

The Monthly Rag

Block II 2009

Brought to you by the Feminist and Gender Studies Interns

"I choose to be a feminist because being a woman is a major part of who I am and I choose to embrace and glorify all that comes with it. I'm not afraid of the stereotypes. They're naïve and ignorant, and will not silence me. I have every right to claim my strength and my beauty, and so do you. You are more powerful than you think, no matter what gender you are, and it is feminism that reminds me of these truths and continues to reinforce them in my life."

—Kim Wolforth ~2012~

Want to know more about gender and sexuality? Come learn from Bisexual Activist and Transgender Advocate Robyn Ochs! National Coming Out Day Events

Monday Oct 12

3:30-5:30 Loosening the Gender Girdle

What makes a man "a man"? What makes a woman "a woman"? We will look at the ways in which we are limited by a binary understanding of gender, and explore how the politics of gender tie together the feminist, queer, and transgendered movements. Come, bring your gender with you!

8:00-10:00 Beyond Binaries —Identity and the Sexuality Spectrum

Like snowflakes, no two people are exactly alike. In this interactive program we explore our sexual orientation identities. How do we assign labels to our complicated and unique experiences? That relationship exists between experience and self-identity, and between our self-identity and the way others see us? Is identity fixed for everyone, or do some individuals experience change over time? What generational changes are we experiencing around labeling?

Tuesday Oct, 13

12:15-2:00 Transgressing Binaries: Activism and Academia

This talk addresses some of the barriers that impede communication between the streets and the ivory tower, and suggests strategies for building coalitions.

Do you have a question? Are there things about feminism and gender that you don't understand? Do you want to know about resources, or want more information about something in our publication? Contact Andi:

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Learn more about feminism and get credit!

Block 3

FG210 Race, Class & Gender

FG259 Women in Hinduism & Buddhism

FG280 Topics in Feminist Studies: Black Women Writers and Slavery

FG303 Sociology of Sexuality

Block 5

FG200 Introduction to Feminist Thought

FG206 Topics in Feminist & Gender Studies: Russian Woman: the Search for Identity in Russian Film, 1930s to 2006

Block 6

FG110 Introduction to Feminist and Gender Studies

FG112 Gender Inequality

Block 8

FG215 Ecofeminism

FG249 Feminist Religious Thought

Silent Witnesses will be in Worner on the 9th and then through the rest of October.

Beyond Beats and Rhymes will be screened with reception to follow

"Exhibition: **Women's Work: Contemporary Women Printmakers, From the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and his family foundation**"
October 6 -- November 8, 2009 in the I.D.E.A. Space (in Cornerstone)

Wednesday, October 7, 4:30 pm:

Opening Reception and Salon Conversation with Tomi-Ann Roberts, Professor of Psychology and Director of Feminist & Gender Studies at Colorado College, and Elissa Author, Associate Professor of Art History at UCCS

Featuring a broad range of prints by some of the foremost contemporary women printmakers at work in the United States, Africa, Europe, and Asia, this comprehensive exhibition calls attention to the innovative breadth of themes and variety of printmaking approaches taken by women artists since the early 1970's.

Abortion on the Web by Beth Kancilia

We're fortunate in the United States to have safe and legal abortions, and while the idea of an abortion—and the word itself—still holds a lot of stigma, there are at least less social consequences for those who receive one in the U.S. than in other parts of the world. For those women around the world who cannot access safe and legal abortions because of laws in their countries, programs like Women on the Web and www.abortion-pill-online.com offer them this option. This abortion comes in the form of pills: Mifepristone (also known as Mifepristone, RU486, Mifeprex or Mifegyne) and Misoprostol (also known as Cytotec, Arthrotec, Oxaprost, Cyprostol, Cyprostoll, Misotac or Misotrol), which can be used up to the ninth week of pregnancy. These online medical abortion services are safe, legal, and all information is reviewed and considered by a licensed doctor.

A woman answers a number of questions—a "consultation"—in which she is strongly urged to be completely truthful, for the sake of her health. Women can even choose the "discrete" screen format while viewing the site. The doctor to whom the patient is referred follows up via e-mail after reviewing her answers thoroughly. The

pills are discretely packaged, and arrive express courier usually within seven days anywhere in the world. And while the cost is a minimum of seventy euro, this fee ensures that the program continues for women worldwide.

This amazing resource reminds all of us who have the option of safe ways to terminate an unwanted pregnancy that this is a precious and delicate liberty that we should never take for granted, and should never let slip away. And for those who promote anti-choice, it's something to consider that over two hundred women needlessly die *every day* from illegal, unsafe abortions. I urge all *people* who have had an abortion, or who have supported someone who has to visit www.womenonweb.org and to join the Show Your Face campaign, as we try to de-stigmatize and humanize this common procedure. Give support to women or share your own story. This is one extraordinary way that we can ensure the safety of abortions in the U.S., and also actively support women around the world to be vocal about this issue.

~Amsterdam Semester 2009

on the 27th of October at 7pm.