WSGS EVENT SPOTLIGHT:

PIONEERS OF MODERNITY:
GENDER, CLASS, & RACE IN COLONIAL AFRICA

Seminar Event
4 PM, WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 27, 2010
Piper Seminar Room

This presentation introduces the author’s work in progress on Italian women who traveled and settled in Eritrea, Somalia, Libya, and Ethiopia in the period 1890-1943.

The work charts their social roles and daily activities within the racially segregated- and highly militarized-setting of colonial society.

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Quote Corner

Dolly Parton
A full page theme or person each week.
“Odd ‘Man’ Out”

I have joked before that I am a “dick” in Women’s Studies. But it’s not just in jest; there are many times when my male body and masculinity (I hear you giggling) are understandably not the most comforting aspects of my character and experience when in Feminist circles. This week, self-reflection in this regard has been quite frequent.

For instance, in my graduate classes, it is not uncommon for me to be the only man, or at least one of just a few. Though I have no desire to infiltrate women’s only spaces, as I believe they are important and even sacred, I cannot help but cause this at times by my mere body. Admittedly, too, I have mannerisms and characteristics, as a dear friend pointed out, that are “hopelessly boyish.” Around the time I was 14 years old, I distinctly remember the day I decided to stop trying to be a boy/man (it’s a LOT of work!). I am not necessarily putting in efforts to be a girl or woman, either. Masculinity, again, is a full-time job, requiring lots of sports, sex-talk, female-bashing, and many other, in my opinion, wasted efforts. Yet although I am not trying to be masculine, I still am in ways, I must accept this and be aware of my influences. I do not believe masculinity (or femininity) are inherently evil; both have redeeming character traits. Now, the attachment of those traits to body parts, is, of course, preposterous.

In Bren Ortega Murphy’s History of Feminist Thought course, again, this past week, my classmates all giggled as a student presenter remarked, “oh, yeah, well, we are all women here anyway... except Curtis.” I really don’t mind this. Being a token and privileged at the same time, well, I must say, is bizarre. Any attention I am getting for being one of the few men around interested in Feminism (at this level) feels awkward and most often unwanted. Yet, honestly, no matter what I do, I am the “odd man out.”

You may be wondering: why not just skip along to your ever-present male/masculine circles of privilege and patriarchy? No weird feelings there...” Except, unless I just turn off my feminist, queer brain and mannerisms, I am an imposter. Bringing feminism into most circles of men is like insta-castration. Mentioning my work, school, and activism to my father, for instance, is like punching him in the face. He just stares at me... like I am speaking another language. Most of us know the rules of gender, and I am no exception, so why not just switch over to “hang with the boys” when in company? Simply, it’s not my preference. There are times when I enjoy the company of other men (again, I hear you giggling), but really, I am not too focused on the gender or sex of those around me, male or female; thus when others are- it’s not my happiest place.

Dilemma: where do queer, feminist men fit in? Or better, where is the place and space for men in Women’s Studies? If, as allies/advocates/etc., we feminist men try our best to reject patriarchy, then often we are in a void- stuck in a body and manner that is threatening... while trying to dismantle something that made aspects of us.

As a last remark, I was asked what I would do if I made an often women’s only space uncomfortable for others. My first thought, in my head, half joking, was: “there isn’t much I can do- except leave... or take hormones and get castrated?” So far, not an issue; I feel welcome.

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How may I get involved?

Whether it’s Feminist Forum, the Vagina Monologues, the Weekly Digest, or many other avenues, come talk to us at Piper Hall to flex your Feminist muscles. We have many opportunities to share with you. As for the Digest, please feel free and welcome to send in your submissions of opinion, critique, stories, art, and so on. We want this to be a community effort, so get involved!
We wanted to take a moment to update you on some of the great programs coming out of the violence prevention grant and the Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT).

**Dating Violence Support Group**
In conjunction with the YWCA Evanston-North Shore, the Wellness Center is offering a Dating Violence Support Group to students. The group meets Mondays from 6-7pm in Crown Center 108 until November 15. Please keep this group in mind when talking with students who may have experienced dating violence.

**Peer Education Program**
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**Wellness Fair**
The 8th annual Wellness Fair is on Wednesday, October 6th from 1-4pm in Gentile Center. The CCRT will have a table at the fair to distribute materials on dating/domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Students will also have the opportunity to take a quiz to find out if their dating relationship is healthy or unhealthy. Feel free to stop by and grab some more information or just say hello.

**Advocacy**
As a reminder, sexual assault advocates are available on campus to all student survivors of sexual assault. Advocates are available Monday through Friday 8:30am-5pm and weekends, 5pm Friday – 8am Monday, by calling 773-494-3810. Please feel free to call the line yourself to ask questions, or give the phone number to students who would like to see an advocate.

MORE THAN

WOMEN ARE IN PHYSICALLY ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS ON CAMPUS EACH YEAR.

That’s 200 too many—enough to fill a Sociology 101 class. If you’ve experienced violence, you are not alone. Find this symbol on campus and get help.

