



WOMEN'S STUDIES

INVIGORATING, EVOLVING, TRANSFORMING

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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS

<p>ARMENIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015 ADANTI STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM, 6:30 PM - 10 PM</p> <p><i>Come and Learn About Armenia, Its Culture and Art!</i></p> <p>Art and Poetry Reading Food and Drink Coffee and Pastry Music and Dance Raffle and much more!</p> <p>CO-SPONSORS: Armenian Relief Society SCSU Women's Studies Program SCSU Multicultural Center SCSU Public Library</p>	<p>GENDER IDENTITY, MULTIPLE OPPRESSIONS AND INTERSECTIONALITY AN EVENING WITH TRANS ACTIVIST PAULINE PARK</p> <p>Join us as Dr. Pauline Park discusses her life as an author, trans woman and activist and addresses rights and misconceptions about transgender people while exploring the intersection of race, class, and gender identity.</p> <p>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 6:30-8:30PM ADANTI STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM</p> <p>PART OF THE SCSU SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 2015 (NOVEMBER 10-13th)</p> <p>SPONSORED BY THE SECURITY AND GENDER EQUALITY CENTER (SAGE) 203-392-6700 THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE 203-392-3800 THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER 203-392-6900 WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM 203-392-6133</p> <p>CELEBRATE ME! BY</p>	<p>PRECARITY NWSA 36TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE November 12-15 MILWAUKEE</p> <p>WWW.NWSA.ORG</p>	<p>SCSU JOIN US FOR A WMS SOCIAL NOV. 15, 2015 @ 7:30 EN B229 WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM</p> <p>CALL US: (203) 392-6133</p> <p>EMAIL US: WMS@WOMENSTUDIES.SOUTHERNCT.EDU MARTINDALE@SOUTHERNCT.EDU</p>	<p>Join us for the <i>Women's Studies Holiday Party</i> Friday, December 11, 2015 @ 5pm</p> <p>Community Room University Towers 100 York Street New Haven, CT 06511</p> <p>Contact Us: 203-392-6133 womenstudies@southernct.edu</p>
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Thursday, Nov. 5 @ 6:30

ASC Ballroom

Monday, Nov. 9 @ 5:00

ASC Ballroom

Nov. 11-15

Milwaukee, WI

Tuesday, Nov. 17 @ 7:30

EN B229

Friday, Dec. 11 @ 5:00

New Haven, CT

“NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.” -MARGARET MEAD

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 22nd SCSU Women's Studies Conference: “#FeministIn(ter)ventions: Women, Community, Technology,” April 15-16, 2016. The conference aims to provide a critical site of inquiry into the intersections of women, community, and technology. In what ways have women and girls worked with technology, broadly defined, for the advancement of communities and/or shaping and building movements? We invite proposals that investigate the past, present, and future of the intersections of women, community, and technology and showcase feminist in(ter)ventions with technology. How have women and girls participated (or not) in the fields of technology? In what ways does this inquiry intersect with the studies of gender, race, class, and sexuality?

We invite you to submit proposals that consider some of the following inquiries on women, community, and technology. How have feminist practices and women's movements impacted women's place in the world of technology? What are some of the global movements that underscore feminist interventions and inventions of technology? What lessons may we glean from women in communities throughout the world utilizing media and technology in fighting against war and destruction? What are some of the best practices of feminist in(ter)ventions for sustainable communities?

Submission Deadline: December 4, 2015

For more info: www.southernct.edu/womensstudies

FEATURED STUDENT

Christina Fawcett has gotten her fingers into every little thing possible this fall semester. She is the event coordinator of the up-coming Slut Walk, on March 31, 2016. She also was nominated the Chair of the Graduate Student Affairs Committee (GSAC). Christina is in the process of restructuring GSAC to make the organization more graduate student friendly. Through her leadership roles and networking, Christina has become a member of Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART) on the SCSU campus. Christina is finding her footing each and every day within the program and the campus, aiming to advocate for victims/survivors and connecting with students and faculty.



Women's Studies Program

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Graduate Assistant: Alisha Martindale

Graduate Assistant: Isabel Skarzynski

Undergraduate Public Health Intern: Ermonda Gjoni

Send us your literature and arts! We want to hear what you have to say and see what you create!



