

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF WOMEN AND SOCIETY
THE WOMEN'S STUDIES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
OF THE GRADUATE CENTER, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

The CSWS and the WSCP are sponsoring a conference on **ACTIVISM AND ACADEMICS** on **November 16, 2007** which will bring together activists and academics who do research on related topics (in some cases the same person does both) who will speak both about the projects and also the kind of research that is being done or needs to be done in relation to those projects.

For information, please contact Anne Humpherys, Coordinator of Women's Studies Certificate Program and Director of the Center for the Study of Women and Society at the Graduate Center (ahumpherys@gc.cuny.edu).

The conference will be in the Elebash Recital Hall at the Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue (at 34th Street). It is free and open to the public.

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8:30-8:45 Coffee

8:45-9:00 Greetings and Introduction: Anne Humpherys, Coordinator of Women's Studies Certificate Program and Director of the Center for the Study of Women and Society

9:00-9:45 Opening remarks. Professor Carol Giardina, History, Queens College, author of "The Making of the Women's Liberation Movement 1953-1970"

Discussion

9:45-11:15 WORKING TOGETHER I

1. **Women's Studies Quarterly** (<http://www.feministpress.org/wsq/>)
Current issue on Activisms, eds. Dorothy Hodgson, Anthropology and Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers and Ethel Brooks, Sociology, Rutgers
2. **The College Community Fellowship** (<http://collegeandcommunity.org>)
(working to eliminate the individual and social barriers to education and civic participation of formerly incarcerated men and women and their families). Vivian Nixon, Director, and Professor Patricia Clough, Sociology, The Graduate Center:
3. **United for Peace and Justice**. A conversation about women in the anti-war movement between Kathy Engel and Leslie Cagan, coordinator.
(www.UnitedforPeace.org)

Discussion

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12:45 1. **Welfare Rights Initiative** (<http://www.wri-ny.org>) Dillonna C. Lewis, director and Professor Mimi Abramovitz, Social Welfare, Hunter College

2. **Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health, and Doctors Speak Out on Welfare Reform**. Professor Wendy Chavkin: School of Public Health Columbia.

Discussion

12:45-1:45 Lunch

1:45-3:00 WORKING TOGETHER II

1. **Domestic Workers United** (<http://domesticworkersunited.org>), Ai-jen Poo, organizer
2. Professor Premilla Nadasen, History, Queens College, CUNY
author of *Welfare Warriors: The Welfare Rights Movement in the United States* (2005)
3. **Girls Write Now** (focused on giving girls a voice in this world),
Maya Nussbaum, executive director; Patti Binder, Chair of Board of
Directors, <http://www.girlswritenow.org>

Discussion

3:00-3:15 Break

1. **The Sustainable Agriculture Communities Organization of India.** Represented by Professor Joan Mencher, Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, The Graduate Center
2. **Sakhi** for South Asian Women (a community-based organization in the New York metropolitan area committed to ending violence against women of South Asian origin). Represented by Jaskiran K. Mathur, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Sociology, St. Francis College and longtime SAKHI volunteer and erstwhile Board Member. . <http://www.sakhi.org> . Introduced by Meena Alexander, Distinguished Professor, Ph.D. Program in English, The Graduate Center
3. **Sanctuary for Families** (a New York City-based non-profit organization dedicated to aiding victims of domestic violence and their children) <http://sanctuaryforfamilies.org> Beth Silverman-Yam, clinical director. Introduced by Nancy K. Miller, Ph.D. Program in English, The Graduate Center

4:45 Reception

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