

NIU Women's Studies Program–Fall 2011–Calendar of Events

AUGUST

WOMS Welcome Back Open House!

Tuesday & Wednesday, August 23 & 24

8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Reavis Hall, Room 103

Stop in the Women's Studies office for a snack and learn more about how you can get involved with the program.

SEPTEMBER

Herding Cats for Fun and Profit: Editing Creative Nonfiction for Popular Cultural Materials

Wednesday, September 21

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Holmes Student Center, Blackhawk Annex

Curator of Rare Books and Special Collections Lynne M. Thomas discusses the editorial process for popular culture nonfiction anthologies, including Hugo–Nominated *Chicks Dig Time Lords*, *Whedonistas*, and the forthcoming *Chicks Dig Comics*. Co–sponsor: Rare Books & Special Collections.

Exploring Majors Fair

Monday, September 26

11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Stop by our table at the Exploring Majors Fair and learn more about the Women's Studies minor and contract major. We'll be giving away some goodies, too!

WOMS Pizza Party!

Monday, September 26

4:00–5:30 p.m.

Reavis Hall, Room 103

Women's Studies students and anyone wanting to learn more about the program are invited to our pizza party!

OCTOBER

Take Back the Night

Tuesday, October 4

7:00–9:30 p.m.

Meet at MLK Commons

Join the Women's Rights Alliance, Women's Studies Program and many other sponsors for this annual event, and take a stand against sexual assault and night–time violence! We will march from Martin Luther King Commons, around campus, and to the East Lagoon, so bring your walking shoes.

Building a School for Girls in Kenya (Tentative)

Monday, October 10

6:00 p.m.

Holmes Student Center, Capital Room

NIU Professor Diana Swanson will discuss her experiences visiting a new school for girls in Kenya.

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A Teach–In on the Horn of Africa Famine

Wednesday, October 12

12:00–1:30

Campus Life Building, Room 100

The Center for NGO Leadership and Development (NGOLD) and Women's Studies are co-sponsoring this teach-in. "Teach-ins are informative sessions on recent events which people may not be able to understand clearly through news sources alone. It is a chance to inform people about an issue and provide them with opportunities to take action. Thus teach-ins are meant to be interactive as well as informative. Participants of a Teach-in are welcome to ask questions and discuss issues so that they can understand the topic clearly." From www.amnestyusa.org! Check

www.niu.edu/wstudies/news/index.shtml for updates on panelists for this event.

Work It! Career Fair Success for Women

Wednesday, October 12

6:00 p.m.

Holmes Student Center, Lincoln Room

Join NIU's Women's Studies Program, Career Services and the Women's Resource Center for this interactive job search workshop for women, presented by career counselor Teri Schmidgall. What you say, what you ask, and feeling good in what you wear are important factors in success at a career fair. Walk away with the confidence to present your unique story and know how to work it!

STEMfest

Saturday, October 22

10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

NIU Convocation Center

Stop by our table to learn more about women in science, technology, engineering and math. This event is organized by NIU's Stem Outreach.

HopeLine Project

Monday, October 24–Friday, October 28

Reavis Hall, Room 103

Drop off your used cell phones to help survivors of domestic violence. The Women's Resource Center has partnered with Verizon Wireless to bring the HopeLine Project to NIU.

NOVEMBER

Feldenkrais Workshop

Thursday, November 3; 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Reavis Hall, Room 103

Georgia Brown leads this workshop which will help you to move better and feel better...even if you sit at a desk all day!

Crafty Women Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale

Wednesday & Thursday, November 16 & 17

Reavis Hall, Room 103

Get your holiday shopping done early at our arts & crafts sale. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Mothers Memorial Scholarship, Austin Sawicki Scholarship, and Women's Studies Foundation funds. If you would like to donate items for us to sell at the sale, please drop them off in Reavis Hall, Room 103 no later than Monday, November 14.