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WMS STUDENT AND ALUMNI CONFERENCE NEWS

Lytasha Blackwell attended the Fairfield County Community Foundation Fund for the Women & Girls Annual Girls Symposium October 16, 2015. While there she performed spoken word and presented on a panel. The presentation theme was social media and its effects on young women, with a focus on competition, consumerism, and conformity. Specifically, Lytasha's presentation focused on competition among young girls via social media with an emphasis on attention seeking behaviors, formation of cliques or "squads," materialism, and explicated showcasing of lavish lifestyles.

Dayeshell Muhammad is the conference coordinator and organizer for the My People Female Empowerment Conference. She has been involved with this conference since 2012 and she has run a female empowerment program at her agency, Clinical Services, for six years. The female empowerment program was originally for girls in the services of the Department of Children and Families (DCF); however, Dayeshell had the inspiration to involve and empower all young women. The theme of this year's conference, held on November 9, at the Connecticut Science Center, is themed "This Is ME," and it focuses on the "Self." She advises to anyone looking into preparing a conference to have a good vision with a great team, and to be flexible, because what you plan for is not always the outcome.

Betsy Nilan's family foundation, the Get In Touch Foundation, hosted its first international, intergenerational "Informed & Strong" Summit for Women and Girls in New Haven, CT. The attendees spent the weekend, October 24 & 25, opening their ears, eyes, minds, and hearts to the varied experiences of women and girls from around the globe. Dozens of speakers, educators, and artists participated in this conference that was designed for girls 13-18 years old and their mothers or significant female role models. The purpose of the summit was to encourage a conversation regarding issues facing and interesting to girls on a global spectrum. Some special guests include President and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women, Teresa Younger; President of NBC Entertainment, Jennifer Salke; Muslim-American Activist and Founder of "The Hijab Project," Amara Majeed; and our very own Director and Professor of the Women's Studies Program here at SCSU, Yi-Chun Tricia Lin.

PASSIONS & PATHS

Shape Shifting

By **Vanessa Young**

A place that streams old movies,
A woman fitting herself into an oven
The Sylvia Plath type
Dark eyed, dark soul
A place filled with cliquish laughter
If you're in, you're in
If you're out, you're ousted.
Quickly and painlessly
But leaving a mark,
Always remembered.
The taste is bitter
Acquired when ready
Thick skin is the essence
Doing everything and nothing,
Watching the people
Pass

On



By



Niku

By **Alisha Martindale**

Alisha was inspired by *Sleeping Giant*, a mountain in Hamden, CT, close to the SCSU campus. Her model's name is Niku, which is where the title comes from. This piece was featured in her Photography Art show at *Fuel Coffee Shop* in the fall of 2014.

HEALTH TIPS BY ERMONDA GJONI

Go outside more often! We tend to spend a lot of time indoors, but make it a point to get sunlight at least 15 minutes everyday. Also, a change of scenery is good for your mind and body, meanwhile you get Vitamin D from sunlight! When stressed, take 15 minutes of your time, simply sit quietly, and just reflect. Simple relaxation techniques, like deep breathing, relax the body and decrease feelings of stress. Have you considered a food log? This can be beneficial because it helps you reflect and keep track of how much you eat, how often you eat, or what you eat. Jot down your thoughts after meals, as you would write down your emotions in a journal. If you're not happy with what you see, create new eating habits.

SAVE THE DATE

November 5: Armenian Cultural Festival, Nov. 5 @6:30pm ASC
November 9: SAGE presents Pauline Park and Trans Issues and Activism, as part of Social Justice Week, Nov. 9 @5pm ASC
November 9-13: Social Justice Week
November 12-15: NWSA Conference: "Precarity," Nov. 11-15 Milwaukee, WI
November 17: Triota Meeting @ 4pm ASC 308
November 17: WMS Cohort Social, Nov. 17 @7:30pm EN B229
December 11: Women's Studies Holiday Party, Dec. 11 @5pm
March 31, 2016: Slut Walk @ SCSU
April 15-16, 2016: 22nd Women's Studies Conference at SCSU: "Women, Community, Technology"