



Out of the Margins

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**The Eighth Annual Rosa Parks Scholarship and
the Fourth Annual Cesar Chavez Scholarship
Awards Ceremony will be Thursday, April 17, 2008
UC Theatre, 302, 4:00PM**

**The deadline for entries is Thursday, February 28, 2008
at 12:00 noon.**

Please bring entries to Columbine Hall, #1025E

For more information please and to download application please visit:

www.uccs.edu/est

Or call: 719.262.4553

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Exciting News for WMST & EST

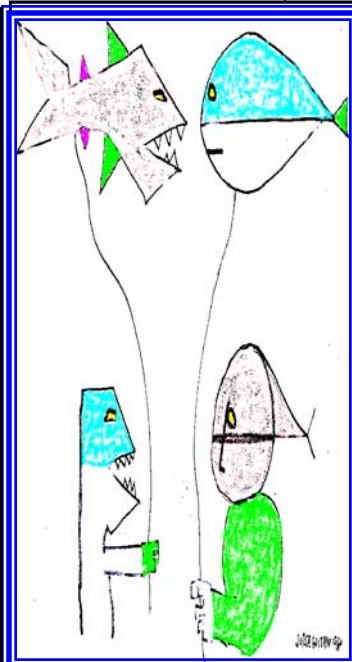
Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies proposal for a major in Women's and Ethnic Studies was approved at every campus level with overwhelming support. The proposal will face it's final step at the end of January. We hope to initiate the new major in Fall 08. We will keep you updated with news; we thank the faculty and administration.

WE'VE ALL MOVED!

Abby Ferber, Andrea Herrera, Abeer Ibrahim, Aditi Mitra,

Dena Samuels and the WMST/EST office.

Our new office location is Columbine Hall, #1025, suites A-E. Please come visit us and see our new space.





Katrina: The Nation at a Crossroads

On August 29, 2005 the world witnessed the devastating effects of a natural disaster and, in its aftermath, the painful and glaring reality of the racial and class inequalities that continue to haunt our nation. As Paul Frymer, Dara Strolovitch, and Dorian Warren have observed:

The experience of African Americans in New Orleans can serve as the 'miner's canary'....Similar to the way in which canaries alerted miners to the specter of poisonous air, the fates that befall people who are disadvantaged by inequalities based on, for example, race, class, and gender are signifiers of society-wide inequalities. If policy-makers and the public heed the lessons of Katrina and make efforts to address the structural and institutional sources of American inequality, perhaps the brunt of future disasters will not be borne by those who are at least able to endure their costs.

Although scholars and filmmakers persist in keeping the dialogue going, Katrina has virtually disappeared off of the public's radar screen, despite the fact that thousands of people continue to suffer in its aftermath, and despite the idea that we have failed to consider its significance in larger social and historical contexts. As a result, Dr. Andrea Herrera of the Women's and Ethnic Studies Programs (WEST) and Mr. Michael Larkin of the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies, in collaboration with the Matrix Center for the Advancement of Social Equity and Inclusion and the Southern Colorado Geo Data Lab, will be team-teaching a course and sponsoring a series of events that focus on Hurricane Katrina, its aftermath, and the rebuilding of New Orleans, the Gulf Coast, and the nation. As Gregory Squires and Chester Hartman argue, *the challenges in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast reflect those in metropolitan areas all across the nation. We cannot afford to ignore the lessons offered by Katrina.*

Organized according to a series of interrelated topics, *Katrina: The Nation at a Crossroads* will be offered as a 4 credit course at the undergraduate level. The course will feature a series of local and visiting specialists, representing a wide range of disciplinary perspectives, as well as individuals who were either directly impacted by the Hurricane or took part in the post-Katrina relief effort. All lectures and presentations will be free and open to the public. In addition, Dr. Herrera and Mr. Larkin will be inviting our campus community, as well as members of the Colorado Springs community at large, to participate in a Read-In at the Kraemer Family Library (5:30-7:30p.m.), co-sponsored by the Pikes Peak District Library, on Tuesday, 18 March, 2008 with Professor Gregory Squires of George Washington University. Dr. Squires will be lecturing on his edited collection *There Is No Such Thing as a Natural Disaster*. We will also be featuring several film screenings, including *By Invitation Only*, a documentary by New Orleans native Rebecca Snedecker, and *Still Waiting*, by Kate Browne (Department of Anthropology at Colorado State University). Ms. Snedecker and Dr. Browne will be joining us for a discussion following the showing of their films on Tuesday, 11 March, and Tuesday, 29 April respectively. WEST, in collaboration with the Kraemer Family Library, will be hosting a very special art exhibit titled *Katrina Through the Eyes of Children*. The exhibit was originally presented at the New Orleans museum of Art. On Tuesday, April 8, 2008 we will be joined by an art therapist and trauma therapist for a lecture/discussion of the artwork in the library.

