Dear Women’s Studies Graduate Students:

Welcome back to Woods Hall for Spring 2009. “What a difference a day makes, just 24 little hours” as the Dinah Washington classic lyric suggests. Yes we can and now we must continue to do so, but of course, activism -- making people lives better -- is something that is a hallmark in women’s and gender studies. So as you engage in all kinds of activities on and off campus, keep us posted about these events so we can share the news with the world on our website. Check out the UM research banners on campus. WMST affiliate faculty and American Studies Assistant Professor Psyche Williams Forsons’ flies near the Chapel and near the Mitchell Building. Just back from her leave, Dr. Seung-kyung Kim is acting chair of Women’s Studies for Spring 2009.

Kudos to: Mary Bazemore who passed her General Exam and Anaya McMurray and Jing Song who won the Evelyn T. Beck Award to support their respective dissertation research and are both ABD. Swelling the ranks of UM doctorates in Women’s Studies is Clare Jen; PhD. who was hooded by Dr. Ruth Zambrana, while Maren Cummings, Carissa Liro-Hudson, Safoura Nourbakhsh, and Rachelle Williams received their masters at the winter graduation. Our faculty continues to gain honors. Dr. Michelle Rowley was granted time and funds to develop a Winter Term Study Away Program at the University of the West Indies, Trinidad with a service learning component in domestic violence in nearby Grenada. Look out for further information on that program. Welcome back Dr. Claire Moses, and Dr. Michelle Rowley from their leaves. Dr. Bonnie Thornton Dill and Dr. Katie King are on sabbatical Spring 2009.

In efforts to be as transparent as possible, The Women’s Studies Graduate Students Committee seeks members for this spring and 2009-10. This volunteer committee guides and establishes policy. Currently, Ana Perez, Anaya McMurray and Amy Washburn represent the graduate body so if there are questions, ask them or me.

Keep February 15-17 open for our prospective graduate student visitors. Stay safe, healthy, warm, and productive and as stress free as possible. Smiling is good for you!

A. Lynn Bolles, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies
Upcoming Events &
Announcements

February 12, 2009 @ 5pm
LGBT Spring Lecture Series:
Art-Soc 2309, “Gay is Good”: Stonewall-Era Activism in Washington, DC
February 19, 2009 @ 12-2pm
CrisP Seminar and WMST628 Colloquium:
Claire Moses, “How to Publish an Article,” Cole Student Activity Bldg, Conference Rm 1204
March 4, 2009 @ 4pm
LGBT Spring Lecture Series:
Jill Dolan, From Flannel to Fleece: Women’s Music, Lesbian Feminism, and “Me”, CSPAC, Gilchrist Recital Hall
March 5 and 6, 2009
Rutgers University—Douglass Campus,
Trayes Hall, New Brunswick, NJ
“Black Women in the Ivory Tower: Research and Praxis—One of the Guest Speakers—Bonnie T. Dill
March 26, 2009 @ 12-2pm
CrisP Seminar/WMST628 Colloquium:
Andrew D. Wolvin, “Effective Communication Across the Disciplines, Cole Student Activity Bldg, Conference Rm 1204
April 2, 2009 @ 9am-3pm
Emerging Intersections Book Signing and Intersectionality Panel:
Bonnie T. Dill and Ruth E. Zambrana (authors), Stamp Student Union, Colony Ballroom
April 2, 2009 @ 7pm
LGBT Spring Lecture Series:
Susan Stryker, Bonus Pre-Lecture Event—Screening and Discussion, Hornbake 0302
April 3, 2009 @ 4pm
LGBT Spring Lecture Series:
Susan Stryker, “We Who Are Sexy: The Post-Colonial Transsexual Whiteness of Christine Jorgensen in the Philippines, Susquehanna 1120

Continued—Upcoming Events and Announcements
April 16, 2009 @ 12-2pm
CrisP Seminar/WMST628 Colloquium: Rachna Jain, “How To Reach Your Research Goals”, Cole Student Activities Bldg, Conference Rm 1204
April 17, 2009 @ 4:30pm
LGBT Lecture Series: Judith Halberstam, “Queer Negatives”, McKeldin Library, 6137 (Special Events Room)

Important PhD Deadlines
To Remember

February 6, 2009
Graduate (PhD & MA) - Spring 2009 Application Deadline.
(http://www.testudo.umd.edu/apps/candapp/)
February 11, 2009
Graduate Fellowships—Student drafts to advisors for review
February 13, 2009
Spring 2009 Doctoral Nomination of Dissertation Committee Form.
(http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/gss/forms/Nomination&Thesis.pdf)
March 16-20, 2009 Spring Break!
April 17, 2009 by 4pm—Grad Director Portfolios and Annual Review
April 27, 2009
Doctoral Student must submit their dissertation electronically to the Registrar’s Office
May 8, 2009
WMST Department Graduation, Time: TBA, Place: PG Room, Stamp Student Union
May 13, 2009
Graduate Night Out—Acting Chair and Grad Director—Place: TBA
May 21, 2009
University Commencement—Comcast Center
May 22, 2009
WMST/AMST Departments—Place & Time: TBA

Travel Policy for Students - Departmental Travel Award in Spring 2009 is $300. Requests for travel must be submitted to the acting chair, Seung-kyung Kim, no less than 30 days in advance of the date of travel. Please review the Travel Policy in your 2007-09 Graduate Handbooks, which can be found on our website, in the Resource area.