

Women's Studies

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From the Director

This is a summer of transitions in Manhattan. We are getting to know a new Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences, Interim Provost, and President at K-State. The Women's Studies Program has experienced change as well. Shireen Roshanravan just finished her second year as assistant professor in our program, and Gabriela Díaz de Sabatés her first as an instructor. Melissa Divine has taken a new job as a sexual assault prevention and response trainer at Ft. Riley. Linda Richter and Irene Ward retired and Karen DeBres got married, retired, and moved to England. Kate Anderson began phased retirement, Erica Hateley began a new job at the University of Brisbane in Australia, and Cia Verschelden is the new Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Highland Community College. We've also said goodbye to a cohort of graduates, and hope they and our recent retirees, alumni and friends will keep in touch, and come back to some of the events we have planned for the upcoming year.

We are especially excited about the visit by Dr. Vandana Shiva, who will be giving a public lecture on Friday, October 16th at 7 p.m. in Umberger Hall. Our speakers committee chair, Shireen Roshanravan, has worked with Melisa Posey, Ordinary Women President for 2009-10, to make this visit possible. A native of India, Shiva is a physicist, ecologist, and international environmental activist. She founded Navdanya—"nine seeds"—a program of the Research Foundation on Science, Technology, and Ecology that seeks to rejuvenate indigenous knowledge and culture, promote biodiversity and the use of native seeds, and raise awareness about the hazards of genetic engineering and food rights in the face of globalization. In 1993, she was a recipient of the Alternative Nobel Peace Prize—the Right Livelihood Award. As an advocate for environmental justice within a broad framework that includes ending violence against women and poverty across the globe, Shiva has participated in the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro and has gone toe-to-toe with leaders of world governments and transnational corporations, inspiring NGO crowds at numerous World Bank meetings. Dr. Shiva is often a featured speaker on National Public Radio's All Things Considered and Democracy Now!, as well as Public Broadcast Station's NOW with Bill Moyers. She has authored many articles and books, including *Staying Alive: Women, Ecology and Justice*, *Water Wars: Privatization, Pollution and Profit*, and her latest, *Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability, and Peace*. We would love to connect with you at the lecture, and at a reception at my house afterwards.

You can also keep in touch through our new Facebook page, where we will try to post information about what is happening on campus. Become a fan!



Women's Studies Program Director, Angela Hubler, with Michele Janette and her eight month old son, Rowan Janette Bear, at Take Back The Night 2009.

Upcoming Events:

- Vandana Shiva
Friday, October 16th
7 p.m. McCain
- Dr. Valerie Carroll
Earth Day lecture
Ecofeminism: What in the
World is it?
April 22, 2010
4 p.m. Union 212
- Spring Open House
April 24, 2010
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Addy Bareiss (Graduate Certificate 2006) is doing well! She and her partner bought a house in Mesa, Arizona. She loves her job as the Program Coordinator at the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona. She is slowly working on her PhD in Women's Studies.

Samantha Brake (Major 2009) is a paraeducator at College Hill Preschool in Manhattan.

Kate Boysen (Minor 2008) is an assistant English teacher in a primary school in Jaen, Spain, a small city in Andalucía.

Saylor Burgess (Major 2007) is the Assistant Director of the Prestige School of Dance in Salina, KS. She also travels to NYC to audition to pursue her musical theatre career!

Megan Challenger (Minor 2006) is the Education Associate at the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals in Washington, D.C. ARHP (www.arhp.org) provides continuing medical education course to physicians, nurses and pharmacists in the most up-to-date reproductive health methods.

Liz Crain (Secondary Major 1994) is staying home as a woman, mom and wife. She says "Oddly enough I enjoy it very much. I've been working on my family and primarily, my own health. My direction and intention is still the same although readjusted based on my own interests and priorities. I am still moving forward in my education, just along a different path."

Cindy Debes (Minor 2001, Graduate Certificate 2003) is an English Instructor at K-State.

Abby L. Dotson (Minor 2003) co-authored two articles in the *Journal of Multiple Sclerosis* and in the *Encyclopedia of Life Sciences*. She got married in May 2006.

Erin Erhart (Minor 2006) finished her MA in English & Gender Studies & is pursuing her PhD in English at Brandeis University.

Nasrina Evenstar (Graduate Certificate 2006) is a yoga instructor & personal trainer. She ran in her first marathon in September 2008.

Erin Fritch (Graduate Certificate 2004) is a Reference Generalist & also the General Reference Student Supervisor at Hale Library at K-State. She is enrolled in the masters in library science program at Emporia State University.