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“Aanmona, don’t confine yourself among Bengali people much; you should also try to make friends with American people and you will learn a lot from white…” “Hey, you are going to meet your new American boyfriend… ha ha ha… Are you waiting for your handsome white guy?” “I am sure that you will get very cooperative American professors in your department; white people are very generous.”

These were some of the comments of my well-wishers when I started for the U.S. Whenever I listened to these words I was struck: “WHAT!?” I mumbled, “Shouldn’t I also try to make friends with nonwhite people, and isn’t there anything to learn from black or other people of color?” Aren’t there some possibilities to fall in love with a nonwhite or white man? Are there not black professors who are just as generous as white professors in the US? Moreover, I was very much annoyed by my well-wisher’s words that were saying: “white people,’ all of them, meant ‘American people,’ or vice versa.” I am reminded of the same limitations of some people in my home country, Bangladesh, who think in this way. They also don’t know that when they choose only one word- ‘white’, they exclude several possibilities and truths. I had hoped, however, that people in America may behave and think in different ways.

Now I am in the U.S. Everyday I encounter events that tell me how wrong I was. For instance, one of my friends, who is an international student, told me that her “white” American roommate told her that American people are very “friendly and cooperative,” but that she should be cautious about black men, as most of the rapists in America are caused by them; the roommate even showed her statistics… “What!?” I cried out as she made the word “American people” synonymous with “white” people as if there is no white man that my friend should fear. The other day I sat beside an apparently ‘white’ lady on the red line, who was reading the newspaper about a crime committed by a black man. Suddenly, she said to me, “that though the American people are peace loving, the crime rate in Chicago is very high because of the black community.” “What!?” I wanted to cry out as she consciously excluded black and other color communities from the sphere of

“American community;” but I couldn’t. I was afraid to protest against this racist judgment. I am a newcomer here, and as I also have a “black” skin tone. I just muttered that when the “peace loving” white men evicted Native American communities from their homeland by killing them arbitrarily, wasn’t that a crime?

However, I don’t know much about the statistics on rape or crime rates in the contemporary U.S., and sometimes I don’t believe so much in statistics; but I believe in history, the history that include the voices of victims, the voices of grass root peoples. I would like to request those “white” people, who try to represent “white” communities on behalf of the rest of diverse communities, reread the past from the point of view of the deceived. Then they will know how many rapists were their white ancestors; how they were engaged with the world’s worst crime- slavery- by making human beings slaves; how they extirpated Native Americans from their homelands and established themselves as the “owner” of this land- America.

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I have come to know that my well wishers, who made the word “American” synonymous with “white” men, are not as guilty as “white” Americans, because they are only following their colonizers. The main root of this hierarchical order of colors was created in the land of America, the land that we know as the “pioneers of democracy,” the land where the color “white” blots out all rest of the colors.
THIS WEEK’S COMPANY: AXE (DARK TEMPTATION)

- Modern blackface? What is this?
- What do women’s bodies have to do with men’s fragrance?
- What do you see?
CAMPUS EVENTS

The Search for Oppositional Culture: Race, Perceptions of Upward Mobility and the Black/White Achievement Gap
Friday, October 22, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
McCormick Lounge, Confey Hall
This lecture features Angel Harris, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Center for African American Studies at Princeton University. Harris’ interests are on how perceptions about the opportunity structure and the system of social mobility influence the extent to which people invest in schooling. Thus, his research focuses on the social psychological determinants of the racial achievement gap. He has focused on identifying factors that contribute to African Americans’ lower academic achievement and Asian Americans’ higher academic achievement relative to Whites. Harris also examines some of these issues among youth within the United Kingdom.

LGBTQ Ally Training: Students
Friday, October 29, 3-6 p.m.
Regis MPR
Do you want to increase your understanding of issues that LGBTQ populations face? Would you like to develop skills to advocate for LGBTQ community members and meet fellow allies on the Loyola campus? If you answered yes, this training is for you. Space is limited, please RSVP with Domonic Rollins (drollins1@luc.edu)

Hellenic Student Association OXI Day Celebration
Thursday, November 4, 6:30 p.m.
CFSU Main Lobby
Enjoy authentic Greek food and a dance performance by the HSA.

WSGS Recommends Mama Sophia!

*Happy Hour* with Prudence Moylan*
Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm
First meeting, October 26, 2010
Calling all WSGS graduate students! Prudence Moylan, the WSGS Graduate Studies Director, wants to invite you to 2nd floor Piper Hall for snacks, coffee, and tea. Have the chance to join Prue in conversation and advice, along with other graduate students, each week.
*Note: this meeting is not related to nor centered around alcohol. It’s simply the name of the gathering.*
CAMPUS EVENTS

Feminist Majority Foundation’s Get out HER Vote 2010
CFSU Lobby
The countdown to November 2nd has begun now! With less than 2 weeks until Election Day, we’re rallying young feminists across the country to get up and Get Out HER Vote! We need to mobilize, mobilize – NOW! The Feminist Majority Foundation’s Get Out HER Vote campaign has a comprehensive guide and toolkit to help you launch and promote voter participation activities that will drive young feminists to the polls. Check out our website www.feministcampus.org for GOHV sample ads, posters, flyers, PSAs, and other voter educational materials. Students with a campus address can register at CFSU.