The overarching aim of the course is to create an open, learning community environment in which students and members of our campus and Colorado Springs communities will experience education that extends beyond the traditional classroom setting. Some of the themes we will be treating in class will include the role of race, gender, and class in the disaster; New Orleans's unique physical and cultural geography; the role of the media in covering the events; the political and cultural aftermath; artistic or cultural responses to the Hurricane; the relocation of students and residents of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast; the response of the GLBT community; and current environmental and social recovery efforts, with a special emphasis on children's experience of Katrina.



Attend the White Privilege Conference for Credit!

Sign up now for:

- WMST 490 003
- EST 401 001
- SOC 501 001

Interested students must register for and attend the White Privilege Conference in Massachusetts April 2-5, 2008.

The course can be taken for one to four credits.

The Conference on White Privilege serves as a yearly opportunity to examine and explore issues of white privilege, diversity, multicultural education, multicultural leadership, social justice, race/racism, sexual orientation, gender relation, and other systems of privilege/oppression. It provides participants the opportunity to get honest about the type of society in which we live, and the advantages that accrue to some but not others. The conference offers a means to develop and sustain ongoing work to dismantle this system of white privilege, white supremacy and oppression.

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THE MATRIX CENTER, WITH THE SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES & ETHNIC STUDIES ANNOUNCES THE
WHITE PRIVILEGE CONFERENCE 9 TO BE HELD IN SPRINGFIELD, MA
APRIL 2-5, 2008
REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 22, 2008.

THIS YEAR'S THEME, "CRITICAL LIBERATION PRAXIS,"
WILL EXAMINE AND CREATE PRACTICE THAT FOCUSES ON OUR GOALS, WHERE WE ARE GOING,
(LIBERATION) RATHER THAN WHERE WE ARE COMING FROM
(PRIVILEGE AND OPPRESSION).

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:

WWW.UCCS.EDU/WPC

Three Fabulous Exhibits Unveiled in the University Center

- Friday, February 1, 2008, University Center Gallery, "Reframing Family" lays out an arc of the family that "bends toward justice" in the pursuit of true love. In these faces, young and old, of whatever color or gender, shines the light of justice and equality for all families. This photo exhibit was created by the First Unitarian Society of Denver (FUSD). The closing reception is Wednesday, February 20, 2008.
- Friday, March 7, University Center Gallery, opening reception, "Faces of India: Photographs by Robert Bixler."
- Friday, April 11, University Center Gallery, opening reception, "Poland: Photography by Jurek Durczak."



WMST, EST AND THE MATRIX CENTER NEWS

Women's Studies, Ethnic Studies and the Matrix Center are pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of their interdisciplinary collection; *The Matrix Reader: Understanding the Dynamics of Oppression and Privilege*. McGraw Hill, 2008.

Edited by Abby Ferber, Andrea Herrera, Christina Jimenez and Dena Samuels.

CONSIDER AN INTERNSHIP!

Gain value job skills, experience and connections in an internship in Ethnic or Women's Studies. The Service and Learning course is offered each semester. We can help you to select an internship site, or you can come with one already in mind. Contact Dr. Ferber or Dr. Herrera for further details- it is not too late to sign up for an internship this spring! aferber@uccs.edu or aherrera@uccs.edu

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Available from the Kraemer Library. If you would like a list of films on topics related to Women's Studies or Ethnic Studies please contact Christina Martinez at ext. 3287 or cmartine@uccs.edu. You may also contact her if you have suggestions for purchases of either books or films. And visit our Diversity Library for an additional selection of research and teaching resources and films (EST/WMST office).



We're on the web!

