



WOMEN'S STUDIES BULLETIN

WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR



Welcome back to another academic year! I welcome those of you who are just joining our community as well as those of you who have been friends of Women's Studies for many years.

The Women's Studies program is celebrating its **thirtieth anniversary** this fall, and it is an exciting time for reflecting on our accomplishments and looking forward to the future. We are planning a "virtual" event to complement the anniversary break-

fast we held last spring in the hope that we can include more of our far-flung former students, faculty, and staff. Look out for information on this event!

As part of our thirtieth anniversary efforts, we will be developing a new fund to assist students who are presenting at conferences. We are very proud of our students' original research (see [p. 9](#) for a list of the 19 students who presented), and we believe that establishing such a fund is a way to promote the future of Women's Studies.

Our goals for this year include implementing recommendations from last year's undergraduate program review committee, increasing the number of contract majors, and offering another successful Women's History Month, this time around the themes of women's poverty and wealth, including issues related to international assistance and philanthropy. We look forward to your ideas for programs.

We will also continue participating in the NSF ADVANCE Catalyst grant effort to improve the climate for female faculty in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) as well as partnering with the Women's Resource Center, the LGBT Studies program, and the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women.

In my capacity as co-chair of the Women and Gender Studies program administrators' committee of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA), I have opportunities to meet many of my peers and to learn about their programs. This work has left me convinced that we do remarkably well for a program our size and with our resources. I am grateful to the faculty, staff, and students who make this possible, and I look forward to working with all of you for another year.

Let me know if I can be of assistance in any way.

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WOMEN'S STUDIES NEWS

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM CELEBRATES 30 YEARS!



We were thrilled to be able to (re)connect with some of our alums and former faculty, as well as current students, faculty and staff at the Honors Day breakfast celebration on Sunday, April 17, 2011. Held in honor of the thirtieth anniversaries of Women's Studies and the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women, the event featured a keynote talk by Barbara Cole Peters, who gave a lively presentation titled "NIU Women: The Early Years, 1899-1949." Peters profiled several of the first women at NIU, including the first women's basketball team, revealing their diverse interests and experiences. We are grateful to everyone who made this celebration possible, including the NIU Alumni Association, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Phi Kappa Phi, NIU Office of the President, and the College of Engineering.

During the fall 2011 semester, we will be launching a virtual 30th anniversary celebration. The virtual celebration will be interactive and will allow alums and others who have been involved in the program to share stories, images, audio and videos. We will be sending out invitations to this virtual event in the near future.

The 30th anniversary of Women's Studies at NIU also offers us a chance to reflect upon the history, accomplishments and contributions of the program over the past three decades. Since the program began operation through the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences in 1981 it has been led by four amazing, dedicated women: Barbara Bate (1981-83); Marilyn Skinner (1983-1986); Lois Self (1986-95); and, Amy Levin (1995-present). The program has also had four joint appointment faculty members since it started: Heather Hardy, Women's Studies & English (1993-97); Lynn Kamenitsa, Women's Studies & Political Science (1993-2008); Amanda Littauer, Women's Studies & History (2009-present); and, Diana Swanson, Women's Studies & English (1991-present).

During its first year of operation, the Women's Studies Program was housed in Zulauf Hall. Then, from 1981-89, the program was located in the Wirtz House, which was located in the area that is now Martin Luther King Commons. While in the Wirtz House, Women's Studies shared space with the Office of University Resources for Women (now, the Women's Resource Center). In 1989, the program moved to Reavis Hall. Initially, our main office was in room 107 and the teaching assistant office was in room 108. In 1995, our program moved to its current location in Reavis 103.