Katie Gatlin (Major 2009) is loving a new job with a non-profit law firm in Omaha. Her job involves a lot of different tasks from shopping for the office, networking, opening and closing cases, creating office policies and lots more.

Trish Gott (Minor 2007) is working with the School of Leadership Studies as a program coordinator and instructor at K-State. She coordinates the International Service Teams, a group of students that traveled to developing communities for 8-10 week service learning projects. This summer there are four teams serving in Central Mexico, Kenya and Botswana.

Kelsey Harpster (Minor 2004) is working towards her masters of Biosciences and doctorate in Osteopathy at the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

Jessica Haymaker (Minor 2009) is interning with the Rose Brooks Domestic Violence Center for the Bridge Program which is located in six area hospitals and four area clinics in Kansas City. She meets patients who have screened in as victims in the hospital.

Julie Hostetler (Graduate Certificate 2002), after teaching K-State's online Introduction to Women's Studies for several years, has been caring for her mother and grandchildren, and serving on numerous community and university boards. She was just appointed by the mayor to the Manhattan Social Service Advisory Board, and is a member of the Board of Visitors for the Beach Museum of Art. She served on last year's USD 383 Citizen's Committee for the school bond and it passed!

Jericho Hockett (Major 2006) is completing a master's degree in Psychology and graduate certificate in Women's Studies at K-State. Her article, "Oppression through Acceptance? Predicting Rape Myth Acceptance and Attitudes toward Rape Victims," is forthcoming in *Violence Against Women*. Jericho is the first author, and one of her co-authors, **Sara Smith**, is also completing a graduate certificate in Women's Studies.

Robyn Jardine-Randel (Secondary Major 2003) is a second year Marriage and Family Therapy Doctoral student at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She misses her Women's Studies classes at K-State and hopes she can take some online courses in Women's Studies

Caroline Jones (Minor 2008) will be starting her master's degree in Anthropology & International Human Rights and Diversity at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall.

Allison Leitnaker (Major 2007) is an Evening Shelter Advocate at the Rose Brooks Center, a domestic violence shelter in Kansas City.

Summer Lewis (Major 2005) published two articles about the Ixcoq aj Kemool Women's Textile Cooperative that she worked with in Guatemala in *Democracy Works: Joining Theory and Action to Foster Global Change* and the forthcoming *Gender Parties, Global Markets*. She is working at the Asian University for Women in Chittagong, Bangladesh, where she is the liaison for guest relations, faculty, staff relations and quality of life. You can keep up with her on her blog at <http://kansaninbangladesh.blogspot.com/>

Prabha Manuratne (Graduate Certificate 2006) translated *The Biography of Meena, an Afghani Feminist*, into her native language, Sinhala, and it has been published.

Megan Marie (Graduate Certificate 2003) will start her second year as a visiting assistant professor at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI, this fall. She moved there to finish up dissertation research for her degree in English Studies at University of Illinois at Chicago, and ended up pleasantly surprised with the school and area. She teaches Written Rhetoric and Civil Rights Rhetoric.

Christie Meller (Graduate Certificate 2001) obtained her JD from the University of Miami in 2005 and is currently working as an attorney for the United States Department of Agriculture in Kansas City.

Sarah McCoy-Harms (Minor 2003) is the Clinical Services Liaison at the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA) in Kansas City.

Kelly (Shea) Newgaard (Secondary Major 1996) moved back home to Iowa five years ago and has never been happier! She works for a non-profit social service agency, Quakerdale, as an advanced clinician and family team meeting coordinator. She is a licensed marital and family therapist and loves her work. She happily remarried 3-1/2 years ago and she and her English teacher husband enjoy small town life, sharing two sons and four cats, and planning endless remodeling of their 1920s Craftsman home.

Rachel Olsen (Graduate certificate 2008) is an Instructor with the English Language Program at Kansas State University.

Sompathana Phitsanoukanh (Major 2006) is in her 4th year in the American Studies doctoral program at Washington State University, where she teaches Introduction to Comparative Ethnic Studies.

Loren Seeger (Graduate Certificate 2009) is moving to Chicago to look for a job.

Kendra Staley (Major 2005) just finished teaching English at Universitas Islam Negeri in Indonesia through the English Language Fellow program which is under the US Department of State. She says her Women's Studies degree was useful in the development of a gender studies curriculum appropriate to Indonesia which is a predominantly Muslim country where many women choose to wear the jilbab. She will be starting a new job as an instructor in the English Language Program at K-State this fall.