<http://www.uccs.edu/wmst>
<http://www.uccs.edu/est>
<http://www.uccs.edu/matrix>

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YES! I would like to support **The Rosa Parks Scholarship Fund, Ethnic Studies, Women's Studies and Smart Girl**

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Enclosed is my check. Make check payable to the CU Foundation, a 501 c (3) tax-exempt organization, or charge the donation to my: Visa _____ MasterCard _____

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Ethnic Studies/Women's Studies Calendar of Events Spring 2008

January

Tuesday, January 29, 12:15 – 1:30pm, University Center 116 A.

“Gender and Self-conscious Emotions.” Tomi-Ann Roberts, Department of Psychology, Colorado College. Co-sponsored by the Matrix Center and Women's Studies.

February

Friday, February 1 through 20, 2008, UC Gallery,

“Reframing Family.” This photo exhibit was created by the First Unitarian Society of Denver.

Thursday, February 14, 12:15 – 1:15pm, (location TBA).

“The Many Faces of Frailty.” Catherine Jankowski, Ph.D.

Dr. Jankowski is a Research Assistant Professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center. She studies physical activity and frailty in older adults with an emphasis on women. Her seminar is co-sponsored by the UCCS Women's Studies Program and the Gerontology Center.

Thursday, February 14, University Hall, Room 216

Film: The Starting Line, Becoming A Senior Athlete.

Mary Ann Kluge and Linda Glick, both in Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences co-wrote this 21 minute documentary.

There will be coffee, tea, and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 3:45 with the film starting promptly at 4:15. There will be time for discussion and questions with both film makers afterwards.

Wednesday, Feb 20, 4:30-7:00, UC 116.

“Sex, Gender, Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression: Getting Our Language Straight.” Presentation and closing reception of the Reframing Family Photography Exhibit . Abby Ferber, Director of Women's Studies and Professor of Sociology and K. Alex Ilyasova, Ph.D., Director, Professional Technical Writing Program, English Department.

Friday, February 29, 8:30 - 4:30, Tivoli 320, King Center Downtown Denver Campus.

A day of recognition, information, networking, career development, support and more. Developed and sponsored by the Faculty Council Committee on Women.

March

Friday, March 7, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. University Center Gallery Space.

“Faces of India: Photographs by Robert Bixler.”

Opening reception, event sponsored by Ethnic Studies and the Office of Campus Activities.

Tuesday, March 11, 4:30, Dwire 121.

Documentary: By Invitation Only. Ms. Rebecca Snedeker: Producer, New Orleans, LA.

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Tuesday, March 11, 5:30, Kraemer Library, 2nd floor.

There is No Such Thing as a Natural Disaster. Dr. Gregory Squires (George Washington University). Read-in (in collaboration with The Pikes Peak District Library)

April

Tuesday, April 8, 12:15 – 1:30, Colorado College, University Center 116A.

“Community & Agency: Impact of 2 Central Themes in Person Perception & Self Presentation.” Emily Chan, Professor, Colorado College
Co-sponsored by the Matrix Center and Women's Studies.

Friday, April 11, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, University Center Gallery Space.

“Poland: Photographs by Jurek Durczak.”

Opening reception, event sponsored by Ethnic Studies, the Office of Campus Activities and the LAS Dean's office.

Tuesday, April 29, 4:30, Dwire 121.

Still Waiting. Dr. Kate Browne, Producer (Anthropology Colorado State University)
Documentary about the aftermath of Katrina.

Katrina, through the Eyes of Children. Special children's art exhibition displayed in the Kraemer Family Library, main entrance, throughout the month of April.

RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE (RAD) Spring Semester 2008

The UCCS Police Dept. sponsors women self-defense classes throughout the semester. These hands-on classes are designed to teach realistic ways lessen the chances of and defend against sexual assault. For information or to register call 262-343

RAD Basic Self Defense

February 15, 16 & 17, 2008
Friday 6 to 10 p.m., Sat/Sun 1 to 5 p.m.
Dept. of Public Safety Training Room

RAD Basic Self Defense

April 1, 3, 8 & 10, 2008
Thursdays and Tuesdays 6 to 9 p.m.
Dept. of Public Safety Training Room

RAD Keychain Self Defense

May 22, 2008
University Center 116
(Must have completed basic class)

Cost of each course is \$25

All events are free and open to the public. For more information see the EST or WMST websites or call 262- 4553