  
Wednesday, September 7, 3:00-3:30 pm - 1201 Marie Mount Hall  
Thursday, September 8, 10:00-10:30 am - 1201 Marie Mount Hall  
Thursday, September 8, 1:00-1:30 pm - 1201 Marie Mount Hall  
Friday, September 9, 2:00-2:30 pm -- 1201 Marie Mount Hall

Eligibility: Any student in good academic standing may apply directly for any listed opportunities for which they have the listed required skills. It is open to students of all majors and disciplines with an interest in research. Most positions are offered on a volunteer basis, and selection of undergraduate researchers is made solely by the faculty members who provide the listed opportunities.

## *Study Abroad Scholarships*

Are you thinking about studying abroad in spring 2017 or summer 2017? Are you a US citizen receiving a Pell Grant (a federal need-based educational grant)?

Learn about the GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP, which provides up to \$5,000 for study abroad students with financial need who receive Pell Grants. Last year, 35 University of Maryland students won Gilman Scholarships -- nearly 50% of the UMD applicants!

The deadline to apply is October 4 -- there is still plenty of time to write a strong application, and no recommendations are required.

To learn more about the Gilman Scholarship and the application process, there will be a panel info session with returned UMD Gilman Scholars and staff from the National Scholarship Office and Education Abroad. Food will be served.

GILMAN SCHOLARS PANEL: Tuesday, September 6, 5:00-6:00 pm, 3105 Susquehanna Hall. Please RSVP to [gilman@umd.edu](mailto:gilman@umd.edu).

ADDITIONAL INFO SESSIONS: If you are unable to attend the panel, there are other info sessions you can attend. Please RSVP for these to [gilman@umd.edu](mailto:gilman@umd.edu) and indicate which session you plan to attend. If you cannot attend the panel or one of the info sessions, you may email the same address for additional information.

Wednesday, September 7, 4:30-5:00 pm - 2403A Marie Mount Hall  
Friday, September 9, 12:00-12:30 pm - 1201 Marie Mount Hall  
Monday, September 12, 2:00-2:30 pm - 1201 Marie Mount Hall  
Tuesday, September 13, 4:30-5:00 pm - 2403A Marie Mount Hall

Eligibility Requirements: US citizen. All majors. Must be studying abroad for at least 4 weeks. Must have FAFSA demonstrated financial need and be receiving a Pell Grant.

Application Deadline: October 4, 2016. This is the deadline for students planning to study abroad in spring 2017 or summer 2017.



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](http://www.Careers.umd.edu). ARHU students can schedule appointments with the University Career Center @ ARHU through [Careers4Terps](http://Careers4Terps) ([www.Careers.umd.edu](http://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.*

### **Photo Friday**

**Friday September 2, 11am- 1:25pm**

**3100 Hornbake Library South**

Almost every Friday during the regular academic year, we're offering free professional headshots to undergraduate/ graduate University of Maryland students! Each session lasts roughly 5 minutes. Pick your best photo and we'll email it to you within 3 business days. You can reserve a time slot if you want to get in and out fast, or drop in at any point in the event. Photo Friday is exclusively for walk-ins from 1:30- 2:00pm, and you're guaranteed a photo as long as you arrive by 1:59pm. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Lopez-Mullins at [mlopezmu@umd.edu](mailto:mlopezmu@umd.edu).

### **Careers in Performing Arts**

**Monday September 12, 5:00- 6:00pm**

**3100 Hornbake Library South**

Interested in a career in the performing arts? Don't miss this chance to hear from alumni and seasoned professionals including: Ashley David, Membership Assistant, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; Stephanie Moore, Director of the Annual Fund, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; Christopher Wong, Lighting Intern, Williamstown Theatre Festival; Production Assistant for Marvel Studios, and more. The panelists will speak from 5:00-6pm, and after the panel ends you may be able to speak individually with panelists.

### **How to Find an Internship**

**Tuesday September 13, 4:00- 5:00pm**

**3100 Hornbake Library South**

Not sure where to start with your internship search? Or, do you feel like you are at a standstill and are 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 in nonprofit, government and corporate sectors, quick tips on making a positive first impression on resumes and during interviews, and strategies to connect with UMD alumni working within your intended career field.

### **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](http://Careers4Terps) at [www.Careers.umd.edu](http://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](http://Careers4Terps).*

### **Women for Women International**

**Position Type:** Fall or Spring Part-Time Internship

**ID#:** 143947



**Preferred Class:** Senior, Masters Candidate, Recent Grad (up to 1 year out)  
**Preferred Majors:** Arts and Humanities, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Business, Public Policy  
**Job Function:** Management/Administration, Marketing/Sales, Research  
**Location:** Washington, DC  
**Duration:** Unspecified  
**Hours Per Week:** 15-20  
**Compensation:** \$10 daily stipend for transportation/ lunch

**Description:**

Women for Women International supports the most marginalized women in countries affected by conflict and war. Our twelve-month training program allows women to earn and save money, improve health and well-being, influence decisions in their home and community, and connect to networks for support. By utilizing skills, knowledge, and resources, women are able to create sustainable change for themselves, their families, and their communities.

The Fall 2016 Business Development Intern will assist the Global Programs Unit in business development by researching USG funding agencies and other donors, assist in proposal development tasks and conduct research for new business opportunities. The intern will contribute to specific projects under the supervision of the Business Development Director.

