

# COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

## WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM

### Calendar of Events for Fall 2012

#### **Food with Feminists (weekly)**

*Every Wednesday | 2:00-4:00 p.m. | WGS Office | Free and open to all WGS students*

Drop by each week for some free food, feminist camaraderie, and good discussion.

#### **Welcome Back, WGS: Cook Out**

*Sunday, August 19, 2012 | 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | WGS house | 2 Bull Street | Free and open to WGS faculty, staff, and students*

Current WGS students and affiliated faculty as well as any students interested in the program can drop by, have a snack, and meet other students and staff.

#### **bell hooks at the College of Charleston**

*Friday, August 31, 2012 | 2 p.m. | Sottile Theater | Free and open to the public*

bell hooks is one of the most prominent feminist scholars of the twentieth century, and author of over 30 books. Her talk, "Writing Beyond Race," will address the powerful intervention of the feminist movement: the call to recognize identity politics.

Sponsored by WGS and the Sophia Institute. Cosponsored by the African American Studies Program, Avery Research Center, the First Year Experience, and the Office of the Academic Experience.

#### **Lunch Panel: Why Women Still Can't Have It All**

*Friday, September 7, 2012 | 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. | Addlestone Library Room 227 | Featuring Professors Amy Davis, Lynne Ford, and Alison Piepmeier | Free and open to the public*

This lunch panel will engage with recent public conversation triggered by Anne-Marie Slaughter's cover story in *The Atlantic*. The panelists will address how women are expected to balance family, careers, and ambition, and what changes might make that balancing act more do-able.

#### **"Mother Monsters," Public Lecture by Ann Fox**

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012 | 4 p.m. | Addlestone Library Room 227 | Free and open to the public*

Ann Fox, professor at Davidson University, is a scholar in the field of feminist disability studies. She will discuss how feminist disability studies scholars grapple with the figure of the monstrous mother, including Lady Gaga, *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, and *Next to Normal*.

#### **Film Screening: Freedom for Birth**

*Thursday, September 20, 2012 | 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Robert Scott Small 251 | Free and open to the public*

This film delves into the experience of giving birth from a human rights perspective. Certain countries have outlawed women's ability and choice to give homebirths. This film wants to change that system. Cosponsored by Charleston Birth Place.

## **Public Lecture by Carol Adams**

*Tuesday, September 25, 2012 | 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. | Robert Scott Small Room 235 | Free and open to the public*

Carol Adams is an activist and author, most well known for her book, *The Sexual Politics of Meat: A Feminist – Vegetarian Critical Theory*. Adams draws connections between patriarchal values and meat eating. After the talk will be a vegan reception with Adams.

Sponsored by the First Year Experience and co-sponsored by WGS.

## **Lunch Panel: Post-Partum Depression in “The Yellow Wallpaper” and Today: Three Perspectives**

*Thursday, September 27, 2012 | 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. | MUSC – Colbert Education Center and Library | Free and open to the public*

Panelists will include a clinician from MUSC, a member of the Ruth Rhoden Craven PPD support group, and Dr. Sarah Clere, a literary scholar from the Citadel who focuses on 19<sup>th</sup> c. American literature and the body. The first 30 students will receive a box lunch.

Sponsored by MUSC’s Waring Historical Library, Women Scholars Initiative, and Humanities Committee and WGS.

## **Lowcountry Highrollers and the Holy City Beard and Mustache Society Fundraiser Night for WGS**

*Saturday, September 29, 2012 | McAlister Fieldhouse at the Citadel | Details TBA | Open to the public*

Come join some of Charleston’s most fabulous athletes and the famed Holy City Beard and Mustache Society for some fundraising and fun. Raise money for WGS!

## **“Yellow Wallpaper” Lecture by Dr. Jane Thraikill**

*October 4, 2012 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | MUSC – Basic Sciences Building auditorium | Free and open to the public*

Dr. Jane Thraikill from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will deliver this closing lecture.

Sponsored by MUSC’s Waring Historical Library, Women Scholars Initiative, and Humanities Committee and WGS.

## **WGS Learning Community Trip to Washington D.C.**

*October 14-17, 2012*

Students in the Sex, Politics, and American Culture WGS learning community as well as their professors and mentors will travel to D.C. to visit with politicians and talk about healthcare, the pay gap, and women’s equality.

## **Public Lecture by Temple Grandin**

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012 | Details TBA | Free and open to the public*

Temple Grandin, professor at Colorado State University and author of six books, has revolutionized the design of slaughterhouses to make them more humane. She is also one of the first people with autism to destabilize the notion that people with intellectual disabilities belong in an institution. Her life story was made into an HBO biopic released in 2010 to critical acclaim.

Sponsored by the REACH Program.

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