Wirtz House

Since 1986, Women's Studies has organized NIU's celebration of Women's History Month, which has included many engaging activities and notable guest speakers. For instance, in 1991, former editor-in-chief of *Essence Magazine* Marcia Gillespie spoke on campus. The program organized a quilting bee in 1992 that brought together many student and faculty crafters. In 1996, the program co-sponsored an evening with author and feminist activist Gloria Steinem, as well as a talk by Chicana author Ana Castillo. Paula Poundstone brought her quick witted humor to campus in 1998. In 2004, Pink Bloque got students and faculty moving during their workshop on dancing as a form of feminist activism; this was also the inaugural year of "This is What a Feminist Looks Like" Sticker Day. Valentine Moghadam, Chief of Gender Equality and Development in the Social & Human Sciences

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM CELEBRATES 30 YEARS! (CONTINUED)

Sector of UNESCO, gave three presentations on Middle Eastern feminism in 2006. The following year, well-known author Susan Douglas came to campus to talk about women and the media

We have also organized art exhibits, poetry readings, film screenings and discussions, performances, and many other Women's History Month activities over the years. For more information about the history of Women's History Month at NIU, visit www.niu.edu/wstudies/history/whm_history.shtml. (To learn more about this year's celebration, read "Women's History Month 2011 Wrap-up/Looking Ahead," below.)

Women's Studies has established two scholarships since the program began: the Mothers Memorial Scholarship and the Austin Sawicki Memorial Scholarship. The Mothers Memorial Scholarship was endowed in 2004, in order to "honor those who are or act as mothers to members of the NIU community," and is available to upper division and graduate students "whose goals include improving the lives of women - through education, research, advocacy, support, policy making, or other appropriate means." Thirteen scholarships have been awarded thus far, including seven to undergraduate students and six to graduate students. The Austin Sawicki Memorial Scholarship was established in 2008 after the unfortunate passing of our former graduate student and teaching assistant Austin Sawicki. This scholarship provides funding to upper division and graduate students "who make major contributions to NIU Women's Studies and/or lives of women at NIU, have exceptional intellectual curiosity, and have interdisciplinary academic interests." Additionally, the scholarship is meant to recognize students who exhibit other qualities that Austin possessed, including "exuberance, enthusiasm, compassion, and a commitment to the success of others as demonstrated by her/his activities, service, coursework, and interactions with the NIU community." Two graduate students have received the Austin Sawicki Memorial Scholarship since its founding. To learn more about and/or contribute to either scholarship, visit www.niu.edu/wstudies/scholarships/index.shtml.

More than anything, we are pleased to have worked with hundreds of amazing students over the past thirty years, many of whom have gone on to successful careers and meaningful volunteer work. For example, one of our most recent grads, Diana Juarez is working as a community organizer for Planned Parenthood while she continues to volunteer for NIU's Women's Rights Alliance. 2004 graduate Elena Haliczzer is co-founder of Adaptive Semantics, which was recently purchased by *Huffington Post*. Another 2004 graduate Sandi Caldron, is the Business Manager for Girls in the Game, a non-profit organization in Chicago that "provides and promotes sports and fitness opportunities, nutrition and health education, and leadership development to enhance the overall health and well-being of girls" (www.girlsinthegame.com). Elice Rogers graduated in 1997 and is currently a Cyril O. Houle Scholar of Adult Education and Associate Professor of Adult Learning and Development at Cleveland State University. Corina Pedraza-Palominos, who also graduated in 1997, works with the Pilsen Alliance as a Resource Coordinator for Whittier Community School. Stephanie Blanton, who graduated in 1994, is currently a staff member with the House Rules Committee in the United States House of Representatives. Prior to her work with the House of Representatives, Blanton served as the Regional Program Director for Africa for the International Republican Institute. 1992 graduate Michele Fiore is a news reporter for WBBM-Newsradio 780 in Chicago. Grace Bogdan, who graduated in 1988, currently teaches English at Plainfield South High School. Other graduates have gone on to work and volunteer in a broad range of fields, including health care, law, higher education, veterinary science, and arts and culture.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to and supported our program over the past 30 years! We will continue our anniversary celebration this year, so look for announcements about upcoming events.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: WRAPPING UP AND LOOKING AHEAD

Over 1,000 people participated in events and activities during NIU's celebration of Women's History Month in March 2011. With over two dozen events on the calendar sponsored by thirty-nine different campus and community units, people had plenty of opportunities to explore and learn about the ways that immigration and migration have affected women all over the world.

For the sixth year in a row, "This is what a Feminist Looks Like" Sticker Day offered students, staff, faculty and administrators a fun way to discuss what it means to be a feminist. Also at the beginning of the month, Lesley Rigg and Wayne Finley led a self-defense workshop which introduced young women to precautionary measures they can take to ensure their safety when traveling alone.

