

## Graduate Director's Update

Spring, 2009

*I guess it is true what they say, "Time flies when you are having fun." So I gather you all had lots of fun over the break, because our break flew by. No really, I hope you all had an enjoyable break and got some much needed rest. Welcome back to you all and let's have fun this Spring, so it can fly by just as fast.*

"Cliff"

Cliffonia Howard  
Prgm Mgmt Asst

### 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 Mu-  
sic, Lesbian Feminism, and "Me", CSPAC, Gilen-  
horn 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 In-  
tersectionality 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 0302J

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, Susequehanna 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 Bld,  
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](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.