

**Women's and Gender Studies Program  
Annual Report, 2008-09**

**I. Staffing**

**A. Directorship**

Sally McWilliams, Associate Professor of English, completed her last year of a three-year term. She will be stepping down as director on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and Fawzia Afzal-Khan, Professor of English, will become director.

**B. Steering Committee**

Julie Landweber (WMGS/HIST) completed her term and was re-elected for 2009-2011 term. Fawzia Afzal-Khan (ENGL) completed her one-year replacement term and was elected to direct the program. Venezia Michalsen (JUST) was elected to serve a two-year term. Continuing for another year are Patricia Salzman (GNHU), Ofelia Rodriguez-Sredniki (PSYC), and Yasemin Besen (SOCI).

**C. GLBTQ Studies Program Coordinator**

Raul Galoppe (SPAN) completed his last year of a 2-year term. Gil Zicklin (SOCI) has been elected to serve a two-year term.

**II. Curriculum Development**

**A. Program at a Glance**

The Women's and Gender Studies program has a solid enrollment in both its WMGS major, WMGS minor, and GLQS minor. We graduated the following:

Jan/May 2009 5 WMGS majors, 4 WMGS minors, 2 GLQS minors

12 new WMGS majors, 4 new WMGS minors, and 11 new GLQS minors declared during the current academic year; our program numbers now show 34 WMGS majors, 29 WMGS minors, and 16 GLQS minors.

In terms of General Education contributions for the year, we taught 251 students in WMGS102 and 33 in GLQS200.

**B. Program Development**

1. Strategic Planning: The WMGS Program contributed to the University-wide Strategic Planning process. We have determined what our goals will be for the next 5-7 years along with appropriate methods for attaining those goals. [see *MSU Strategic Planning Part III: WMGS Program's Goals and Objectives*]

2. Alpha code update: all our courses are now officially indicated by WMGS.
3. Revision of Governance Document: the WMGS Advisory Board ratified the revised governance document for the program.
4. GLQS302 Selected Topics in GLBTQ Studies: This new course is in the approval process, and should become effective Fall 2010.
5. WMGS302 Selected Topics: Gender and Adolescent Health. Professor Deborah Fish Ragin (PSYC) taught this timely course for the first time.
6. WMGS302 Selected Topics: Women and Environmentalism. Professor Lisa Zilney (JUST) taught this much-needed course to a group of eager learners for the first time.
7. WMGS was active on the CHSS Interdisciplinary Program Committee.
8. WMGS expanded its publicity and outreach to students by hiring an Outreach Coordinator whose main responsibilities were to increase the visibility and understanding of WMGS on campus. The Coordinator accomplished the following:
  - a. redesigned our WMGS brochure;
  - b. designed a new WMGS Career Pamphlet;
  - c. designed a WMGS Career Opportunities subpage to the main WMGS webpage;
  - d. created and maintained a Facebook WMGS group page;
  - e. designed 1-page WMGS flier
  - f. participated in 31 events including Transfer/Adult Learning Orientations, New Student Orientations, Undergraduate Open Houses, Majors/Minors Fairs, and New Student Experience Workshop;
  - g. presented the following talks to student organizations:
    - “Latinas in Higher Education” for Lambda Theta Alpha
    - “Women’s & Gender Studies: Overview” for SPECTRUMS
    - “Women’s & Gender Studies: Overview” for WAVES
    - “Latina Day” Discussion (with Carmen Cuevas) for LASO
    - “Career Presentation” for LASO
    - “Women’s & Gender Studies: Overview” for United Asian American Student Org.
    - “Open Forum on Relationships between Men and Women” for Lambda Theta Alpha
  - h. presented information about the WMGS program to 12 different classes prior to registration periods.
  - i. conducted an interview with WMGS Alum for Fall 2008 Newsletter
  - j. created flier about WMGS for 1<sup>st</sup> year students

