Welcome back, from the Director of Women’s and Gender Studies!

I’m delighted to welcome everyone to a campus year that will be filled with exciting programming and terrific classes. We are proud of all of our May and August 2014 graduates, who are already finding work in their fields, working on graduate degrees, and committing themselves to improving their communities. Our students have spent the summer in dynamic courses, volunteering for organizations such as Planned Parenthood, the Family Justice Center, Women’s Pavilion, and more, and are still ready for the rip-roarin’ year ahead.

We hope this program newsletter will keep you updated on the exciting growth in Women’s and Gender Studies at IU South Bend. You can also ask to be added to our Facebook group: Friends of IUSB’s Women’s and Gender Studies. We’d like these resources to be means of sharing information about programs you might wish to attend, and achievements and career developments of our students. If you are a student or graduate of our program and have news to share about the ways you are using the skills you learned in our program, we’d love to hear from you: alidinsk@iusb.edu or 574-520-4528. Thanks to our student editor, Libby Elmore, English major/WGS minor, for her work on this newsletter.

Among our plans for the year are strengthening our campus consent campaign and bystander-intervention programs. Drawing on funding and resources from a Vision 20/20 grant called “IUSB Brave,” and the Indiana Campus Sexual Assault Primary Prevention Project (INCSAPPP), we will be bringing speakers to campus on male involvement in bystander-intervention and sexual assault prevention, and developing peer-led bystander training programs.
Dr. Campbell will be giving a public talk on: Monday, November 3, at 6:30 in the Education and Arts Building lecture hall.

For the past 10 years, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program has hosted an annual lecture, the Gloria Kaufman Memorial Lecture, presented in the name of our founding faculty member and community activist Professor Gloria Kaufman. Past speakers in this series have included writer Marge Piercy, Planned Parenthood of Indiana CEO Betty Cockrum, and scholar of trans* studies, S. Bear Bergman. This year, we are excited to be hosting Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell of the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, a noted expert on domestic violence prevention and danger assessment, as our Kaufman speaker. In addition to Dr. Campbell’s numerous academic awards and accolades, she was also appointed by Congress to be a member of the Department of Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence, and has recently given expert testimony on the role of firearm access in family violence incidents to the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. Senate.


Please join us for practitioner workshop before Dr. Campbell’s talk, November 3, on our campus, from 2-4p.m.

In this session, titled “A Community Collaborative Approach to Domestic Violence Risk Assessment,” Dr. Campbell will present a community collaborative model for how criminal justice and family court practitioners (e.g. first responders, prosecutors, probation officers, mediators, family and criminal court officials) can work with domestic violence advocates and advocacy organizations and offender intervention programs to apply the latest knowledge on reoffending and lethality risk assessment to both risk assessment and risk management of domestic (partner and ex-partner) violence cases.

To RSVP for the workshop:

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INVITATION FOR A CAMPUS LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS:

Would you like to learn how to be a peer facilitator in new Bystander Intervention programs for students? You are invited to learn from an expert, Emmanuel Cannady, about effective ways to understand and talk about rape culture, consent, and how to intervene safely in situations where someone is at risk for sexual assault. Learn to use this information to become a campus leader in programs and discussions with other students around these important topics.

When: Tuesday, October 7, 3:30-5:30 in 223-225 SAC. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 3 toalidinsk@iusb.edu

Primary Sponsors are Vision 20/20: IUSB Brave (Bringing Recovery, Awareness, Voices and Engagement for a Campus Free from Sexual Violence), and INCSAPPP (Indiana Campus Sexual Assault Primary Prevention Project. Additional Sponsors include the Student Counseling Center, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, the Office of Student Conduct, the IU South Bend Student Welfare Committee, Athletics and Activities and the Office of Affirmative Action and Campus Diversity.

Save the date….Emmanuel Cannady will also be giving a talk on October 27:

October 27, 6:30 pm – Emmanuel Cannady, M.S. Ed. will give a talk, "Be THAT Guy!: The Power of Men to Prevent Sexual Violence," in 223-225 Student Activities Center. Cannady is the Assistant Director for Outreach Services at the Gender Relations Center of the University of Notre Dame. This talk is sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program, IUSB BRAVE, and INCSAPPP. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact April Lidinsky at alidinsk@iusb.edu
Michiana Monologues is a theatrical fundraiser for local organizations that address violence against women. Share your story and become a part of this amazing production. Submission deadline for the spring show is November 1st. Write on sister!