Dr. Katharine Donato, Professor and Chair of Sociology at Vanderbilt University, joined us as a graduate colloquium speaker to present two talks about gender and immigration. People who attended Dr. Donato's talks appreciated her willingness to engage them in conversation and answer their questions. Participants also enjoyed other migration and immigration themed events throughout the month, such as a talk given by NIU Law Professor Elvia Arriola, "Migrant Women and the Mexican Revolution." Sarah Blue, Assistant Professor of Geography, offered a presentation that focused on how migrant workers dealt with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. History professor Aaron Fogelman presented a fascinating lunchtime talk, "Gender and Marriage in the Lives of an 18th-Century Couple Adventuring the Atlantic World." Finally, to close out the month, Assistant Professor of History Ismael Montana led a lively discussion of the film, *Mama Benz and the Taste of Money*.

We appreciate everyone who presented and attended the events, seminars, workshops, demonstrations and film screenings throughout the month. Thank you also to the sponsors and co-sponsors who made the month's events possible!

The theme for **Women's History Month 2012 will focus on "Women, Wealth and Economic Justice."** If you have ideas for speakers or events related to this theme, please share them with us. We hope to include a wide array of activities on this year's Women's History Month calendar. We look forward to receiving your ideas!



2010-2011 WOMEN'S STUDIES EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

Women's Studies sponsored and co-sponsored a broad assortment of events throughout the 2010-2011 academic year. During the fall semester, there were nearly two dozen events on our calendar, including a "Welcome Back" open house in August; three Faculty Associate Lecture series presentations by Corrine Wickens, Diana Swanson, and Reva Freedman and Georgia Brown; and a talk by Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards organized by the Women's Resource Center. We were also one of many co-sponsors inspiring talk by award winning author Sandra Cisneros organized by the Latino/a Resource Center. Finally, we closed out the fall semester with our annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale, which raised over \$2400 for the Women's Studies Foundation, *Austin Sawicki Memorial Scholarship* and *Mothers Memorial Scholarship* funds. Thank you to the many people who contributed items for us to sell and who shopped the sale!

In addition to Women's History Month events, there were over one dozen events on the spring calendar, including an open house at the beginning of the semester. In January, Women's Studies director Amy Levin gave a talk on novels by African-American women authors. We co-sponsored two performances of Eve Ensler's *A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant and Prayer* organized by the Women's Rights Alliance student organization, which raised \$1000 for Safe Passage in DeKalb and

2010-2011 WOMEN'S STUDIES EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

V-Day. We also co-sponsored two talks by LGBT Studies Program colloquium speaker Jonathan Katz, curator of the controversial exhibit *Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture*, during LGBT Awareness Month in April. The last event of the year was our second Women's Studies Recognition Ceremony and Reception, during which we celebrated the numerous accomplishments of our students and faculty. We hope you will continue to share your accomplishments with the Women's Studies Program so that we can celebrate you next year! Send your accomplishments to womenst@niu.edu.

LOOKING AHEAD: 2011-2012 EVENTS

We're planning a broad variety of events this year. We invite everyone to stop in our office between 8:30-4:00 on August 23 and 24 **for our fall semester open house**. During the open house, we'll have snacks and you can learn more about how to get involved with the program. You'll also be able to check out our library; discover how to earn a minor or graduate certificate in Women's Studies; learn about our student organizations; find out about volunteer opportunities; and, meet great people! On September 21, Lynne Thomas will present "Herding Cats for Fun and Profit: Editing Creative Nonfiction for Popular Cultural Materials," a discussion of the editorial process for popular culture nonfiction anthologies. Thomas is the head of Rare Books and Special Collections at Founders Memorial Library and co-editor of the Hugo-Nominated *Chicks Dig Time Lords*. Her talk will take place at noon in Holmes Student Center, Blackhawk Annex. For a complete list of fall events, visit our [web-page](#) or visit our NIU Women's Studies Program Facebook page.



If you have ideas for speakers, events and/or activities, please share them with us by emailing womenst@niu.edu or stop in Reavis 103.