Mary Stolz-Newton (Major 2006) has been working as the Coordinator of Program Services for the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center since graduation. She coordinates, plans and facilitates most of the community education programs for folks ages three and up. She also spends about 10% of her time providing advocacy services to survivors of sexual assault and their families.

Lacey Thompson (Major 2007) resigned her position with Adecco/Martin-Smith Personnel in Lawrence and Topeka (a staffing agency) and is moving to Salina with her fiancée.

Jessica Tretter (Major 2007) is living in Asheville, North Carolina and is the Head Concierge at The Cliffs Communities at Walnut Cove.

Moriah Wagner (Major 2008) has been working as an Admissions Representative at K-State.

The K-State Women's Studies Program enjoys hearing from its alumni and former faculty. Please send us an e-mail on what you've been doing since graduation to the Women's Studies Program at womst@ksu.edu.

Congratulations Graduates!

2008

Minors

Kathryn Boyson	Krystina Bundy
Kelsey Childress	Maria Cosentino
Katie Cotten	Ariel Gengler
Danielle Hallgren	Lucretia Helms
Caroline Jones	Megan McCall
Elizabeth Rea	Alex Serra
Jennifer Swander	Mariya Vaughan
Claire E. Wimer	

Majors

John Caton	Katie Gatlin
Brandee Herl	Maggie Smith
Moriah Wagner	Humberto Gonzalez

Graduate Certificates

Abeer Al Sarrani	Nancy Applegate
Marquis Clark	Rachel Olsen
Christopher Renner	

2009

Minors

Tessie Ayon-Riffel	Daphne Becker
Jennifer Carr	Jacquelyn Casteel
Amy Chapman	Amber Crick
Jenna Crockett	Cari Davis
Amanda Elrod	Joanna Freed
Jamie Gentry	Jessica Haymaker
Melissa Long	Chelsey McAllister
Rachel Novotny	Michelle Painter
Lydia Peele	Katie Whitney
Sarah Whittredge	Brianna Winter

Majors

Samantha Brake	Pat Brooks
Joslyn Brown	Janneil Fredrickson
Dayonna McKinney	Anissa Shockey
Jamie Sue Williams	Krysten Yates
Michael Hendrickson	

Graduate Certificates

Debree Adkisson	Elizabeth Gumm
Heather Hernandez	Jericho Hockett
Hanna Jan	Ashley Ortiz
Loren Seeger	Sara Smith
Jennifer McCollum	Katherine Tigges

Our Student Scholars



Four Women's Studies students presented papers at the Queertopia 2.0 academic conference hosted by Northwestern University in Chicago on May 2nd.

- Melisa Posey, "Silence: A Resistance Strategy & Community Builder?"
- Melissa Streeter Prescott, "Discovering Connections: Linking Lesbians of Color from the Pre-Stonewall Era to the Conservative, Religious U.S. South"
- Madeline Wetta, "On the Fringes: Intersectionality in the Formation of Queer Communities"
- Laura Logan, "Slipping under the Heterosexual Gaze, Slipping under the Male Gaze: Lesbians, Fear of Violence, and Silence"

New Courses!

Introduction to Sexuality Studies
Transnational Feminisms
Internship in Women's Studies

World Literature and Culture by Women
The Politics of Women of Color

Women and Aging
Women's Life Stories
Women and Environmentalism

Welcome, Dr. Shireen Roshanravan

Shireen Roshanravan joined the K-State Women's Studies Program as an Assistant Professor in Fall 2007. She comes to K-State from the State University of New York at Binghamton where she completed both her masters and PhD in the Program of Philosophy, Interpretation & Culture. During her time in New York she co-founded a local Binghamton chapter of Incite! Women of Color Against Violence, volunteered with the South Asian Immigrant organization, D.R.U.M., and worked with members of Critical Resistance NYC on developing community-centered strategies to end violence against women and queer people of color as a way to negotiate state violence.



She is also a member of the popular education school, *Escuela Popular Norteña*, based in Valdez, New Mexico where she continues to work collectively and in Chicano/a community towards innovative models of building economic, educational, cultural and social alternatives that resist the forces of global capitalism and colonial legacies. Upon joining the K-State Women's Studies Program, Shireen became the new faculty advisor for the feminist campus organization, *Ordinary Women*, and has taught courses on the Politics of Women of Color, Philosophy of Feminism, and Sexuality Studies. In the Spring of 2010, she will be teaching an upper-level course on Transnational Feminisms.

