

Graduate Director's Update

Fall, 2010

Hello and Welcome
Back Everyone!

What a hot summer we have had ... I think our summer was just as harsh as our winter. It's time for us to get back to the books, the break is over.

For some of us, it's not a moment too soon, we are ready to get to work, ready to move forward towards reaching our goals. I wish you all the best and much success this coming year.

Now let's get back out there and face our futures head on!

"Cliff"

Cliffonia Howard
Prgm Mgmt Asst

Dear Women's Studies Graduate Students:

Welcome everyone and greetings to all as we start the new academic year, 2010-2011. I hope that you are all returning after a productive and restful summer. This fall, I begin my term as the Graduate Director. Professor A. Lynn Bolles has taken her well-deserved sabbatical semester after successfully guiding our graduate students over the past five years. First let me extend a special welcome to the new cohort of Women's Studies students. They are: Cristina Peres who has received a Master of Education from Western New Mexico University; Melissa Rogers who has just graduated from the Indiana University in Pennsylvania this past May; and Jessica Vooris, a recent graduate of Bucknell University, who has just come back from doing fieldwork in Chiapas, Mexico.

Congratulations to Barbara Boswell for successfully defending her dissertation in May. Currently, she is working as a Lecturer in the Gender and Women's Studies Program at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Congratulations to Mary Bazemore who received an MA in Women's Studies in May. We have three ABDs—Bettina Judd, Angel Miles and Ana Perez who successfully defended their respective dissertation proposals and became doctoral candidates. Special kudos go to Mel Lewis who was hired as a full time Visiting Instructor in Women's Studies at Goucher University.

This spring, Women's Studies graduate students continue to receive awards and achieve recognition across the academy. Rajani Bhatia and Carissa Liro-Hudson won the 2009-2010 Center for Teaching Excellence Award. Rajani was named as the recipient of the 2009 Feminist Studies Graduate Student Award for her article published in the *Journal*. Carissa received the 2010 Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship and the Mount Holyoke College Alumni Award for her Dissertation research. Julie Enszer was awarded two prestigious travel grants this year—one from Duke University and the other from the New York Public Library—for her dissertation research.

Women's Studies graduate students have also been very active in publishing articles, poems, and book chapters: Rajani Bhatia published an article in *Feminist Studies*; Laura Brunner published an article in *Feminist Media Studies*; Julie Enszer published a book of poetry, two poems in *Feminist Studies* and a book chapter; Bettina Judd published an Art Book and several poems; Mel Lewis published an article in the *Journal of Lesbian Studies*; Katie White published two book reviews in the *Journal of International Women's Studies*.

Many students presented papers at professional conferences: Mary Bazemore at the University of Maryland Graduate Research Interaction Day and at Virginia Tech; Rajani Bhatia at NWSA in Atlanta; Laura Brunner at the University of Maryland Graduate Research Interaction Day; Julie Enszer at the City University

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New York, Graduate Center; Robyn Epstein at Chispa; Mel Lewis at Goucher College, at the National Conference on LGBT Equality, and at NWSA; Anaya McMurray at NWSA; Angel Miles at the Consortium on Race, Gender, and Ethnicity, Fall Colloquium and NWSA; Ana Perez at NWSA and College of Mount Saint Vincent; Michele Prince at Annual DC Queer Studies Symposium; Denise Shupiko at NWSA; Jing Song at NWSA; Kimberlee Staking at Virginia Tech and Colorado State University; Amy Washburn at American Studies for Irish Studies, Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States, and New Jersey College English Association; Yuen Mei Wong at the University of Maryland Graduate Research Interaction Day, at the University of Helsinki, and at National Taiwan University. Safoura Nourbakhsh conducted a workshop for Iranian women journalists at the Institute of War and Peace Reporting.

Professor Bonnie Thornton Dill is back from Princeton to resume her position as Chair. A special welcome goes to Professor Tara Rodgers who is the latest addition to the Women's Studies faculty.

Many Maryland faculty members and students will be presenting papers at the upcoming National Women's Studies Association meeting in Denver, Colorado, November 11-14.

Please look at the dates of events for the Fall listed here.

Seung-kyung Kim

Upcoming Events & Announcements

October 8, 2010, 2- 4pm
Fall Gathering



December 8, 2010, 5-7pm
Grad Night Out
Place: Old Dominion Brewery, (PG Plaza)



December 18, 2010, 7pm
Winter, University Commencement
Comcast Center

December 19, 2010, 4pm
Winter, Department Commencement
Place: Dekelbaum Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center

December 23, 2010 -Jan 3, 2010
Winter Break - Let's chill a moment!

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Important Deadlines To Remember

September 13, 2010

Fall 2010 (December 2010)
application for graduation deadline
Masters and Doctoral degrees

September 20, 2010

Nomination of Dissertation Committee (December 2010) Forms must be submitted 6 weeks before the scheduled defense)

October 5, 2010**(For December 2010 Graduation)**

Masters Approved Program Form and Nomination of Thesis Committee form

November 19, 2010

Final day to electronically submit Dissertation to Registrar; final day to submit electronic thesis and Dissertation Publication form to registrar; and final for Dissertation Directors to send Report of Examining Committee form to the Registrar



Travel Policy for Students - Departmental Travel Award in 2010-11 is \$300. Requests for travel must be submitted to the chair, Bonnie T. Dill, no less than 60 days in advance of the date of travel. Please review the Travel Policy in your 2009-11 Graduate Handbooks, which can be found on our website, in the Resource area.