

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

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SOCIAL WORK AWARD WINNERS!

Given the small size of the Department of Social Work, it is particularly significant that two of our faculty members have won awards from the College of Arts and Sciences this year. Associate Professor and Undergraduate Chair Dr. Karen Carlson has won the prestigious Jeannette Graselli Brown Teaching Award for her outstanding teaching and long-time oversight of the Curriculum Committee.

Assistant Field Education Director Carole Alder has won the Outstanding Group II Teaching Award. Both awards include a cash prize. Karen and Carole join four other current department faculty members who have won awards for their teaching: Miriam Clubok, Rich Greenlee, Freve Pace and Susan Sarnoff.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

The Department of Social Work is pleased to welcome new faculty members to our fold: David Walters has taught in the department on an adjunct basis for nearly three decades, while serving as the Social Work Director and Executive

Director of several local agencies. Dave is also the winner of a Lifetime Achievement Award from NASW-OH. Having retired from agency practice, Dave now joins us as a full-time Group IV faculty member, where he will continue to share the wealth of his practice experience with our students. Tracy Pritchard is new to the Athens campus, but he, too, has an existing affiliation with the department. He was in private practice in St. Clairsville, served as Regional Field Coordinator for MSW Cohort Program on the Eastern Campus and now serves as Coordinator of the University Partnership Program, which trains students to work in public child welfare and provides tuition reimbursement to those program graduates who accept positions in public child welfare agencies in Ohio. Tracy is also teaching two Clinical courses as well as the Child Welfare courses.

FACULTY COMMONS OPENS

The long-awaited Faculty Commons on the third floor of Alden Library is open. Open Houses will be offered there on **October 3 from 3-5** to enable the university community to become familiar with the services.

SOCIAL WORK REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE

Members of all of the Social Work professional groups, under the auspices of NASW, have been meeting regularly since July to develop an Ohio-specific plan to promote the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative. The Initiative is a legislative effort to increase the social work labor force, which is facing acute shortages, by developing mechanisms to provide advanced and continuing education to current workers and loan reimbursement to students who will work in shortage areas. Sharon Hanger, LISW, Director of Social Work at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and Susan Sarnoff, Chair of the Ohio University Department of Social Work, are co-chairs of the planning effort.

LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS!

NASW has worked to secure student loan forgiveness legislation for social workers in the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007. A major victory has been scored in support for students and social workers nationwide. Most of the changes will take effect on October 1, 2007. The loan forgiveness toolkit can be accessed at <http://www.socialworkers.org/advocacy/updates/2007/072707.asp> or view the "Frequently Asked Questions" on the website at www.socialworkers.org. For more information or to find if you are

eligible for loan forgiveness, please contact the U.S. Department of Education at **1-800-USA-LEARN**.

OHIO BENEFIT BANK, FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The Faith-based and community organizations invite you to attend the regional information sessions regarding the placement of new Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB) sites to cover areas not presently served and which have high concentrations of low and moderate-income Ohioans who do not appear to be receiving tax credits and benefits for which they are eligible. At the regional briefings, there will be a description of the OBB and how it works. The meeting also will focus on new OBB counselors to be trained in offering the OBB to clients. The sessions are free of charge and will last approximately one-and-a-half hours. Registration can be made by e-mail, mail, fax, or phone to the following: Nora Nees - nora@oashf.org

The event will take place on **Wednesday, October 24 at 9am at Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action Agency**

**3 Cardaras Drive
Glouster,
Ohio 45732**

WOMEN'S STUDIES COLLOQUIUM

A discussion of "Hesiod's Mortar", a paper by Dr. Ruth Palmer will be held by the department of classic and world religion on **October 5, 2007 at Baker room 233 from 4:00-6:00pm**. Don't miss this interesting historical account of women in the Greek household.

To request a copy of Dr. Palmer's paper, please email at

godby@ohio.edu or call 593-4686

For more information, call the Women's Studies Program at 593-4686

THE OHIO UNIVERSITY TITLE IX SINGERS

Planned Parenthood of Southeast Ohio invites you to attend **the 36th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Arts/ West 132 West State Street in Athens**. There are limited

numbers of donated reservations for students. Call Chris 593-3376 for ticket info and to reserve a spot. In addition, the Planned Parenthood of Southeast Ohio is looking for a few volunteers to help in the event.

Please call Chris Matter 593-3376 if you are interested or email csmatter@hotmail.com. The job would entail helping with the set up and display of food, making and serving coffee and punch, as well as setting up a power point project and video showing during the event and registration before the event starts.

NWSA 2008 RESISTING HEGEMONIES: RACE AND SEXUAL POLITICS IN NATION, REGION, EMPIRE

The 29th annual National Women's Studies Association conference will be held in **June 19-22, 2008 at Millennium Hotel, Cincinnati** (downtown location). The annual conference is exclusively dedicated to showcasing the latest feminist scholarship. The General Conference begins on Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon; it will feature concurrent breakout sessions, new member events, and professional development sessions for graduate students and junior faculty. Patricia Hill Collins, a social theorist, will be the speaker. A call for proposals for 2008 is offered and attached (pdf) is the form. Questions about proposals could be directed to the general office at: (301) 403-0525 or visit the website for more information:

<http://www.nwsaconference.org/>

SOCIAL WORK LIBRARY

The Social Work Department is pleased to inform you that the SW library could be accessible to students and faculty members through appointments made in advance. To do so, please contact Pack, Deb at 593-1269 or email: packd@ohio.edu

“JUST” LEADERSHIP FOR SOCIAL CHANGE: CALLING ALL STUDENTS

The Council on the Role and Status of Women in Social Work Education invites you to attend its Series Session at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting at the San Francisco Hilton. The Session will be held on **Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 3:15 - 4:45 pm in Imperial B.** Members of the Council wish to explore with students at all levels of social work education the resources they anticipate needing in order to become future leaders of the profession, and the possible barriers they anticipate needing to overcome. If you cannot attend but wish to provide feedback, please email the Women’s Council at justleadershipcswe@gmail.com before October 25.