WELLNESS CENTER RESOURCES

Gentile Center
Take a Deep Breath - Weekly Mindfulness Meditation
Mondays 4:30-5:30 pm
Instruction for new members from 4:30 4:45 pm at the Wellness Center
Start Date: September 13th through December 6th
Learn how to meditate and incorporate it into your daily life!
Sessions are ongoing, newcomers welcome.
Contact Dianna at 508 2544 for more information or join us any Monday at the Wellness Center.

Open Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) Meeting
Fridays 4:00—5:00 pm
CFSU, Chamber Room (lower level). For anyone who desires to stop drinking, AA provides a fellowship of men and women with the primary purpose of staying sober and helping other alcoholics achieve sobriety. For more information contact Kevin K. at 773-508-3515.

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Feminist Philosophy Brown-Bag Series: Feminism and Science
Thursday, October 28, 3-4:30 p.m.
College of Lake County, Grayslake Campus
Anderson Wing, Room A145
Lecture by Chris Calvert-Minor, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, UW Whitewater.
For information, questions, and suggestions, contact Ben Almassi at balmassi@clcillinois.edu.

Congo/Women Portraits of War: The Democratic Republic of Congo
October 18-28
London School of Economics
The Ellen Stone Belic Institute for the Study of Women and Gender in the Arts and Media based out of Columbia College and Art Works Projects announce the national and international tour of the Congo/Women exhibition during 2010-2012 throughout North America, Europe and Africa. Congo/Women is an internationally touring photography exhibition and educational campaign which highlights the strength and beauty of the women and girls of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), a group currently facing an unprecedented wave of gender-based violence and a lack of essential medical care, through photographs by Lynsey Addario (Spring 2008 Institute Fellow), Marcus Bleasdale, Ron Haviv, and James Nachtwey. Visit http://www.enoughproject.org/events/congowomen-portraits-war-democratic-republic-congo

Women Today/Women Tomorrow: Getting from Here to There
Monday, October 25, 7 p.m.
Oak Park River Forest Room, Koehneke Community Center
Concordia University Chicago Women’s and Gender Studies Program Presents Manifesta 10th Anniversary Celebration with Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards. Free and open to the public.

Do you think violence is a problem on Loyola’s Campus?
Then be a part of the solution.

Become a bystander education peer educator today!

Peer Educators are:
- Trained to educate students on the issues of bystander education to violence
- Lead programs on campus
- Help make a difference with sexual violence
- Learn valuable skills that will help you to grow professionally
- Become a part of social change at Loyola

For more information contact Suzie in the Wellness Center Office 773-508-2678 or scamp29luc.edu
LOCAL EVENTS (continued)

Mama Sophia N’ African Women: Women of Congo
Sunday, October 24, 4:15 p.m.
Ethiopian Diamond on Broadway, 6120 North Broadway St, Chicago, IL, 60660
Join the performance group Sophia N’ African Women for an evening of speaking and entertainment about women of Congo. A $30 donation will cover the cost of dinner, dessert, and an exotic Ethiopian Tea ceremony. $20 for students with ID. RSVP with Alia Ohemeng secretary@afwiam.org or info@afwiam.org.

Documentary “Hugh Hefner: Playboy, Activist and Rebel”
Oct. 29-Nov. 4
Gene Siskel Film Center of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 164 N. State St.
The Gene Siskel Film Center presents the Chicago premiere of Hugh Hefner: Playboy, Activist and Rebel. This engaging, irresistibly watchable profile by Oscar-winning documentarian Brigitte Berman concentrates on the Chicago-forged Hef’s celebrity as standard-bearer for the sexual revolution and on his lesser-known career as a tireless social activist, fighting battles for free speech, civil rights, gay rights, and, yes, women’s rights. The film may not convert you but it will convince you that Hefner’s influence on the past half-century of American life has been undeniable and enormous. To find out more, please visit www.siskelfilmcenter.org/hughhefner

Light and Leadership: Volunteer Opportunity to Serve the Global Community
The mission of Light and Leadership is to respond to the needs of the women and children in Huaycan, of the Ate-Vitarte District in Lima, Peru. We are working to improve the quality and accessibility of education for women and children who live in extreme poverty. Various educational programs for women and children empower and educate those who live in poverty.
The history of Huaycan is that is a squatter-town set up by those who migrated to Lima from the rural areas of Peru in search of a better life for their families. After years of being ignored by their own people, the Peruvian government finally recognized the shantytown of 60,000 a few years ago. Light and Leadership has made it their mission to help educate and empower the thousands who live in poverty.
Many of the organization’s educational programs are run by student volunteers looking for a way to serve in the global community. Your field of study is very applicable to the needs of the Huaycan community. Study abroad and internship opportunities are available. Light and Leadership also seeks students who would like to serve on a student board. For additional information contact Katie Maurer at (314) 306 – 1459 or Katie.m.maurer@gmail.com.

