

March 2004
Women's History Month

Women's Movements

Everyone is invited to join the Northern Illinois University Women's Studies Program and the numerous other sponsors listed below for Women's History Month! Our theme for 2004, *Women's Movements*, encompasses such diverse topics as women's activism and women in sports and dance. All events are open to the public and (unless otherwise noted) are free. Sign language interpreters will be provided upon request; call (815)753-6515 (one week's notice is preferred). For further information, call the Women's Studies Program at (815)753-1038, or visit <http://womenshistorymonth.niu.edu>.

Monday, March 1 4:30 p.m.

**"Women in Uniform:
True Stories from the All-American
Girls Professional Baseball League."**

WNJ News Director, Susan Stephens, shares interviews and historic video clips from an upcoming documentary and historic archive honoring the local team, the Rockford Peaches, who played baseball in skirts. Reavis Hall, Room 211. Sponsor: Women's Studies Program.

Tuesday, March 2 6:00 p.m.

**"Women Writing Women in
Fantastic Literature."**

Valerie Guyant, Karley Adney, and Emily Celeric, graduate students in NIU's English Department, lead a panel on three strong female characters in literature of the Fantastic by women. Reavis Hall, Room 211. Sponsor: Department of English.

Wednesday, March 3 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
International Women's Day Luncheon.

Adams Hall, Chandelier Room. Sponsors: University Resources for Women and the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. Call University Resources for Women at (815)753-9614 to make a reservation. \$7.50 fee for lunch.

March 4, 5, 6 7:00 p.m.
"The Vagina Monologues."

The play that everyone is talking about. Holmes Student Center, Diversions Lounge. Sponsors: Women's Alliance and Student Association.

Thursday, March 4 4:45-5:45 p.m.
Self-Defense Techniques.

Professor Lesley Rigg, NIU's Department of Geography, uses her black belt karate skills to teach women how to protect themselves. Anderson Hall, Room 102. Sponsors: Department of Kinesiology's FIT Program and Women's Studies.

4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Women's History Month Art Show
Opening Reception.**

Group exhibit by NIU School of Art women faculty and graduate students. DeKalb Area Women's Center, 1021 State Street, DeKalb. Call (815)758-1351 for gallery hours. Sponsors: DeKalb Area Women's Center and NIU School of Art.

Tuesday, March 16 7:30 p.m.

**"Lives and Livelihoods:
Six Women Dancers from the 18th
Century to the Present."**

Karen Eliot, Associate Professor of Dance, the Ohio State University, presents a grant-funded book project. Neptune Central, Northeast and Southeast Meeting Rooms. Sponsors: Graduate Colloquium Committee and Women's Studies.

Wednesday, March 17 10:00 a.m.

"Careers in English and Dance."

Graduate students will have the opportunity to converse with *Karen Eliot*, Associate Professor of Dance and English Ph.D., on unique career opportunities for those with advanced degrees. Reavis Hall, Room 211. Sponsors: Graduate Colloquium Committee and Women's Studies.

Thursday, March 18 3:00-4:00 p.m.
**"How Getting Politically Involved Plays a
Role in the Success of Our Community
As a Culture and As a Gender."**

Representative Linda Chapa-LaVia, 83rd District, will discuss the roles of culture and gender in the political arena. Holmes Student Center, Illinois Room. Sponsors: University Resources for Latinos/as and the Latina Assistance Program.

Friday, March 19 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Resistance and Exercise Ball Training.

Karen Hand, NIU's Department of Kinesiology, teaches basic resistance training skills on exercise balls. Gable Hall, Room 147. Sponsors: Department of Kinesiology's FIT Program and Women's Studies.

Monday, March 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**"Student Activism:
How I Became Involved."**

NIU students and recent alumni answer questions on how students can make a difference. Reavis Hall, Room 211. Sponsor: Women's Studies Program.

4:30 p.m.

**Women's History Month Poster and
Essay Contest Winners Recognition.**

Reavis Hall, Room 211. Sponsors: Women's Studies Program and University Bookstore.

Wednesday, March 24 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Dance Performance.

The Department of Kinesiology's faculty and students will present a montage of dances at NIU's Wellness Fair. Holmes Student Center, Ball Room and Capitol Room. Sponsors: Department of Kinesiology, Employee Wellness, and Women's Studies.

Thursday, March 25 3:30 p.m.
"Feminist Activism in the Classroom."

Nancy Naples, Professor of Sociology, University of Connecticut, leads an informal workshop on teaching strategies, techniques, and exercises for integrating feminist activism into courses. Reavis Hall, Room 211. Sponsors: Graduate Colloquium Committee and Women's Studies.

7:00 p.m.

**"The Politics of Location: Women's
Activism and Globalization."**

Nancy Naples, Professor of Sociology, University of Connecticut, examines the strategies by which women in different parts of the world are organizing across geographic, cultural, and class boundaries and highlights the challenges of transnational women's movements. Art Building, Room 103. Sponsors: Graduate Colloquium Committee and Women's Studies.

Sunday, March 28 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Women's History Month Herstorical Tea.

DeKalb Area Women's Center, 1021 State Street, DeKalb. Call (815)758-1351 for information. Sponsor: DeKalb Area Women's Center. Admission fee.

Monday, March 29 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Yoga.

Glenda Smith, NIU's Department of Kinesiology, invites everyone for an hour of relaxation. Anderson Hall, Room 137. Sponsors: Department of Kinesiology's FIT Program and Women's Studies.

Tuesday, March 30 6:00-7:30 p.m.

"Pink Bloque: Dancing in Dissent."

Street activist group Pink Bloque of Chicago leads a workshop on how to use dance as a medium for protest. Holmes Student Center, Diversions Lounge. Sponsors: Unity in Diversity, Women's Alliance, Women's Studies, and Student Association.

Wednesday, March 31 7:00 p.m.

**"Vagina Seminar:
Re-imagining Women's Bodies."**

What you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask! DuSable Hall, Room 204. Sponsors: Women's Alliance and Student Association.

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