As a scholar-activist, Shireen's research centers on questions of cross-racial feminist coalition-building and strategies to end violence against women of color and their communities through self recreation and the transformation of gender-violent traditions that nevertheless provide support for these communities in the face of state violence. Shireen is especially invested in using her research to expose the participation of people of color, immigrants of color and colonized peoples of the Global South in the oppression of each other and to map possibilities and strategies for building solidarities in unlikely places. Currently, Shireen is at work on several writing projects, all of which entail the development of concepts that seek to motivate radical imagination towards collective grassroots liberation against multiple oppressions.

When not writing, organizing, or teaching, Shireen enjoys dancing, hanging out and watching anything that happens to be on *Bravo T.V.*

Triota

Last spring, one of our majors, Moriah Wagner, chartered a chapter of the Women's Studies National honor society, Iota Iota Iota, here at K-State. We held our second initiation ceremony this spring. This organization recognizes academic excellence and honors our students. Pictured are members and initiates (from bottom left): Trisha Gott, Dr. Shireen Roshanravan, Clarissa Howley, Dr. Cora Cooper, Carrie Waide, Dr. Torry Dickinson, Wendy Barnes, Melissa Divine, Gabriela Díaz De Sabatés Joslyn Brown, Moriah Wagner, Dr. Erica Hateley, Jamie Gentry, Jennifer McCollum-Roberts, Dr. Angela Hubler, Dr. Valerie Carroll, John Caton, Anissa Shockey, Pat Brooks, Ashley Ortiz, Kat Tigges, Alicia Staats, Debrenee Atkinson and Loren Seeger. See our Facebook page for pictures from last year's initiation!





Welcome, Gabriela Díaz De Sabatés

Gabriela Díaz de Sabatés is an instructor in the Women's Studies Program, where she truly enjoys teaching Introduction to Women's Studies (WOMST 105), Re-telling Women's Life Stories (WOMST 500), and Feminist Thought (WOMST 410). Gabriela has a Bachelors degree in Psychology (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina), an M.Ed. in Education (Harvard University) and is currently working toward the completion of her PhD at K-State (ABD).

Gabriela is interested in topics such as gender, ethnicity, immigration, identity formation, education, and minority women's life stories. Gabriela specializes in the situation of women -and specifically Latinas- in higher education in the US (how immigration, English as a second language, and multiculturalism affect women's identity development and their pursuit of a higher education). Gabriela has published articles, presented at conferences, and has been a guest speaker in the US and abroad. She has participated in research projects for UNICEF, the Kansas Board of Regents, and the Tilford group, among others. Before joining Women's Studies, Gabriela was the director of the PILOTS program (K-State's freshmen retention program) and the B.E.S.I.T.O.S. Program (College of Education scholarship program for bilingual/bicultural teachers). She is also the co-founder and past president of Alianza (Faculty/Staff Alliance for Hispanic/Latino Affairs) at K-State, and the advisor to several multicultural student organizations. Gabriela is originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina, and she loves spending time traveling domestically and abroad with her family, advocating for a just society for all, meeting new people, reading, and nurturing a healthy lifestyle.

Take Back the Night 2009

Take Back the Night 2009 was held on April 30th. This annual march is organized by Ordinary Women, one of our student organizations. In the photo to the right, officers and members of O.W. lead the march into Aggieville (from front left to right): Treasurer Mariya Vaughn, Jessie Haymaker, President Ana Abente, Vice President Melisa Posey, and Melissa Streeter Prescott.



Photo by Joslyn Brown (2009 Fine Arts, Women's Studies, and Mass Communication). Her other photos of the march and a story can be found on the K-State Collegian website at <http://www.kstatecollegian.com/marchers-rally-to-take-back-the-night-promote-awareness-of-violence-against-women-1.1741526>.

Faculty News

Dr. Jennifer Askey published "The National Family: Allegory and Femininity in a Festspiel from 1880" in *Women in German Yearbook* 24 (2008) 49-70.

Dr. Chardie Baird with co-writers, **Stephanie Burge**, and **John Reynolds** "Absurdly Ambitious? Teenagers' Expectations for the Future and Realities of Social Structure." *Sociology Compass* 2: 944-962. Dr. Baird also wrote "The Importance of Community Context for Young Women's Occupational Aspirations." *Sex Roles* 58 (3-4): 208-221.

Dr. Dana Britton, professor of sociology and editor-in-chief of the journal *Gender & Society*, has been named executive director of the K-State ADVANCE Institutional Transformation project. The ADVANCE project is funded by a \$3.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The project is aimed at enhancing the recruitment, retention, and advancement of women faculty members in science, engineering and math.