Assistant or Associate Professor of Philosophy
West Chester University, West Chester, PA
Deadline: October 31
The Department of Philosophy invites applications for a tenure-track position, Assistant or Associate Professor of Philosophy, to begin August 2011. AOS: 19th/20th Century Continental. AOC: The department seeks an AOC that will enhance our integration of international, global and intercultural issues into the curriculum, such as Philosophy of Law, African-American Philosophy, African Philosophy, Native American/American Indian thought, Hispanic/Latin Philosophy. Teaching competency in 19th/20th Century Continental Philosophy, including Existentialism, is required. The Philosophy Department is committed to the notion of shared governance, so candidates with administrative interest and aptitude will be preferred. Responsibilities: Courses in Introduction to Philosophy and 19/20th Century Continental Philosophy, including Existentialism, will be part of the regular teaching assignment. Normal teaching load 12 hrs/semester. Undergraduate education is the department’s primary mission and preference will also be given to the candidate who demonstrates ability to integrate diversity into the curriculum and pedagogical practices. Qualifications: Evidence of scholarly aptitude and earned Ph.D. in Philosophy required; completion of the Ph.D. preferred on or before June 30, 2011, but required by August 30, 2011. Finalists must successfully complete an on-campus interview, which includes both a teaching demonstration and a scholarly presentation. To Apply: Please send complete dossier including CV, grade transcripts, teaching evaluations, a course syllabus for Existentialism, a course syllabus for Introduction to Philosophy, and at least three letters of recommendation to: Philosophy Department Search Committee, c/o Ms. Rose Sykes, Main Hall, Rm. 100, West Chester University, West Chester, PA 19383. A writing sample may be requested at a later date. No electronic submissions, please. Salary and benefits competitive. The Screening Committee will begin evaluating applications on November 1, 2010, and continue until the position is filled.

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“In complete darkness we are all the same, it is only our knowledge and wisdom that separates us, don’t let your eyes deceive you.”
- Janet Jackson
JOB POSTINGS (continued)

Assistant Professor in Global/Comparative History
Application deadline: October 31
The History Department at Macalester College seeks to fill a full-time, tenure track position at the assistant professor rank beginning Fall 2010. PhD required. An attractive application would show an area of specialization in some pre-1800 C.E. period combined with evidence of a thematic emphasis. Diversifying our curriculum geographically, temporally, and thematically is a high priority, so evidence of comparative and cross-cultural scholarship is especially welcome. Evidence of methodological innovation and creative teaching strategies is highly desirable. Please consult the History website at Macalester College for our current offerings. If appropriate, successful candidates can play important roles in the interdisciplinary programs listed on the College web page, including Classics, Religious Studies, Environmental Studies, International Studies, Asian Studies, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and the First Year Seminar Program. Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2010, and will continue until the position is filled. To apply, go to http://academicjobsonline.org/ajo and electronically submit a cover letter, CV, and three letters of recommendation. For any questions about the position or submission of materials, contact Dr. Lynn Hudson, Chair, History Department, at hudson@macalester.edu or 651-696-6819.

Assistant Professor in Early American/United States History
Deadline: November 15
The Department of History at The College of Wooster invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor in Early American/United States History Before 1877. The successful candidate will be expected to teach the U.S. history survey and upper-level courses in his/her area of specialization, including a course or courses that could be cross-listed in the College’s program in Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies. The successful candidate will also supervise undergraduate research in the College’s required Independent Study Program and participate in the College’s interdisciplinary programs, including its First-Year Seminar. Ph.D. expected. Please send a letter of application, CV, official graduate transcripts and three confidential letters of recommendation to Gregory Shaya, Chair, Department of History, The College of Wooster, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691. Additional evidence of research and teaching interests is welcome (e.g., prospectuses, sample chapters, articles, sample syllabi, course descriptions, teaching philosophy). Applications received by November 15, 2010 will receive full consideration. Additional inquiries may be sent to gshaya@wooster.edu.

“If you want to make peace, you don’t talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.”
- Moshe Dayan

“Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.”
- Mark Twain

Palimpsest: A Journal on Women, Gender and the Black International
Call for Papers
Palimpsest is a new peer-reviewed journal that publishes cutting edge interdisciplinary scholarship and creative work by and about women of the African Diaspora and their communities in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean Worlds. This journal is a partnership between Vanderbilt University’s African American and Diaspora Studies Program and the State university of New York Press. The inaugural issue will focus on the theme: Liberations Across Boundaries. Submissions accepted on a rolling basis, with the deadline for the first issue being Feb. 2011 for full consideration. Visit www.vanderbilt.edu/aframst/palimpsest for submission guidelines. Contact: palimpsest@vanderbilt.edu