This is an excellent opportunity for graduate students looking to obtain additional experience in the not-for-profit space, and the inner workings on an international nonprofit grassroots women's development organization.

**Responsibilities:**

- Background research for business development
- Compiling information about potential NGO and finding partners for Country offices
- Assist the Global Programs Unit in business development
- Support input and analysis of data in our monitoring and evaluation system as well as program log frames
- Liaise with other departments such as marketing and communications
- Participate in business development related meetings and conduct follow up

**Qualifications**

- Student of/ Candidate for a master's degree in international development or a related field
- Strong research and critical thinking skills
- Ability to work interdependently and communicate with people
- Experience working in an office environment

**Application deadline: September 30**

**Vital Voices Global Partnership**

**Position Type:** Fall or Spring Part-Time Internship

**ID#:** 143001

**Preferred Class:** Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Masters Candidate, Doctoral Candidate, Post Doctorate, Recent Grad (up to 1 year out), Alumnus/a (beyond 1 year out)

**Preferred Majors:** All Majors

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Duration:** Flexible

**Hours Per Week:** 20 part-time, 40 full-time

**Compensation:** Unpaid

**Description:**

Vital Voices Global Partnership is committed to working with women throughout the world to provide them with the tools they need to become leaders in their communities. Through mentoring programs, leadership trainings, and direct support the Innovation and Strategic Investments Department provides credibility, builds capacity and enhances connections from emerging and established women leaders internationally.

We are currently accepting applications for the Innovation and Strategic Investments internship position for fall of 2016. Individuals with a demonstrated commitment to international women's advocacy, leadership development, public diplomacy, social entrepreneurship, economic empowerment and civil society development are encouraged to apply. The internship requires an ideal commitment of 40 hours per week for full-time interns, or 20 hours a week for part-time interns. This is an unpaid internship, though Vital Voices will comply with university requirements for internship credit.

### **Qualifications**

- Interest in and knowledge of global women's issues, international development, using social media for social change and women's leadership
- Excellent writing and editing skills
- Excellent communications and digital media skills
- Experience developing social media campaigns and using content and contact management platforms a plus
- Strong research and analytical skills
- Computer literacy (Excel, online portal management, and document formatting skills preferred)
- Strong organizational skills and administrative capabilities, with experience in coordinating travel a plus
- Self starter with ability to work independently
- Meticulous attention to detail

**Application deadline: September 26**

### **International Rescue Committee**

**Position Type:** Fall or Spring Part-Time Internship

**ID#:** 143013

**Preferred Class:** Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Masters Candidate, Recent Grad (up to 1 year out), Alumnus/a (beyond 1 year out)

**Preferred Majors:** All Majors

**Job Function:** Administrative/Support Services, Education/Teaching, Research, Social Services

**Location:** Silver Spring, MD

**Duration:** 3 months

**Hours Per Week:** 15-35

**Compensation:** Unpaid

Description: The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is a leading nonsectarian, non-governmental organization providing relief, protection and resettlement services for refugees and other persons fleeing war, persecution and violent conflict. In the US, IRC provides assistance to refugees from around the world who have been approved by the US federal government for resettlement. We serve refugees, asylees, and victims of human trafficking who live in southern Maryland, DC and northern Virginia. The WEP Intern would work on case management activities assisting beneficiaries to enroll in childcare assistance programs, orienting them to childcare in the US, and facilitating enrollment of children in childcare.

### **Responsibilities**

- Work one-on-one with refugees and asylees to assist with applications for childcare subsidies/ Head Start programming
- Develop relationships and expand network with local childcare providers and community resources
- Develop resource guide of local childcare providers
- Develop orientation materials on childcare in the US and educate clients on the system and their rights
- Assist families with identifying and enrolling children in childcare
- Complete all other tasks as designated by the Casework Supervisor Program Leader

### **Qualifications**

- Self-motivated and able to work independently
- Strong interest in refugee and asylee resettlement and proven knowledge of women's issues
- Excellent communication and writing skills, including cross-cultural communicative skills and discretion when addressing client issues
- Ability to advocate on behalf of clients
- Works well in a fast-paced environment and adapts quickly to change
- Any knowledge of the following languages is a plus (but not required): Amharic, Arabic, Burmese, Chin, Farsi, French, Karin, Nepali, Spanish, or Swahili.
- Fluency in Microsoft Word, Publisher, Office and Excel.
- Counseling experience a plus (but not required)

**Application deadline: September 10**

### **Additional Internships and Jobs**

The Fund for the Public Interest is a national non-profit organization that works to build support for progressive organizations across the country. This year, the Fund is working with the Human Rights Campaign on a campaign to build public support for the Equality Act, a federal bill that would prohibit discrimination against LGBT people in employment, housing, and education. Right now, people risk being fired or losing their homes in 28 states for being lesbian, gay, or bisexual and in 30 states for being trans.

The Fund is hiring students as paid staff to help with this campaign and with citizen outreach work this fall. As paid campaign staff, students will build grassroots power, learn the building blocks of political organizing, and work closely with senior staff management team. Both part-time and full-time positions available.

To learn more about the available positions, click [here](#).

## **Contact**

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## *Quote of the Week*

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**I can save lives, or serve  
humanity."**

**Sandra Cisneros**

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