2015 performances

February 26th, 7 pm at the Civil Rights Heritage Center.

February 27th, 7 pm at the State Theater in Downtown South Bend.

March 7th, 7 pm at the IU South Bend Main Campus Theater.

To find out more about this production, watch the past two years of Michiana Monologues, and share your own story visit: www.michianamonologues.org
Please join us in congratulating Dr. Christina Gerken on her successful tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies. Professor Gerken's book, *Model Immigrants and Undesirable Aliens: The Cost of Immigration Reform in the 1990s*, was published in October 2013 by University of Minnesota Press, and was nominated by the American Studies Association’s “Lora Romero First Book Prize.” We are lucky to have her on our campus, and are delighted she will enjoy a research sabbatical for Fall 2014. She will be back in the classroom in Spring 2015.
Class of 2014

Congratulations:

to Women’s and Gender Studies student award winners from May 2014

The Women’s and Gender Studies Student Excellence Award went to May graduate Bethany Dobson (who double majored in Psychology).

Our Patricia McNeal Agent of Change Award went to graduate Keegan Zoll and Brittany Feathers (who double majored in History).

May and August 2014 graduates

Austin Blue
Katie Carrico-Craft
Bethany Dobson
Brittany Feathers
Tearanie Fisher
Christine Gordon
Amber Johnston
MacKenzie Lair
Nicole Noland
Jessica Stienbarger
Jennifer Talboom
Keegan Zoll

Dean’s list for the Spring 2014 semester

Dominique Bonilla
Bethany Dobson
Amanda Crockett
(Brittany) Feathers
Myrna Haas
MacKenzie Lair
Sandra McCarthy
Nicole Noland
Rhonda Redman
Adam Schelle
What are our graduates doing with their Women's and Gender Studies degrees?

“Women and gender studies truly has changed my life. By studying this topic I have been exposed to the inequality that is often swept under the rug. By constantly bringing up these topics and learning about them, they become more and more common and less ignored.”

-Hailey Hennessy, Class of 2014
Fulltime Travel blogger, currently touring Europe.

“My Women and Gender Studies faculty and classmates both supported and challenged me throughout my studies. From nourishing a deep commitment to social and economic justice to being able to analyze and develop comprehensive campaign strategies, my degree in Women’s and Gender Studies prepared me to confront the many challenges of working as a union organizer.”

-Maureen “Mo” Pickar, class of 2011
Labor Union Organizer

“My degree in Women and Gender Studies prepared me for the long process that we had to go through to be able to pierce and tattoo in South Bend. The community organizing/educating that I did during my undergraduate career in WGS prepared me to do the legwork of rezoning and securing council votes, and most importantly, reinforced something that I learned early on in my WGS classes – that one person has the ability to make positive changes that can greatly impact a community.”

-Noel Spring, class of 2011
Body Piercer and Business Partner at Bicycle Gallery and Body Art
“My degree in Women's and Gender Studies from IUSB paved the way towards graduate school for me in a number of ways. The multidisciplinary curriculum included in the Women and Gender Studies program has helped to shape my perspective on areas related to gender and sexuality in a social work setting. The coursework focusing on the effects of culture and society on the constructs of gender and sexuality and the production and consumption of culture by women, girls, and the LGBTQ community informs both my research interests and my practice as a social worker. As I begin the pursuit of a PhD in Social Work, I know that the skills of critical analysis, research, and academic writing that I gained as a Women and Gender Studies student will serve me well.”
Cristy Cummings, class of 2009
Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies ’09/ Master of Social Work ’13

“My degree in Women and Gender Studies has taught me to look at each of the women we see as the beautiful, unique person they are, just as complex as any other, and treat them with respect wherever they are at in their lives. This degree has taught me to use a different lens when looking at a person and see not only the oppression they've faced as a woman but economically, or socially for their being homeless or having a mental illness. This allows me to approach people or situations and respond without judgment or argument necessarily, but in a way that creates conversation and relationships. This degree taught me to celebrate people for their differences and embrace each person for what they bring to our community.”
Angelica Healy, class of 2007
Works at St. Margaret’s House: a day center for women in poverty that provides immediate needs, in addition to providing education and empowerment programs.
Thank you for supporting our program!

Please let us know if you have news to share, questions, or ideas about opportunities for outreach or growth. We look forward to hearing from you.

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For more information about our Program, events, and related topics, visit our website: https://www.iusb.edu/women-studies/index.php