“We Got Your Back Project”: Growing up LGBTQIA in Middle School and High School
Call for Submissions
We are accepting videos, and written statements that share how the lives of LGBTQIA people get better when we have each others back. Give some hope with LGBTQIA youth by telling them how your own life improved. Please submit a blog post via email or a link to your uploaded/embedded video to: wegotyourbackproject@gmail.com. We are encouraging authors of color, bisexual and transgender folks to share their stories in print or via a video message. We want to ensure that your voices are heard, and that you can be the voice that touches a youth in distress. We hope that this project is a part of creating an LGBTQIA community that respects all of us. We need to have each other’s back. Submission Guidelines are as follows: Post Length: 2,500 maximum. (Please note, longer posts may be broken up into several posts on the project). Videos: Please keep videos to no more than 8 minutes. If you have a video on YouTube or Vimeo, please submit a link to the video and a brief description. Language: Feel free to use adult language, however please warn for swearing or other adult and/or potentially triggering language in your post at the beginning. If you do share potentially triggering material, we ask that you use the “more” tag to put it behind a cut.
CONFERENCES / CALLS FOR PAPERS (continued)

SIEF 2011: Objects, domestic routines and the making of everyday life
Call for Papers
Submission Deadline: October 25
The impact of ordinary, often ‘invisible’, objects in peoples’ lives has been acknowledged by contemporary theory as one of the most significant consequences of contemporary material culture. Grounded in a considerable body of ethnographic work that highlights its expressive potential to depict and discuss identity issues and belonging strategies, its relational modalities both with subjects and other objects needs, however, to be further explored. This panel welcomes theoretical, methodological and empirical contributions to the discussion of the roles played by contemporary mass-produced materiality in the making of everyday life, as well as in perceiving and shaping the world. Visit the website at http://www.nomadit.co.uk/sief/sief2011/panels.php5?PanelID=748

Memory and history: identity, social change and the construction of places
Call for Papers
Submission Deadline: October 25
Due to the close relation between Memory and History, namely in the modern nation-state construction and in sub consequent practices such as commemoration, discussions over past and historical or collective memory took central stage in social analysis debates. In Anthropology and History field production, a part of this discussion focuses on the processes of making, defining and selecting heritage conveyed by identity construction dynamics. So, as each epoch has its own memory social itineraries that change according to the historical forms that constitutes them, and also builds, reproduces and obliterates dominant and dominated memories, it becomes essential to present the processes of ‘making history’ and ‘construction’ of collective memories, in their agents and dynamics. This panel calls for papers focused on cases that discuss the themes proposed, namely memory, history, identity, heritage and space. Propose a paper:

Women, Diplomacy and International Politics since 1500 Conference
Application deadline: October 30
Co-organised Glenda Sluga (Sydney), Giulia Calvi (EUI), Barbara Caine(Sydney/Monash), Carolyn James, (Monash): The new international history has provided a framework for critiquing the narrow assumptions of existing historiographies of international politics and exploring a range of new themes in respect of agency, chronology, and gender. This two-day workshop will highlight the role of women as participants and agents in international political life since the early modern age. Its aim is to explore the many ways in which women have been involved in diplomacy and in international politics, highlighting the diversity of their activities and the significance of their contributions. In focusing on women, we hope to bring to the fore new themes and to make new suggestions relevant to the characterization of developments in international history. The conference will take place in December 2011 at the EUI in Florence. If you are interested in participating in this workshop, please send your cv and a short abstract by October 30, 2010, to: Glenda Sluga@sydney.edu.au. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Bryan Lueck at blueck@siue.edu.
Occasionally, I enjoy reading trashy fashion magazines and seeing what’s “hip”. It’s a guilty pleasure, give a girl a break. Only after looking through Teen Vogue online recently, I left my guilty pleasure session feeling less satisfied than ever before. This season, its not UGG boots, dark wash skinny jeans, or chic jewelry that’s in style. Unfortunately, this season it’s not a thing – but a person. According to Teen Vogue, and many people I have spoke with on campus, the “gay best friend” is in demand. Oh America…

This phenomenon is nothing new, from Sex and the City to Will and Grace, TVs shows have picked up on and perpetuated the female ideal of having a gay best friend. Apparently, they have it all: they shop, give great advice, and are full of funny little phrases that apparently only gay men can produce. This issue irks me in MANY ways and I have to do my best to set the record “straight”.

I’ll start with the obvious – I’m sorry to break it to y’all, but no, not all gay men like to shop. Alarming, yes. But unfortunately a gay best friend does not grant you an all access pass to day long shopping trips or honest advice on how great, or ugly, that top looks on you. Sorry about your bad luck, ladies.

Furthermore, gay men are not around to provide you with “gay sayings”. You know what I’m talking about. “Oh my god girlfriend, you KNOW it!” or “Oh heck no, techno, he did not just say that!” Yes, as amusing as these sayings may be, not all gay men use hip “gay phrases”. And if they do, I’m pretty sure it’s not for your entertainment.

And lastly, they may not want to be your friend. As shocking as this may be, as much as women walk around thinking that they would love to have a gay best friend, I’m almost positive that the gay male population is not out searching for women who want to be friends with them based on their sexual orientation. Let’s look a little deeper, people, and not base friendships on potential shopping partners, gossip kings, and cute little phrases.