### III. Programs, Projects, and Special Events

#### A. Events sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies (total attendees: 1073)

1. **"Get Out Her Vote"** with Ellie Smeal, Executive Director of the Feminist Majority Foundation. 9/29/08. 130 attendees.
2. **"Public Policy Matters"** with Diana Salas, Associate Director of the Women of Color Policy Network. 10/13/08. 38 attendees.
3. **Women's and Gender Studies Open House.** "Giving Voice to GLBTQ & Feminist Voices" and a career panel. 10/16/08. 140 attendees.
4. **Women's and Gender Studies Career Night Roundtable** with Tanya Purdy (Health Promotions), Christie Artinger (WMST graduate), Jill Fetchko (Boys and Girls Clubs), Chrisula Tasiopoulos (YWCA of Union County), Susan Deren (Rutgers graduate student), Rebecca King (Covenant House; M.A. in Counseling), and Jessica Restaino (ENGL). 10/21/08. 40 attendees.
5. **"Opting Out? Why Women Really Quit Careers and Head Home"** with Pam Stone. 11/13/08. 115 attendees.
6. **"Transitions: Easing Women's Paths Between Incarceration and the Community"** with representatives from the Women's Prison Association. 2/23/09. Co-sponsor: Justice Studies Department. 60 attendees.

<b>Women's History Month</b>
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<b>Stories to Change the World: Exploring Women's Experiences</b>
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7. **"Guyland: The Social World of Young Men (and Women)"** with Michael Kimmel. 3/5/09. 215 attendees.
8. **"Making Knowledge to Change the World: WMGS Graduate Students' Experiences"** with Agatha Beins and Andrew Mazzaschi. 3/9/09. 15 attendees.
9. **"Telling Stories to Change the World: an Interactive Discussion with Kayhan Irani."** Co-sponsors: Agenda for Education in a Democracy, the Global Education Center, the PCAAD, & the Visiting Writers Committee of the English Department. 3/9/09. 80 attendees.
10. **Teach-in about LGBT Issues and Our Allies;** with the following sessions:  
"Guided Imagery: Heterosexuals in an Alien World" (facilitated by Eva Goldfarb, HLTH); "Learned Lingo: Language, Cultural Stereotypes and Beyond"

(facilitated by Daniel Chesir-Teran, FCST); and “Looking at Old Stories in New Ways” (facilitated by Dorothy Rogers, PHIL). 3/12/09. 80 attendees.

11. **“Feminist Redefined”** written and directed by Viviana Bernal and Maria Roumiantseva. 3/31/09. 70 attendees.
12. **“You’re Dating Who?! Race and Romance in the New Millennium”** with Faye Allard (SOCl). 4/16/09. Co-sponsor: Sociology Department. 65 attendees.
13. **WMGS Research Seminar Reception** with student presenters from WMGS402 Research Seminar course. 4/20/09. 25 attendees.

#### **B. Events sponsored for the GLBTQ Studies minor**

1. **“Freeheld”** (film screening) and post-film discussion with Brian Simons of Garden State Equality. 10/27/08. 65 attendees.
2. **“Homophobia and Immigration Control”** with Mary Pat Brady. 11/10/08. 60 attendees.

#### **C. Events co-sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies**

1. **“Women's Activism and Feminist Agency in Mozambique and Nicaragua”** with Jennifer Disney. 10/13/09. Sponsored by Political Science and Law Dept.
2. **“Sex Is...”** (film screening) with director Marc Heustis. 12/9/08. Sponsored by MSU Film Forum.
3. **“The University and Civic Engagement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Strategies for Moving Forward”** with Ira Harkavy. 2009 Sheldon Pollack Lecture. 4/16/09.
4. **Society for Community Research and Action-SCRA.** 6/18/09. Hosted by the MSU Psychology Department.
5. *Latina Day—Entre Nosotras: Finding Our Voice and Empowering Ourselves in the Workplace.* 3/10/09. Sponsored by the Department of Equity and Diversity/The Women's Center and LASO.