WOMEN'S STUDIES PARTICIPATES IN EFFORTS FOR WOMEN IN THE SCIENCES

More than most similar programs, NIU's Women's Studies program is committed to increasing women's participation in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) workforce. We are dedicated to increasing the number of women students completing degrees and course work in STEM areas and to providing resources for the recruitment and retention of female faculty in STEM fields, because they provide valuable role models. Over the past fifteen years, we have approached this issue in a number of ways. We participate in STEMfest each October, which is sponsored by NIU STEM Outreach, and we welcome volunteers for the Women's Studies table. We also offer programs during Women's History Month and at other times of year relating to or aimed at women in STEM. Currently, NIU undergraduates have opportunities to enroll in special sections of CSCI 205, Introduction to Computing, designed around women's ways of learning. These classes are taught by faculty associate Georgia Brown. Students may also take WOMS/BIOS/GEOG 324, Women in Science, which is usually offered once a year, and they can also request a contract major focusing on women in science. Graduate students may work with and be mentored by WOMS faculty associates and affiliates. Faculty members are welcome to join a popular and long-standing monthly brown bag lunch group, currently organized by Beth Gaillard, professor of Chemistry (gaillard@niu.edu). The programs for the lunch meetings vary from informal discussions about common issues to research presentations. Finally, Women's Studies director Amy Levin is co-principal investigator for an NSF ADVANCE Catalyst grant to conduct a study of issues pertaining to career progress and work/family balance for female faculty in STEM disciplines at NIU.

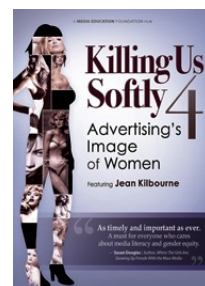
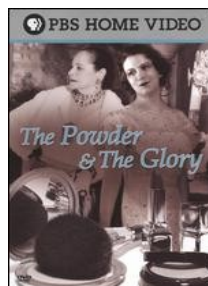
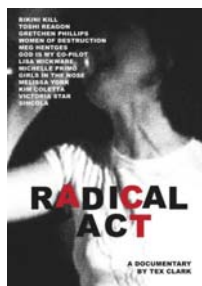
NEW VIDEOS IN THE WOMS LIBRARY

We have added thirteen new videos and one new CD to our media library! New additions include:

- *The Line: Where is the line of consent?* written and presented by Nancy Schwartzman, examines issues related to rape and consent. The documentary is based on Schwartzman's experience with acquaintance rape. Among the issues presented in the documentary are common rape myths, victim blaming, defining "consent," and legal rights of rape survivors. (Media Education Foundation, 2010. DVD. 24 min.)
- In *Killing Us Softly 4: Advertising's Image of Women*, Jean Kilbourne continues her critique of consumer culture's negative impact on definitions of femininity and ideals of beauty. This updated version of Kilbourne's series includes new advertisement, and discussions of current topics like "sexting" and the rise in obesity rates in the U.S. (Media Education Foundation, 2010. DVD. 45 min.)
- *Radical Act: A Documentary by Tex Clark* focuses on a group of radical feminist bands from the mid-1990s. The documentary contains interviews with musicians who talk about how sexuality and gender affects their music and lives. (A Million Movies a Minute, 2010. DVD. 55 min.)
- *Womanhouse*, a documentary by Johanna Demetrakas, offers a rare glimpse inside the collaborative art environment *Womanhouse*, which was created by those involved in Judy Chicago and Miriam Schapiro's feminist art program in 1971-72. The art project examined women's shared lived experiences, as well as common stereotypes and ideals for women. The film includes images of the house, footage of performances, interviews with artists involved in the project, and viewer reactions. (Women Make Movies, 1974. DVD. 47 min.)
- *The Powder and the Glory* is about two entrepreneurial women from the early to mid 20th century, Elizabeth Arden and Helena Rubenstein. The documentary chronicles the lives of and rivalry between these two powerful women. It also provides insight into the development of the modern health and beauty industry. (Powderglory Productions, LLC., 2007. DVD. 90 min.)
- *Hurrah for Woman Suffrage: Songs of the Woman Suffrage Movement, 1848-1920* contains songs written in support of the U.S. woman's suffrage movement. Miriam Reed and the Homespun Singers provide the vocals. A booklet is also included, which provides the lyrics for the songs, as well as historical background on the period. (Miriam Reed Productions, 1995. CD. 35 min.)