Despite all of that, what really shakes me to the core is the fact that this type of behavior perpetuates stereotyping and can often resemble racism. As if this country hasn’t done enough of that already, it will only be spread by shallow acts like these. From my perspective, the difference between picking a best friend based on sexuality, the color of someone’s skin, or gender is one in the same. In the end, you’re using physical appearances and societal norms to define a friendship, a person, or a race.

Furthermore, this type of behavior just furthers how society views sexuality and gender. By giving gay men this stereotype we’re saying that the “ideal” gay man should resemble socially constructed feminine characteristics, such as the desire to shop, gossip, or be “emotional”. With that being said, not only are we creating a narrow socially accepted category for gay men to fit into

Sure, you can be my best friend – if you’re gay.

the difference between picking a best friend based on sexuality, the color of someone’s skin, or gender, is one in the same. In the end, you’re using physical appearances and societal norms to define a friendship, a person, or a race.

(sound familiar gender theorists?), but we are also furthering the idea that the characteristics that the stereotypical gay man should fit into are uniquely female. No offense to anyone (well, maybe) but I know that as a woman I don’t need anybody else validating society’s obsession to place me in a neat, narrow category, especially if its limiting how someone else is able to express their sexuality.

So do me, society, and maybe yourself a favor by not expressing a need for a gay best friend because of the “uniquely” feminine characteristics you think they all possess. Gay best friends can be wonderful, as long as they’re viewed as humans, not accessories.

So, sure – you can be my best friend, no matter what your sexuality, race, or gender may be, and I hope the same goes for you.
“I wanted to be the first woman to burn her bra, but it would have taken the fire department four days to put it out.”
- Dolly Parton

“I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb... and I also know that I'm not blonde.”
- Dolly Parton

“If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one.”
- Dolly Parton

“People make jokes about my bosoms, why don't they look underneath the breasts at the heart? It's obvious I've got big ones and if people want to assume they're not mine, then let them.”
- Dolly Parton

“Sometimes you see folks who have a negative view of dreamers - people who sit around all day on their hindquarters and do absolutely nothing. These folks aren't dreamers - they are just lazy. To me, dreaming is just part of being alive, inspired, and curious about the world.
- Dolly Parton

“I was blessed to have family members who encouraged me to pursue my dreams. Whether it is your parents, or your uncles or your aunts or even the neighbor down the road, it's important that kids have someone who encourages them to chase their rainbow.”
- Dolly Parton

“I have always been a firm believer in working hard for what is right and for making your own breaks if you want things to change.”
- Dolly Parton

“I'll never harden my heart, but I've toughened the muscles around it.”
- Dolly Parton

“It's when you treat people like freaks that you become one yourself.”
- Dolly Parton

“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.”
- Dolly Parton
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WOMEN’S STUDIES & GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM
FALL 2010 EVENT CALENDAR

Feminism = Transformation

OCTOBER

Pioneers of Modernity: Gender, Class, & Race in Colonial Africa
Lecture & Q&A by new WSGS faculty
Cristina Lombardi-Diop
Piper Seminar Room | 4:00 | 10/27/2010

Feminist Pedagogy Workshop*
Monthly group workshop
WSGS Program
2nd Floor Piper Hall | 3:30-4:30 | October
For more info: contact Betsy Jones Hemenway
at chemenway@luc.edu
*check the digest.listserve for Oct/Nov meetings

The Kings & Queens of Drag
Performance & half-hour Q&A
Featuring Tajma Hall, DiDa Ritz, & DGK Kings
CFSU Main Lobby | 7:30-10:30 | 10/28/2010
Part of LGBTQ Heritage Month
Co-sponsored by: WSGS, Advocate, and Dept of
Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs

NOVEMBER

Race, Gender, & Genetic Technologies
Dorothy Roberts, NU Law Professor
Simpson Living Learning Center-
Multipurpose Room | 7:00 | 11/8/2010
Co-sponsored by: BioEthics, WSGS, & Black World Studies

Science Attitudes, Science Anxiety,
and Gender
Lecture & Q&A
Jeffry Mallow, Physics Professor
Piper Hall | 4:00 | 11/18/2010
Co-sponsored by: Physics & WSGS
See the cartoon below!

DECEMBER... Stay tuned!

* All listed events are subject to change.
* Many upcoming events are not listed, so please stay up
to date by joining the WSGS listserv and reading our
Weekly Digest.
characters at a glance-

**birthplace:** Galway, Ireland, on the west coast

**Loyola:** Administrative Assistant to the Gannon Center for Women and Leadership

**fave color:** I probably should say green because I’m Irish; yellow

**fave scent:** rose

**fave season:** fall

**fave flower:** sunflower

**fave tv show:** I don’t watch tv much anymore... but, “Mysteries” on Channel 11- there’s a different one every week; and I watch Grey’s Anatomy

**what did you have for breakfast?** oatmeal with blueberries

**morning or night person?** morning

**preferred inside temp:** 68

**preferred outside temp:** 80

**coffee:** black; strong; it has to be strong coffee, and really hot

**preferred grocery store:** I like Trader Joe’s- and there’s this great produce store, it’s called “Produce Center!” (laughing)

**preferred drinks:** wine, white wine; water, and sparkling water.

**feminist?** Oh, yeah!

**favorite feminist word:** equality

**what can you not get enough of?** Probably free time; to be honest. I do read a lot; I would like more time for reading. I also knit and crochet; I would like more free time for that as well. Right now I’m knitting baby blankets and sweaters and caps- the thing is, I have to make two of everything! The little caps; I made one last night and the night before; they are small- they do not take much time.