#### IV. Other Program Achievements and Endeavors

##### A. Outstanding Student Achievements

###### 1. *NJWGSC Undergraduate Research Colloquium.*

MSU was represented at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Undergraduate Research Colloquium held at Raritan Valley Community College, 4/3/09, by the following student-scholars:

**Nicole Emaus**, "The Power of the Graphic Novel: How Howard Cruse Leads the Reader to Self-Realization through the Analysis of Racism and Homophobia."\*

\*received NJWGSC honorable mention for her essay.

**Emily Midkiff**, "Home is Where the Horror Is."

**Britney Palma**, "Maternal Mortality: Is Midwifery the Key?"

We had one student who received an honorable mention from the MSU competition: **Natasha Borrero**, "Societal Clock."

The MSU judges who selected the MSU student presenters included Julie Landweber, Aditya Adakar, and Fawzia Afzal-Khan.

###### 2. *Feminist Redefined*

Viviana Bernal, WMGS Outreach Coordinator, and Maria Roumiantseva, WMGS Student Assistant, wrote and directed a performance piece to counteract all the negative ideas about feminists. *The Playbill* which accompanied the play was "A Beginner's Guide to Feminist Activism" which included feminist websites, books, and action-oriented ideas.

###### 3. *Scholarships and Awards*

Krystal Arango (WMGS/BIOL majors) was awarded the Carpe Diem Scholarship by the MSU Alumni Association.

The WMGS Book awards were awarded to Ellen Farley (WMGS major) and Maria Roumiantseva (WMGS/ENGL majors).

The inaugural awarding of the Ben and Edna Gould Memorial Scholarship went to Maria Roumiantseva (WMGS/ENGL majors).

Dweeti Patel, WMGS student worker, received an award for "Outstanding Student Worker" from the Center for Career Services and Cooperative Education.

Viviana Bernal, WMGS Outreach Coordinator, received a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding contributions to Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Nu Chapter.

The judges for the WMGS Book Awards and the Ben & Edna Gould Memorial Scholarship were Susan Hussein, Venezia Michalsen, Gil Zicklin, and Sally McWilliams.

## **B. Other Activities & Achievements**

### **1. Ms. Magazine (Spring 2009)**

Our program was included in a national listing of WMGS undergraduate programs in the special *Ms. 2009 Guide to Women's Studies*.

### **2. SOS Holiday Gift Drive**

WMGS organized a successful holiday gift drive for Shelter Our Sister (transitional housing for victims of domestic violence). Our contributions helped 226 families and 429 children enjoy their holiday season.

### **3. Fundraising Efforts for the Hoshyar Foundation: Donations and Book Sale**

At the beginning of the academic year the WMGS Program decided to work towards helping girls in Pakistan have more opportunities for education. To that end we partnered with the Hoshyar Foundation, a not-for-profit organization working to build schools in Pakistan. Through generous donations at several of our events and a 4-day book sale (coordinated by Alicia Remolde, WMGS Program Assistant), we have raised over \$400 that will go to the Hoshyar Foundation for educating Pakistani girls.

## **V. Activities of Administrative Units within Departments**

Not applicable.

