

Chicago Area Women's and Gender Studies Programs and Centers

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ann Brigham (Roosevelt University), Teresa Prados-Torreira (Columbia), Sarah Shirk (UIC), Judy Gardiner (UIC), Laurie Fuller (Northeastern), and Ann Russo (DePaul University).

NEXT MEETING Scheduled for: Friday, September 22, 3:00-4:30 pm at UIC -- The meeting will be held at UIC, 1800 University Hall (18th floor, tallest building on campus of University of Illinois at Chicago), 600 S. Morgan St., Chicago 60607, accessible by Blue Line subway stop UIC/Halsted (get off at Morgan or west end of station). There is university parking structure at 1100 W. Harrison St. for a fee.

LOCAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF NWSA -- The CAWGS meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Local Conference Committee (LCC) of the National Women's Studies Association which will begin at 1:00 pm in the same room. This Committee is helping to organize and plan for the NWSA Conference which will be held June 28-July 1, 2007, in St. Charles, Illinois (about 1 hour from downtown). If you are interested in joining the Planning Committee and haven't done so yet – contact Judy Gardiner (gardiner@uic.edu) to be added to the group. The LCC meeting will be 1:00 pm on September 22.

JOB, INTERNSHIP, VOLUNTEER FAIR:

We continued with plans for the Women's and Gender Studies Job, Internship, and Volunteer Fair. It is scheduled for Friday, October 20, 12-5 pm. Alumnae Panel will be from 12-1; organizations will have tables up for recruiting students for jobs, internships, and volunteer activities from 1-4; we'll have workshops from 1-4; and we'll have a reception from 4-5 pm. The fair will be in the DePaul Student Center, 2250 N. Sheffield (corner of Belden and Sheffield), in Room 120.

Job, Internship, and Volunteer Fair – next steps:

- a) We generated a list of names of alums to be on the panel and/or to present workshops. If you know alums who might be interested in the participating, please contact them to see if they are available and interested by the next meeting. At the next meeting, we will sort out who we could have on the Alum Panel and who might be useful for the workshops. We want to have a good representation from the different schools, different fields/jobs/trajectories, and a mix in terms of race, ethnicity, sexuality, gender, etc.
- b) We decided to have six concurrent workshops on the following topics: forming student groups; job search/internships; applying for graduate school (Judy Gardiner-UIC); interviewing and building a resume (Teresa Prados-Torreira-Columbia), human rights (Nancy Bothne-DePaul), and NWSA and submitting proposals (Ann Brigham-Roosevelt). These are still open for input and participation – so think about if you'd like to present on one of these – or if you know alums who would be good at these.

- c) We have contacted many organizations (list generated by DePaul Career Center and is attached). There are many other organizations – so please feel free to invite others. I'm attaching a letter that can be sent by email. Feel free to revise the letter as you see fit. Within the letter is a link for organizations to fill out a registration form – so they can reply to the form rather than to you. DePaul Career Center will then create a list of participants for a program – and we will also follow up with this group to give details on the program and plans for the day around October 1. Please feel free to contact organizations not listed and who might be relevant to students interested in women's and gender studies and related fields of interest. Also – you might also show the list to colleagues in WGS or in related fields, particularly colleagues who might be running internship programs in other departments, to ask for other names of organizations AND to encourage them to send students to this fair.
- d) Publicity to students: Laurie Fuller (Northeastern) is going to generate a flier to be distributed to the different colleges and universities participating. You can revise it to make sense to your school. We thought it would be good to also send to colleagues in related fields who might know students who are interested in coming. We hope to double-triple our numbers of students participating.

SHARED ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR: we talked about how to create a shared online event calendar where we could all publicize our events, conferences, and activities. Laurie Fuller is going to look into the technology of this – more will be forthcoming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Roosevelt Univ. is conducting a search for an Assistant Professor in Women's and Gender Studies to begin August 2007! YEA for Roosevelt. Ann Brigham will send out an announcement that we can forward along to interested candidates.
2. Teresa Prados-Torreira updated us on Columbia College's Institute for the Study of Women and Gender in the Arts and Media, headed up by Jane Saks. Upcoming EVENT -- Body Maps: HIV & Women of South Africa Tell a Life-Sized Story , here's the link
http://web3.colum.edu/press_releases/archives/001673.php
3. Ann Russo distributed a listing of upcoming events at DePaul (attached).