Other new videos in our media library are: *Dolley Madison: America's First Lady* (Twin Cities Public Television, Inc. and WGBH Educational Foundation, 2010. DVD. 90 min.); *The Equal Rights Amendment: Unfinished Business for the Constitution* (Alice Paul Centennial Foundation, Inc., 1998. DVD. 18 min.); *The Journey of Sacagawea* (Idanha Films, Inc. & Idaho Public Television, 2003. DVD. 60 min.); *Mountains that Take Week, Angela Davis & Yuri Kochiyama: A Conversation on Life, Struggles & Liberation* (Women Make Movies, 2009. DVD. 97 min.); *My Feminism* (Women Make Movies, 1997. DVD. 55 min.); *Passing Poston: An American Story* (Fly on the Wall Productions, Inc., 2008. DVD. 105 min.); *Seneca Falls* (Louise Vance Productions, 2010. DVD. 60 min.); and *Votes for Women* (Wild West Women, Inc., 1996. DVD. 20 min.).

Faculty may check any of these videos out for class use; students may watch these videos in the Women's Studies Program's library. For more information about our library policies and a complete list of items in our library, visit our [online catalog](#).



WOMEN'S STUDIES GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS

We would like to thank Cortney Barko and Heather Samariniotis for their work as Women's Studies graduate teaching assistants from fall 2009 through spring 2011. In addition to assisting with our two general education courses, Cortney taught an individual section of WOMS 235 during the spring 2011 semester, and Heather taught an individual section of WOMS 230 during the fall semester. They also provided valuable support to the program in the office and at events. We wish the best in their future endeavors! Thank you also to Amanda Naydenoff. We appreciate her many contributions to our program and are thrilled that she will be returning as Women's Studies teaching assistant in the 2011-2012 school year.



We would also like to welcome two new graduate teaching assistants to our program. Natalie Santiago-Bidne is currently working on her M.A. in English focusing on linguistics. Prior to joining Women's Studies, Natalie was a teaching instructor for the English department. As an undergraduate, she served as a student representative on NIU's Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. Jason Wilkins is working on his Juris Doctorate in NIU's College of Law. Before coming to NIU, Jason completed a Bachelor of Science in Political Science at Illinois State University with minors in Women's and Gender Studies as well as Sociology. We look forward to working with Natalie and Jason!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOTHERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!



"Gabrielle is truly an amazing role model [who will] continue to contribute to the greater community throughout her lifetime," said one of the letter writers for this year's *Mothers Memorial Scholarship* winner, Gabrielle Wright. Gabrielle is pursuing an undergraduate degree in Broadcast Journalism and International Politics. Since fall 2010, she has served as a Community Advisor in Neptune Central. During the summer, she studied abroad in Tanzania, where she helped build a dormitory for high school girls.

[Click here](#) if you would like to contribute to the *Mothers Memorial Scholarship* and/or the *Austin Sawicki Memorial Scholarship*, or call 815-753-1038 for more information.

STUDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

We cannot let Colette (Lettie) Morgan leave NIU without turning our spotlight on her. In May, Lettie graduated from NIU with a B.S. in Political Science, as well as minors in Women's Studies and Southeast Asian Studies. During the summer, she completed a study abroad program in Malaysia in order to learn Malay. This fall, she enters the Master's program in International Relations at the University of Chicago. Ultimately, Lettie "would like to work for the U.S. Department of State promoting diplomacy."

Throughout her time at NIU, Lettie was an extremely accomplished and active student. For three years, she volunteered as a UNIV 101 peer instructor. She completed the LGBT Resource Center's Ally Training. Beginning in spring 2008 and until she graduated, Lettie worked for the Women's Resource Center, where she was responsible for "designing and leading educational, feminist

STUDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT (CONTINUED)



**Lettie Morgan (right)
with author & activist Carol Adams**

programs for the campus community.” This spring, for instance, she organized the Rock Against Rape benefit concert to raise awareness of sexual assault. The event took place in March at The House in downtown DeKalb and raised nearly \$1000 for local sexual assault service providers. In 2009, Lettie and Women’s Studies alum Alex Springer co-founded the Advocates for Choice student organization, and this past year Lettie served as the group’s president. In 2010, she received a Junior Leadership Award from NIU’s Student Involvement and Leadership Development office. This spring, she completed an internship with Planned Parenthood of Illinois. Finally, she was nominated for the 2011 NIU Lincoln Laureate Award.