HELPERS NEEDED!

Volunteers who want to have FUN! The SSWA is getting people together to work at the haunted house in **Syewart (About 10 miles from Athens), on Sunday October 14, from 6pm. to 10pm.** All proceeds go to the Federal Valley Resource Center. Available drivers - so feel free to join! If you are interested, please inform Adam Wills at: aw377204@ohio.edu

THE MAJORS FAIR

The Majors fair was held on September 19 in Baker Ball Room from 11:30 – 3:00pm. It was a very stimulating event with group of students from all levels of education, studies, and interests. To discuss similar matters, the SSAW meets every Wednesday at 9 pm. in room 216, Morton Hall. If interested, contact the social work department @ 592-1292.



Dr. Carlson meets a freshman student and discusses the exciting events and program of the social work field.

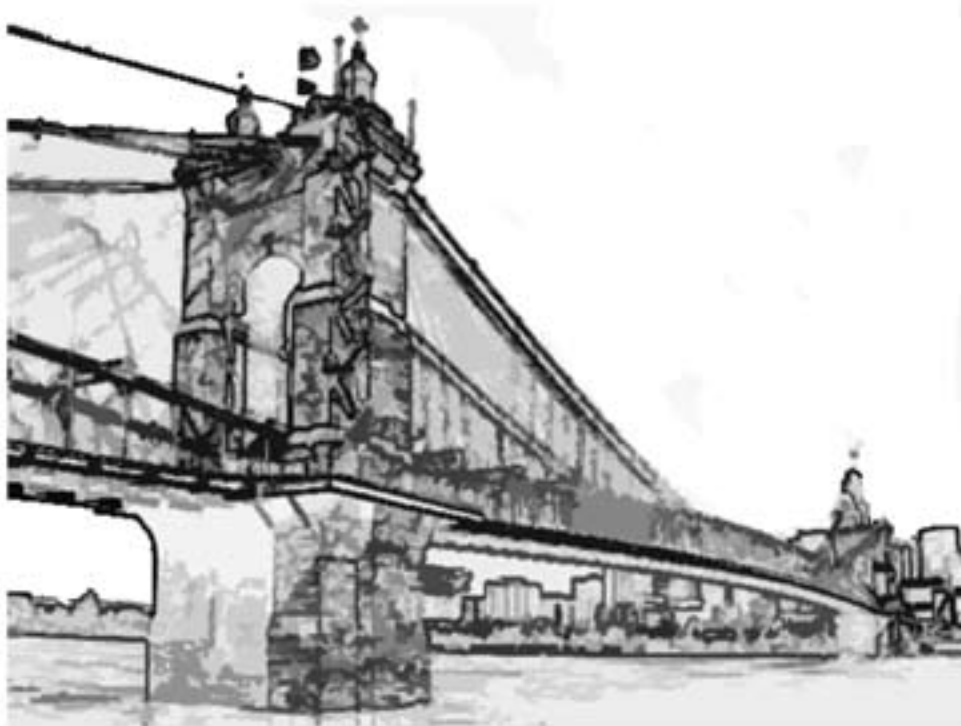


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Conference Overview

The **National Women's Studies Association** leads the field of women's studies in educational and social transformation. Established in 1977, NWSA has more than 2,000 members worldwide. Our annual conference regularly draws more than 1,200 attendees and is the only annual meeting in the US exclusively dedicated to showcasing the latest feminist scholarship.

The 2008 conference will open on Thursday, June 19th with two pre-conferences hosted by the Program Administration and Development and the Women's Centers Standing Committees. These daylong events offer networking and professional development opportunities for women's and gender studies and women's center administrators.

The General Conference begins on Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon; it will feature concurrent breakout sessions, new member events, and professional development sessions for graduate students and junior faculty. Special events will include a Creative Writers Series, a film series, a book exhibition, Critical Issues sessions, Presidential sessions, and area excursions.

NWSA is also delighted to announce that the **Tribute Panel** for 2008, a session format intended to honor past scholarship that has set new directions for the field, will feature a tribute to Black feminist thought.

Meeting Location

The National Women's Studies Association 2008 annual meeting will be held at the Millennium Hotel, a unionized hotel in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio, from June 19-22, 2008.

About the Theme: Resisting Hegemonies: Race and Sexual Politics in Nation, Region, Empire

From its role in the time of slavery as a borderland space between North and South to its recent history of racist police violence, community uprisings, federal oversight, and homophobic statutes (subsequently repealed), Cincinnati reflects contemporary political struggles that are regionally unique as well as representative of how politics are manifested in many regions nationally and internationally.

Confronting racism and homophobia are central to the theoretical work of women's and gender studies and constitute ongoing struggles among the field's practitioners. In the past, Black feminist thought and LGBT, queer, and sexuality studies have offered productive and important challenges to the field of women's studies. Emphasizing race and sexual politics in this conference theme serves to honor these major theoretical contributions and to remind us that undoing the long history of racism and homophobia in