## VI. Faculty Achievements

### A. Scholarship

#### 1. Books, Chapters, Articles, and Reviews

- Afzal-Khan, Fawzia.** *Growing Up With Girlfriends Pakistani Style*. New York: Syracuse UP. (forthcoming 2009).
- "Bloody Monday" (short story), *And the World Changed: Contemporary Writings by Pakistani Women*, ed. Muneeza Shamsie. New York: Feminist Press.
- "Smokescreen" (poem), *Tiferet: A Journal of Spiritual Literature*, no 9: 2008.
- Besen, Yasemin.** *Consuming Politics: Jon Stewart, Branding and Youth Vote in America* (with Daniel R. Cassino). New Jersey: Associated University Presses, Fairleigh Dickinson UP. (forthcoming)
- The Jessie Bernard Reader (with Michael S. Kimmel) CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2008.
- "Youth and Social Change in America" (with Daniel R. Cassino). Nova Publishers, 2009. (forthcoming)
- "Work as an alternative to School? Confidence in the Education System and Youth's Labor Market Entry Decisions." 2008 *Education & Society*, 26.1.
- Carnevale, Nancy.** *A New Language, A New World: Italian Immigrants in the U.S., 1890-1945*. Chicago: U of Illinois P, 2009.
- Galoppe, Raul.** "Man's Wolf to Man: Queer Negotiations in Gustavo Postiglione's *El asadito*." [under review]
- "'Other' Women, 'Other' Centers: Feminism and Paradox in Present-day Argentina." [under review]
- "Speaking to the New Millenium: Martín Barreiro's Staging of *El burlador de Sevilla y Convidado de piedra* and the Aesthetics of Desire." [under review]
- "Body and Flesh: Paths of Aesthetic Desire in the Literary Bodies of Manuel Puig and María Elena Walsh." [under review]
- Landweber, Julie.** "Was Sophie Germain Revolutionary? Reexamining the Education of an Early Female Mathematician," *Consortium on the Revolutionary Era: Selected Papers*, 2007, pp. 48-56. Published July 2008.
- Review of Amaury Faivre d'Arcier, *Les Oubliés de la Liberté: Négociants, consuls et missionnaires français au Levant pendant la Révolution (1784-1798)* (Brussels, 2007), in *H-France Review*, Vol. 8 (November 2008), No. 146: 595-598.

- McWilliams, Sally.** "Intervening in Trauma: Bodies, Violence, and Interpretive Possibilities in Vyvyan Loh's *Breaking the Tongue*" *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*. (forthcoming)
- "Sex in Yop City: Ivorian Femininity and Masculinity in Abouet and Oubrerie's *Aya*," *Sweet Christmas! Construction of Blackness in Comics and Sequential Art*, eds. Duffy, Jennings, and Gateward. (forthcoming)
- Michalsen, Venezia.** "Women's Re-entry and Multi-systemic Involvement: Reconciling Manifest and Latent Goals." *Women, Girls and Criminal Justice* 10.3 (2009): 37-38.
- Restaino, Jessica.** "Dialogue: Elenore Long and Jessica Restaino" *Reflections: A Journal of Writing, Service-Learning, and Community Literacy*. (Fall 2008).  
<http://reflections.syr.edu/current.html>.
- "Motherhoods: Feminist Solidarity and Fear Rhetoric." *Thirdspace: A Journal of Feminist Theory and Culture*. Summer 2008.  
<http://www.thirdspace.ca/journal/article/view/restaino/225>
- "Drained," *Unbuttoned: Women Open Up About the Pleasures, Pains, and Politics of Breastfeeding*. Ed. Maureen Connolly and Dana Sullivan. Cambridge: Harvard Common Press, 2009.
- Rogers, Dorothy.** "The Other Philosophy Club: America's First Academic Women Philosophers," *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Thought*, Spring 2009.
- "Mentor as Blessing/Curse: Marietta Kies and the Problem of Derivative Identity," *Proceedings of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the St. Louis Philosophical Society*, Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri, 2008 (forthcoming 2009).
- Zilney, Lisa Anne,** and Laura Zilney. "*Reconsidering Sex Crimes and Offenders: Prosecution or Persecution?*" Westport, CT: Praeger Press. (forthcoming 2009).
- "*Perverts and Predators: The Making of Sexual Offender Laws.*" New York, NY: Rowman & Littlefield, 2009.
- "Sex Offender Laws" *Battleground: Criminal Justice*. Ed. Gregg Barak. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2008. 671-681.