Lettie says that she has always been a feminist, so she was “really excited upon learning about the NIU Women’s Studies program.” She particularly appreciates the interdisciplinary nature of Women’s Studies. After taking a special topics course on “Women in the Labor Movement,” she decided to declare her Women’s Studies minor. She also enjoyed Women in Contemporary America (WOMS 230) and Gender and Communication (COMS 410). Lettie believes that Women’s Studies is valuable, and she thinks that it is “crucial that students take at least one WOMS course, because it pushes students to think critically about how gender, oppression and feminism all play a role in society.” Furthermore, she says that the issues that Women’s Studies courses focus on affect all students, “no matter their major.”

At the end of our interview, Lettie thanked the Women’s Studies Program and its staff “for everything they do on campus and all for all of the support that they have provided.” The program’s faculty and staff are, she says, “unparalleled and truly create a welcoming environment for all students.” Upon leaving NIU, Lettie offers this great advice for other students: “Take advantage of everything offered in your undergraduate [years], including Women’s Studies. This time is your opportunity to learn about new things and broaden your horizons.” We wish Lettie the very best as she sets out on a new, exciting stage in her life!

FACULTY ASSOCIATE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Elvia Arriola joined NIU as a professor of law in 2001 and has been a Women's Studies faculty associate since 2009. In spring 2011, she also became a faculty associate of the LGBT Studies Program. She received her J.D. from the University of California-Berkeley and her M.A. in American history from New York University. Prior to beginning her teaching career, Arriola was an Assistant Attorney General in New York and a staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union.

Professor Arriola’s current research focuses on gendered aspects of anti-immigrant movements. She is also engaged in ongoing research on assembly factories located on the U.S.-Mexico border that are owned by multi-national companies, known as *maquiladoras*. She is particularly interested in labor issues which affect women in the *maquiladoras*. She has taught courses, presented talks, and published book chapters and articles on a broad range of subjects, including feminism and freedom of expression law, LGBT issues and the law, gender and human rights issues, civil rights issues, sexual harassment law, globalization, and free trade law.

Professor Arriola enjoys teaching women and gender related courses, because “very deep thinking can happen” in these classes. She also believes that Women’s Studies courses are valuable and practical, because the issues they deal with “affect people’s lives personally.” She has taught a

FACULTY ASSOCIATE IN THE SPOTLIGHT (CONTINUED)

variety of courses at NIU, including “Gender, Sexuality and the Law,” “Civil Rights Litigation,” “Family Law,” and a seminar on “Women, Law and the Global Economy.”



Elvia Arriola (left) in Piedras Negras, Mexico with Women on the Border

www.womenontheborder.org/index.htm, or email Professor Arriola at earriola@niu.edu. To learn more about Professor Arriola’s research and career, visit http://www.niu.edu/law/faculty/directory/elvia_arriola.shtml.

In addition to teaching, Arriola is also the Executive Director of Women on the Border (WotB), a non-profit educational organization dedicated to advancing “awareness about the conditions for workers and families in the *maquiladoras* at the Mexican border and to support the empowerment of working women.” According to WotB’s website, *maquiladoras* are known for abusing workers through unhealthy work environments, low wages, and “systematic abuse like sexual harassment and mandatory pregnancy testing and/or arbitrary methods of disciplining workers.” Professor Arriola leads student trips to visit *maquiladora* communities and meet women who work in the factories.

To learn more about WotB and/or join a delegation to visit a *maquiladora* community, go to <http://www.womenontheborder.org>, or email Professor Arriola at earriola@niu.edu. To learn more about Professor Arriola’s research and career, visit http://www.niu.edu/law/faculty/directory/elvia_arriola.shtml.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We are pleased to recognize the following 2010-2011 “Wonders of Women’s Studies” for all their achievements!