**affordable restaurants do you recommended?** I know some good ones, but many are not that affordable. Pasta D’Arte, on Milwaukee Avenue. And then there’s this great place in Park Ridge, called Le Pêe, its a breakfast place, they do lunch too; pancakes, and good eggs benedict.

**raised Catholic?** yes.

**song most likely to make you move:** Irish music.

**favorite author?** at the moment, it is Tana French.

**favorite book:** *In the Woods*, by Tana French

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**C: Tell me a little about your self.**
**CC: I was born in Ireland. My family moved here when I was 17. I have four children- two sons, two daughters. I have four grandchildren with two more arriving soon- twin boys.**

**C: Do you get to see them often?**
**CC: Yes, they live close by. I see my grandson Eoghan every evening; we go for a walk and he loves Thomas the train. So we have to go to the Metra train station to watch the trains.**

**C: I guess I cannot ask you your major? (laughing)**
**CC: I attended community college in Ireland, I had taken business accounting. I finished the shorthand and typing in June and left the next week. Then I went to Chicago.**

**C: Did you want to come?**
**CC: Yes. My whole family wanted to come- my mother, and I have 5 sisters.**

**C: Where do you fall in?**
**CC: Number 3.**

**C: Do they all live in Chicago?**
**CC: Yes**

**C: How did you manage to all stay together?**
**CC: I don’t know. We’re all a very close family; I was close to my mother, very close to her. I don’t know- we all just- even when we moved away from home, we were close to where she was- all local.**

**C: What about your father?**
**CC: He passed away when I was 13 of cardiac arrest- it was sudden. He was a custom tailor- so he had a business.**

**C: Can you still remember him?**
**CC: Oh yeah. My grandfather and also great grandfather were tailors. I do remember- helping him.**

**C: So you work at the Gannon Center- tell me about that.**
**CC: Well I came to the Gannon Center in ’99. Previous to that I had worked in the medical center for three years and transferred over to the Gannon Center. It’s just a phenomenal place to work; really.**

**C: So you are the first person everybody sees when they come to the Gannon Center?**
**CC: Yes, yes, oh yes. Yes. I know a lot of people here. Because you see a lot of people here, like students and the Gannon scholars. And there are students checking out the Catholic schools who wander into Piper Hall.**

**C: So, Jan is your new director of the Gannon Center. Who was before her?**
**CC: Dawn Harris, and before that, Susan Ross. And Carolyn Farrell, BVm, who was the first director of the Gannon Center. She retired in 2006.**

**C: So you have had four bosses in 11 years? Wow.**
**CC: I’m not moving them out! (laughing)**

**C: What’s a normal day on campus like for you?**
**CC: It’s a variety of things. I’m here early, so, like, what’s going on that day-what events, what setups? A lot of phone calls come in too, people needing information. I do (continued on next page)
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events and reservations; and take care of the Gannon Center budget. Alums, too, like Mundelein alums— they call in, have questions, want to make donations.

C: Were you here when Piper Hall was renovated?
CC: Mmm-hmm. When I first came to the Gannon Center we were over in Sullivan, second floor. And we were there until 2005. During that time we were fundraising for the renovations of Piper Hall.

C: So what was Piper before?
CC: It was very run down. They would have events there before, but it was not as nice. The second floor was classrooms; it was setup very different. I think— IPS used it, yes. And the third floor was just all storage. The roof leaked—and there were pigeons on the third floor! I don’t know if there was a basement; I guess there was, I never saw it.

C: Were the gardens here?
CC: No, there was a parking lot! It was horse-shoe shaped. That was a good parking space, actually.

C: What do you like about the space here in Piper Hall?
CC: It feels like a home. The people who work here make it feel like home, too. The beautiful colors and the lake view.

C: What do you like best and least about Loyola?
CC: Well, there’s nothing that I don’t really like about Loyola. It’s a good balance.

C: Parking?
CC: Parking, yeah! (laughing) I usually park on the fourth floor so at least I get a parking spot.

C: Let’s talk more about Ireland. How often do you go back?
CC: In the last couple of years, I go back quite a bit. One of my daughters had her wedding in Ireland about three years ago, on the west coast. Both of my sons-in-law are from Ireland.

C: How’d that happen? Did they meet in Chicago?
CC: Yep; I’m not saying it was a requirement... but, I’m not complaining. Yes, it helps for going back. And I still have lots of relatives there, and a good friend that I visit a lot, and she comes here to visit.

C: What is something about American culture you do not find in Ireland?
CC: Well, Ireland has changed a lot- it is very similar, I think, nowadays. Even food is similar. Well, Ireland has more fresh fish.

