

## Meeting Minutes

### Chicago Area Women's and Gender Studies (CAWGS) Consortium

Meeting held at Loyola University's Piper Hall 2:00pm-4:00pm

#### Present:

Ann Brigham, Women's and Gender Studies, Roosevelt University

Laurie Fuller, Women's Studies, Northeastern Illinois University

Betsy Jones Hemenway, Women's Studies/Gender Studies, Loyola University-Chicago

Ann Kuzdale, History, Chicago State University

Beth Myers, Women & Leadership Archives/Women's Studies, Loyola University-Chicago

Stuart Michaels, Center for Gender Studies, University of Chicago

Amy Partridge, Gender Studies, Northwestern University

Susan Ross, Gannon Center, Loyola University-Chicago

Ann Russo, Women's & Gender Studies, DePaul University

Sarah Shirk, Center for Research on Women and Gender, University of Illinois at Chicago

Rita Stalzer, Bibliographer, Loyola University-Chicago

Katy Weseman, Gender Studies, Northwestern University

Minutes submitted by Sarah Shirk. Send edits to [SShirk1@uic.edu](mailto:SShirk1@uic.edu).

#### I. CAWGS Job, Volunteer and Internship Fair Update

- A. Event will be hosted by Roosevelt University on October 26, 2007 from noon-4pm. Each participating institution is asked to target approx. 10 (or more) students to attend.
- B. Ann B. presented draft of program for proofreading & edits. Event begins with Alumnae Panel 12-1pm, Tables representing participating organization will be open 1pm-4pm, Workshops will take place in two shifts 1:30pm-2:15pm, 2:45pm-3:30pm.
- C. The following workshops were discussed:
  - Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills**- Brian March (Columbia) & Tamar Frolichstein-Appel (Roosevelt) will co-present
  - Applying to Graduate School**- Ann Russo (DePaul) will present
  - Student Organizing**- Representative from Feminist Majority will present, agrees not to turn workshop into a recruitment effort, will focus on general organizing not just FM organizing efforts
  - Self Defense Techniques**-Impact Chicago will present, needs a room with floor space, chairs along with edge would be acceptable.
  - Proposing and presenting at a conference**- Sarah Shirk (UIC) and Heather Benjamin (UIC) will co-present, LCD with laptop and Internet hook-up would be beneficial for sample conference opportunities
- D. Natalie from career center at DePaul will provide signage. Request made to create new signs without DePaul logo.

- E. Food tables will be in same room as participating organization tables. NEIU will donate \$250 Panera Bread gift card, NU will provide beverages. Anticipating needing food for 100-150 attendees. Donations from other organizations is welcomed.
- F. Ann B. has left message at Young Women's Leadership Charter School concerning a high school group attending. No response yet. Ann R. also has contact there if needed. High school attendance needs to be confirmed soon so presenters will know if a high school session for their topic is needed. This applies to the resume writing workshop and the self-defense techniques workshop.
- G. Bio's/resumes for Alumnae Panel were discussed. Ann B. will moderate panel. Targeting 5 panelists, maximum. Several potential panelists were identified. Send bio of confirmed panelists to Ann B. (abrigam@roosevelt.edu) so the name can be listed in program.
- H. Bring fliers for a general literature table to be available for all CAWGS consortium members.

## II. CAWGS web site home page distributed by Katy W.

- A. Suggestion made to link to CAGWS calendar in upcoming events section.
- B. Links will be provided for each CAGWS program websites
- C. Northwestern will be web host. URL not yet determined.

## III. Faculty Development Workshop planned for February 8, 2008 at UIC Hull House

- A. Judy Gardiner has reserved Hull House dining room. Space can hold 48 people, 24 each at two tables.
- B. Each institution could invite 2-3 faculty members to participate. Each institution representative to send out feelers to interested faculty to "save-the-date" and suggest potential topics/articles for the event.
- C. Articles/books suggested as possible workshop readings include:  
 Kathleen Blee, "Contending with Disciplinarity," in  
 Robyn Wiegman (ed.) *Women's Studies on Its Own*  
 Bonnie Zimmerman, "The Past in Our Present: Theorizing the Activist Project of Women's Studies" also in Robyn Wiegman (ed.) *Women's Studies on Its Own*  
 Elizabeth Kennedy and Agatha Beins (eds.) *Women's Studies for the Future*
- D. Lengthy discussion took place on how to focus topic and decide what the event objectives will be. This needs to be more clearly defined at next meeting. Bring ideas!

## IV. Next meeting

- A. Will be held November 30, 2007 from 1pm-3pm at UIC Center for Research on Women and Gender located at 1640 West Roosevelt Road, 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.
- B. Betsy H. will serve as chairperson and send out agenda.
- C. Ann K. will take meeting minutes.