The following students held leadership roles in an organization this year: **Cortney Barko; Gabrielle Brown; Jessica Cordero; Emily Dow; Chris George; Katie Haft; Diana Juarez; Timothy Lewis; Bonnie Miller–O’Dell; Lettie Morgan; Justeen Pelt; Amber Rzepka; Alisa Smith–Riel; Kathleen Turner; and Megan Woiwode.**

These students organized, presented and/or participated in campus and/or community events: **Nicole Arteaga; Sarah Bruhn; Meredith Frederich; Katie Haft; Mack H. Lewis II; Tracy Ostman; Renee Powers; Kristina Redington; Heather Samariniotis; Lise Schlosser; Jessica Vivirito; Megan Woiwode.**

The following students presented at professional conferences/presentations: **Nicole Arteaga; Cortney Barko; Chris Blankenship; Rhiannon Catherwood; Jill Dunlap; Meredith Frederich; Sarah Hanson; Alison Lukowski; Andrea Nicole Messing–Mathie; Bonnie Miller–O’Dell; Lettie Morgan; Candis Nikolic; Amber Rzepka; Heather Samariniotis; Natalie Santiago–Bidne; Alisa Smith–Riel; Lise Schlosser; Alisa Von Hagel; and Megan Woiwode.**

The students below published the following works this year: **Elizabeth Bowman; Heather Samariniotis; and Lise Schlosser.**

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following student completed study abroad and/or internship programs: **Lettie Morgan**

Congratulations to the following students who received honors and/or awards this year: **Nicole Arteaga; Katie Haft; Mack H. Lewis II; Andrea Messing-Mathie; Lettie Morgan; Candis Nikolic; Heather Samariniotis; Lise Schlosser; Kathleen Turner; and Alisa Von Hagel.**

Congratulations to the following Women's Studies students who graduated this year: **Nicole Arteaga; Cortney Barko; Amanda Cox; Emily Dow; Kathryn Gilbert; Katie Haft; Ashley Harrah; Jade Jenkins; Diana Juarez; Mary Keogh; Maimouna Konate; Timothy Lewis; Jocelyn Lombardo; Julie Martin; Jill Mech; Andrea Messing-Mathie; Lettie Morgan; Candis Nikolic; Kendra Probst; Katie Przychodzen; Heather Samariniotis; Maria Stefenel; and Alisa Von Hagel.**

Thank you to the following students who provided service to NIU's Women's Studies Program: **Nicole Arteaga; Meredith Frederich; Sarah Hanson; Anneke Higgins; Diana Juarez; Ellen Kamp; Rhiannon Luft; Heather Samariniotis; and Sha'Donna Woods.**



FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following Women's Studies faculty member and Faculty Associate received a grant this year: **Amy Levin** and **Lesley Rigg**.

The following Women's Studies Faculty Associates and Affiliates served as officers in professional organizations: **Kate Cady**, **Rebekah Kohli**, and **Amy Levin**.

The following Women's Studies Faculty Associates and Affiliates presented at and/or participated in campus and/or community events: **Elvia Arriola**; **Sarah Blue**; **Louise Ciallella**; **Amy Levin**; **Lesley Rigg**; **Diana Swanson**; and **Corrine Wickens**.

The following Women's Studies Faculty Associates and Affiliates presented at professional conferences and/or gave professional presentations: **Alexandra Bennett**; **Kate Cady**; **Louis Ciallella**; **Cassandra Crawford**; **Kerry Ferris**; **Valerie Garver**; **Amy Levin**; **Amanda Littauer**; **Linda Saborio**; **Brian Sandberg**; **Carol Walther**; and **Corrine Wickens**.

The Faculty Associates and Faculty Affiliates below published the following works this year: **Gulsat Aygen**; **Kate Cady**; **Kerry Ferris**; **Valerie Garver**; **Bethia King**; **Amy Levin**; **Kathleen Renk**; **Lesley Rigg**; **Lynne Thomas**; **Carol Walther**; and **Corrine Wickens**.

Congratulations to Faculty Associates and Faculty Affiliates who received honors and/or awards this year: **Beth Gaillard**; **Amy Levin**; **Emily Prieto**.



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