## 2. Presentations

- Afzal-Khan, Fawzia.** "Singing Past Silence" (video and paper), *International Conference on Theatre Research*, University of Lisbon, Portugal, July 2009.
- "Afghan Women: A History of Struggle," Columbia University, New York, December 2008.
- "Afghan Women: A History of Struggle," Queens College, New York, April 2009.
- *Sexte of Saudade* (play). Co-written and performed with Annie

- Lanzillotto, Dixon Place, Sept 2008.
- . *Jihad Against Violence* (play), with Bina Sharif, performed at *Women, Creativity, Dissidence*, Spelman College, 2009.
  - . "We Are Gaza." Organizer. Montclair State University, Montclair NJ, April 2009.
  - . "We Are Gaza." Organizer. The Brecht Forum, New York City, May 2, 2009.
  - . *And the World Changed: Contemporary Writings by Pakistani Women*, ed. Muneeza Shamsie. Panelist. CUNY Graduate Center and Bluestocking Bookstore, Dec 2008.

- Galoppe, Raul.** "The Construction and Deconstruction of Gender Roles in Argentine 'National Rock' and Other Popular Musical Genres." Gender Roles in a Global Context. *World Cultures Day, 2009 Workshop*. Montclair State University. March 27, 2009.
- . "Stating the Unspeakable: Covert Lesbian Desire in Two Songs by María Elena Walsh." *NeMLA 2009 Convention*. Boston, MA. February 26-March 1, 2009.
  - . Featured on *Scream it Loud, I'm Proud!* Video project by Adrienne Ellison. *Fierce Productions*, Broadcasting Department, Montclair State University, December 9, 2008.

- Landweber, Julie.** "How Can One Be Turkish? French Responses to Two Ottoman Ambassadors," Annual Conference of the German Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Bonn, Germany, October 9-11, 2008.
- . "Reconsidering the Life of French Mathematician Sophie Germain," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, MN, June 12-15, 2008.
  - . "From Natural Philosophers to College Ladies: Women's Changing Involvement in the Scientific Community, 1660-1850." Panel organizer and presenter. Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, MN, June 12-15, 2008.
  - . "Comment" to panel "Gender and Popular Culture" at the 2009 Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Women Studies Association, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March 27, 2009.

- Levine, Linda.** "Women Politicians and the Media"/"Mujeres en política y medios de comunicación." Panel organizer and moderator. International Institute, Madrid. October 16, 2008.

- McWilliams, Sally.** Organizer. Women's and Gender Studies Teach-In on Anti-gay Bias Crimes, April 2009.
- . "Big Moneys and Shanghai Girls, Traditional Boys and Little Country Sisters: Sex and Gender in Contemporary China," *Gender Roles in a Global Context, World Cultures Day*, Institute for the Humanities, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, March 27, 2009.
  - . "Re-orienting Representations of Chinese Women," *New York Conference on Asian Studies*, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, September 26-27, 2008.

**Michalsen, Venezia.** "Women and Corrections." Invited interview, CrimCast podcast. <http://www.crimcastpodcast.com> 2009.

- "Reunification and Women's Reentry: Does Living with Children After Incarceration Affect Social Bonding?" *American Society of Criminology*, St. Louis, MO, Nov., 2008.
- "It's Complicated: Bringing Gender Studies and Social Justice to the Justice Studies Classroom," *Justice Studies Association*, Albany, NY, June 2008.

**Pierce, Gloria.** "'The Katrina Connection': Ecofeminist Understandings of the Hurricane Disaster." North Atlantic Region of the American Counselor Educators & Supervisors (NARACES), Portland, ME, Sept. 19, 2008.

- "Mentoring Women in Counselor Education," NARACES, Portland, ME, Sept. 19, 2008.
- "Children at Risk, Monmouth County School Counselors Assn., Brookdale Community College, March 14, 2009. NJ Counseling Assn. Annual Conference, Somerset, NJ, April 26, 2009.
- "Gender Issues in Counseling: Sexuality Studies," facilitator for Amie MacMath's presentation, *Gender Issues in Counseling graduate course*, March 9, 2009.
- "Mentoring Women in Counselor Education," American Counseling Assn. National Conference, Charlotte, NC, March 21, 2009.
- "Women and Environmental Stewardship," National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), College Park, MD, June 5, 2009.
- "Sexual Risk-taking among College Students," NASPA (Student Affairs) Regional Conference on Gender Issues in the "Hook-up Culture," Long Branch, NJ, June 8, 2009.