Dr. Michealene Chance-Reay presented “First-day Feminism: Effective Strategies to Introduce Feminism” at the 29th annual National Women’s Studies Association Conference held in June 2008.

Dr. Cora Cooper published volume 1 of *Violin Music by Women: A Graded Anthology*, which contains music suitable for beginning violin students. The three-volume anthology will provide music written by women for all levels of violin students, from beginning to advanced. The music spans three centuries of composers, including a newly-commissioned work by Libby Larsen. It is being published by Prairie Dawg Press.

Dr. Torry Dickinson was promoted to the rank of professor and published two books in 2008. *Transformations: Feminist Pathways to Global Change: an Analytic Anthology*, was co-edited with **Dr. Robert Schaeffer**. *Democracy Works: Joining Theory and Action to Foster Global Change* was co-edited with **Terrie (Clark) Becerra** (Graduate Certificate 2004). This collection includes a number of essays by K-State Women’s Studies faculty, alumni, and graduate students: “The Power of One: Democracy and the Fear of Freedom as a Political Paradigm” by **Prabha Manuratne** (Graduate Certificate 2006) and **Buddhika Bandara**; “Defining Nonviolence as a Language and Strategy” by **Dr. Susan Allen**; “Women’s Civil-Societal Movements for Peace in Chechnya and Russia” by **Ekaterina Romanova** (Graduate Certificate 2005); “Becoming an Activist for Global Gender Change” by **Christopher E. Renner**; (Graduate Certificate 2008) “Comercio con Justicia” and “Theory in Action at a Guatemalan Women’s Textile Cooperative” by **Summer B.C. Lewis** with **Kendra Staley**; “Addressing Global Water Issues Together” by **Terrie A. Becerra**; “Building Feminism, Redesigning Water Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa” by **Leticia Nkonya** (Graduate Certificate 2007); “Have I got an Ethic for You!”: Ecofeminism as the Heart of Progressive Environmental Action by **Dr. Valerie Carroll** “Social Change through Sustainable Agriculture and Sustainable Consumers” by **Dr. Rhonda R. Janke**; and “Praxis Reinvents Education, Democracy, and Society” by **Dr. Torry Dickinson**.

Dr. Tanya Gonzalez published “The (Gothic) Gift of Death in Cherrie Moraga’s *The Hungry Woman: A Mexican Medea*” (2001). *Chicana/Latina Studies* Fall 2007.

Dr. Angela Hubler’s article, “Faith and Hope in the Feminist Political Novel for Children: a Materialist Feminist Analysis” will be published in the January 2010 issue of *The Lion and the Unicorn*.

Dr. Michele Janette has an article published, “Tran Van Dinh’s *No Passenger on the River: A Lost Foundation Text*” in *Thirty Years After: New Essays on Vietnam War, Literature and Film*. Ed. Mark Heberle. Cambridge Scholars Press, 2009.

Dr. Rhonda Janke published *Farming in the Dark: a Discussion about the Future of Sustainable Agriculture* (2008).

Dr. Anne Longmuir published “Emigrant Spinsters and the Construction of Englishness in Charlotte Bronte’s *Villette*,” *Nineteenth Century Gender Studies*, Vol. 4 No. 3.

Dr. María Teresa Martínez-Ortiz published “Making Community in Juarez: A Cultural Analysis of Feminine Expressions of Resistance in Literature and Film.” *Letras Femeninas*. 34.1(2008): 77-96; and “We Are All Maliche: The Construction and Collapse of the Mexican National Mother in Contemporary Literature and Film.” *(M)othering the Nation: Constructing and Resisting National Allegories Through the Maternal Body*. Eds. Lisa E. Bernstein and Pamela Monaco. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008.

Dr. Philip Nel with **Julia Mickenberg** has published *Tales for Little Rebels: A Collection of Radical Children’s Literature*. NYU Press, 2008.

Dr. Shireen Roshanravan is the author of two forthcoming articles, “Re-membering Community-of-Place” in the anthology, *Brown Souls: Voices of South Asian Americans*, edited by Roksana Badruddoja and Shikha Malaviya, and “Post-9/11 Shifts in Racial Formation: Tracing Complicity and Mapping Possibility for U.S. South Asian Community” in the special issue of the cultural studies journal *Works and Days – Invisible Battlegrounds: Feminist Resistance in the Global Age of War and Imperialism*.

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Dr. Torry Dickinson
& Gabriela Díaz De
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Celebration.

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