C: Does Ireland have a lot of fresh fish- is it a big thing there?
CC: Oh, yes. Fresh salmon, crab, oyster, lobster... I miss that- I love fish. I’m a vegetarian, and I eat fish.

C: You are a pescatarian? So am I.
CC: I don’t know that word.

C: How long have you been that way?
CC: Probably about 15 years.

* All pictures for this interview are from Carol’s Kenya trip.

C: Well, I recently heard vegetarians live 4 years longer on average, and pescatarians live 7 years longer on average.
CC: Oh, really? Well, I didn’t know that. I know fish is good for you because of the Omega-3s, especially salmon. Oh, that’s good! (laughing). Both of my daughters are vegetarian- Susan since she was 14. Caroline eats fish.

C: Now what about their children?
CC: Well, they do eat some meat-chicken. They like veggie stuff-the chicken nuggets. Colin and Eoghan love the morning star chicken nuggets. Especially the Trader Joe’s kind.

C: What is your dream job, dare I ask?
CC: Retirement! No, I’m joking. This is my dream job.

C: Are you a feminist?
CC: Oh, yeah!

C: Why?
CC: I just want to empower women. Everyone should have equal political, economic, and social rights.

C: How long have you been a feminist?
CC: My whole life, always, because of my mother, she was widowed young and raised her children as a single mother. She wanted everyone to be educated and have a good life; she worked hard. She was a feminist. She was born in Ireland, but after high school went to London, and lived there for a few years, then met my father and moved back to Ireland.

C: So after you were 13, you had 5 sisters and your mother—all women; how was that?
CC: Oh, it was great! (laughing and smiling)... because we had built-in friends at home! I always had somebody to hang out with. And I think that’s what made it easy moving here, to another country. You know, we all stuck together and had each other. We were all close but different ages, and some of us were close in age.

C: What was the age range? Were you all excited to move?
CC: My youngest sister was 8, and my oldest was 21. Oh, yeah, it was very exciting! Yeah, yeah. It was like an adventure; we had no idea what it was going to be like.

C: So you knew you were coming to Chicago. What ideas did you have about the US? Were you scared?
CC: No, no. It was exciting- I was looking forward to coming to a big city.

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“I just want to empower women. Everyone should have equal political, economic, and social rights.”
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C: How did people respond to you when you got here?
CC: People always thought my accent was cute, and wanted to know where I was from.
C: What about food?
CC: I had never seen corn on the cob or eaten pizza before, nor pasta. Oh, and corned beef is not an Irish thing; you won’t find it in Ireland.
C: What other places have you visited?
CC: England, of course. I have not traveled that much.
C: What is a political issue that has been on your mind lately?
C: I think immigration. Adults who came here as children and who have been in school and the military should have access to citizenship.
C: What led you to work here?
CC: My sister actually worked at the medical center, and she changed jobs, and said I should go there. So I worked there three years, then came here to Piper because it was closer to home. I just went online-I mean I called HR, and asked about openings, and was told about the Gannon Center. I got an interview- that is how it all started. I got lucky- I am lucky.
C: What do you like about Chicago?
CC: Museums, beaches, downtown, bike trails
C: Tell me about your trip to Kenya this past summer.
CC: The trip made a big impact on my life and I now find myself looking at life differently. I know how fortunate I am to have basic necessities like clean water and an abundance of food. Visiting the Kibera slum in Nairobi and meeting women entrepreneurs made me more aware of the disparity and the daily challenges these women face to feed their children. We visited an orphanage and school in Laikipia and met young children who were happy and smiling despite the hard hand they have been dealt. We also visited honey manufacturing, poultry and fishing businesses. In each of these businesses women want to be successful and their priority is education for their children. This trip has made me see firsthand how important it is to help and encourage these women entrepreneurs so that their children will become the hope for the future.

Carol’s FYI:

Piper Hall Facts...
- built in 1909 as a home
- the 2nd floor used to be bedrooms and baths
- the 3rd floor used to be a ballroom
- original furniture from Mundelein college is scattered throughout
- renovated in 2005
- the gardens used to be a parking lot!
MORE EVENTS / FLIERS

Interrogating Complicities: Threat of the Postcolonial, Queer & the Normative

Conference Schedule:

**DAY 1: MONDAY, NOV 15th, 2010**

**PANEL 1 : Politics of Becoming**
(2:00 - 3:30pm, Ford Hall, Rm 127)

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION :**
Turf Wars: Theoretical Intimacies of Queer & Postcolonial Studies
(4:00 - 6:00pm, Ford Hall, Rm 180)

**DAY 2: TUESDAY, NOV 16th, 2010**

**PANEL 2 : With/out Nation**
(9:00 - 10:30am, Nölte Center, Rm 140)

**PANEL 3 : Plotting Resistance**
(11:00 - 12:30pm, Nölte Center, Rm 140)

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**ANJALI ARONDEKAR (UCSD)**
(1:30 - 3:00pm, Nölte Center, Rm 140)

**PANEL 4 : Reading Affect, Texting Sex**
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**PANEL 5 : The Limits of the Normative**
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