**Restaino, Jessica.** "Mother Rhetorics: Taking on the Media's Motherhood." *Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC)*. March 2009.

- "Mother Rhetorics: Writing a Cyber Motherhood." *Feminist Rhetorics Symposium*, Syracuse University. February 2009.

**Zilney, Lisa.** "The Environment & Its Inhabitants: Broadening Our Conception of Social Justice," *Justice Studies Association*, Albany, NY, May 27–30, 2009.

- Invited Speaker, "Linking Animal Cruelty and Family Violence." *Diverse-Voices Family Violence Conference*, Edmonton, Alberta, November 16 – 18, 2008.
- Organizer and Presider, "The Human-Animal Bond: New Directions in Research." *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Boston, MA, July 31–August 2, 2008.
- Organizer, "Legal Issues and the Environment." *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Boston, MA, July 31–August 2, 2008.

## B. Grants, Contracts, and Awards

**Besen, Yasemin.** W.E. Upjohn Foundation Grant, Upjohn Foundation, Michigan.  
August 2008. (\$5000 awarded)

**Landweber, Julie.** Travel Grant from the German Research Council of  
Germany, on behalf of the German Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies,  
October 2008 (\$1200 awarded).  
----- MSU Office of Global Education Travel Grant, for travel to the German Society for  
Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Conference in Bonn, Germany, in October  
2008 (\$800 awarded).

## C. Professional Distinctions

**Afzal-Khan, Fawzia.** Board member of International Islamic Shura Council of Muslim  
Women Scholars and Activists (WISE). New York. Director: Daisy Khan.

**Galoppe, Raul.** Co-editor of *JLAUS (Journal of Latin American Urban Studies.)*  
----- Co-editor. Member of the Editorial Board of *Escrituras: Revista del ISP "Brown."*  
----- Member, CHSS Teaching/Research Discussion Group.

**Levine, Linda.** Board member and Chair of Annual Colloquium on Women.  
International Institute. Madrid, Spain and Boston, MA.

**McWilliams, Sally.** CHSS Dean's Recognition Award for Service, 2008-09.  
----- Editorial Board. Reviewer for *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive  
Scholarship and Pedagogy.*  
----- New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium, Treasurer, 2008-2010.

**Zilney, Lisa.** Chair of the Society for the Study of Social Problems Environment &  
Technology Division . 2008-2010.  
----- Chair of the Lee Scholar Activist Fund Committee of the Society for the Study of  
Social. 2008-09.  
----- Chair of the Nominations Committee American Sociological Association Animals.  
2008-09.  
----- Member of the Distinguished Scholar Committee American Sociological  
Association Animals & Society Division. 2008-09.  
----- Reviewer for the *National Science Foundation.*  
----- Reviewer for *Feminist Criminology.*  
----- Reviewer for *Violence Against Women: An International and Interdisciplinary  
Journal.*  
----- Reviewer for *Social Problems.*

**D. Community Outreach and Service to MSU**

**Afzal-Khan, Fawzia.** With Nawal el Saadawi. "Women, Class Patriarchy, Imperialism and Religion," WBAI Radio broadcast. April 2009.

**Galoppe, Raul.** Producer and Host of *Puentes y túneles*, a weekly segment on *¿Escuchan en el fondo? LT 10 Radio Universidad Nacional del Litoral*. Santa Fe, Argentina.

----- Editor-in-Chief of *Studio 4D*, an online multimedia publication <[www.galoppe.com](http://www.galoppe.com)>. New Jersey and New York.

**McWilliams, Sally.** Search Committee, LGBT Center Program Assistant, Montclair State University, Fall 2008.

----- Mentor, New Faculty Program, Montclair State University.

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