

# UNPACK that!

August 2013

Women's Studies Program

## Fall 2013 Courses

Our Fall 2013 classes are ready and waiting for you. We have a nice variety of topic from Third Wave Feminism to Girls and Leadership. Don't forget Women's Studies is now 80% online!

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## Congressional Internship

The Office of Congressman Alan Grayson, representing Florida's 9th Congressional District, is accepting applications for its internship program. Read on for more information!

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## Graduate Students

The Graduate *Gender Certificate* is for non-degree seeking students as well as any graduate student. Let 12-credit hours change your life! Explore your potential and your love for learning!

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UCF WOMEN'S  
STUDIES

*Standing for Justice, Knowledge, and Action*

# Here we GO!

Women's Studies welcomes a new term with great joy for our program and students.

Last May and August, 43 Women's Studies minors and certificates graduated from UCF. Today more than half are employed in their dream job and 1/3 has been accepted into graduate school. We are very proud of you!

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## Faculty



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For our Faculty Affiliates go to  
<http://womensstudies.cah.ucf.edu/staff.php>

### Internship Opportunity

The Office of Congressman Alan Grayson, representing Florida's 9th Congressional District, is accepting applications for its internship program for the Orlando and Kissimmee offices. This program is a great opportunity for college students to gain valuable experience working in a Congressional office. Interns will be able to learn and develop new skills in the areas of office management, constituent and social services, communications/press, grants, outreach and public relations. Internships are open to all majors and letters of recommendation may be available upon successful completion of the program.

For more information please contact:

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Congratulations to the following students!

Ashley Allen\*Alexa Barnett\* Kendra Bartel\* Nena Brown\* Amanda Buitron\*Treshawndra Capers\*Ellery Cason\*Hayley Cavataro\*Mary Cooley\*Stephanie Cooper\*Samantha Daley\*Carol Delano\*Carey Davis\*Nora Elsayed\* Rachel Francis \*Nicole Godreau\*Ladonna Green\*Shelly Hall\*Stephanie Harmon\*Britney Harris\*Emily Helm\*Emily Jackson\* Gracen Kovacik\*Danisha Love\* Rachel Miles\* Kiara Nair\*Alexa Nelen\*William Nichols\*Amirica Nicholson\*Kelsey Paul\* Diego Plaza\* Kelly Quintero\* Kristina Ramos\*Karen Rang\*Latoya Rattery\* Alexandra Rupp\* Austin Steele\*Hanna Stephens\* Megan Swider\*Valerie Tindall\*Candace Treadway\*Tajuana White\*Kristen Wilson\*Elizabeth Wonsick

Our students continue to present nationally in conferences, in UCF venues like the Showcase Undergraduate Research Excellence (SURE) and the Showcase of Service Learning.

**Taking Up Space: Empowerment Through Community Building and Peaceful Protest,** Samantha Daley, Nicole Elinoff and Emily Vrotsos, *Sarah Lawrence College's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's History Conference.*

**Environmental Sustainability Award and College of Arts and Humanities Excellence Award,** Loren Alonso, Samantha Daley, Nicole Elinoff, and Grace Parker, *UCF Service-Learning Showcase*

*Scholarship Awards given by Women's Studies (every spring term) and winners.*

(3) Dorothy Height Outstanding WST Graduate for 2013 (\$100.00/each): Emily Helm, Rachel Miles and Kelly Quintero.

(1) Eleanor Roosevelt Emerging LEAD Scholar Award with LEAD Scholar Program (\$100): Amirica Nicholson

(1) Martha Hitt STEM Emerging Scholar Award (\$250.00): Michelle Rich

(1) Orange County Medical Alliance Society (\$500.00): Caroline Espada

Scholarships accepted until **February 2014** at

<http://womensstudies.cah.ucf.edu/awards.php>



**Tech Trek** is a weeklong science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) summer camp for rising eighth-grade girls. The camp is designed to develop girls' interest, excitement, and self-confidence in STEM fields. This is a competitive national grant offered by the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

UCF's Women's Studies is the sponsor agent at for the Orlando Tech Trek. We proudly brought 40 girls from all over Florida to our main campus.

Girls participated in rocket building and launching, took a trip to Kennedy Space Center, participated in team-building exercises, and had the opportunity to interact with STEM professional women in the Orlando area.

The Young Women's Leaders Program, Women's Studies mentoring program for Seminole Schools, will lead three activities during Tech Trek.

<http://techtrek-fl.aauw.net/>

JULY 21- JULY 26, 2013

## GRADUATE Students

- This year's Grad Fair will be held on **Wednesday, September 11, 2013, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Pegasus Ballroom of the UCF Student Union.** The fair offers an open house-style event that is free and open to anyone interested in a UCF doctoral, master's, specialist or certificate program. **Look for the Women's Studies table!**
- **One-one-One with a librarian:** A Research Consultation is a one-on-one appointment with a librarian for extensive, in-depth research assistance. The library staff will do their best to match you with a librarian who has some expertise in the subject area of your research. To sign up for a Research Consultation appointment:

Call the Reference Office at 407-823-3379, or Visit the Reference Desk, or go to <http://library.ucf.edu/Reference/ResearchConsultations/Default.php>

- Make your appointment with Dr. M. C. Santana, program director for advising at [Santana@ucf.edu](mailto:Santana@ucf.edu)
- More information on the Graduate Gender Certificate at <http://www.graduatecatalog.ucf.edu/Programs/Program.aspx?ID=1458> because 12 credit hours can change your life!!

WST3015	Intro to Women's Studies	<a href="#">Tweed, Meredith</a>	Face2Face Tu,Th 10:30AM - 11:45AM
WST3015	Intro to Women's Studies	<a href="#">Preston-Sidler, Leandra</a>	Web
WST3015H	Hon Intro to Women's Studies	<a href="#">Santana, Maria</a>	Face2Face Tu,Th 12:00PM - 1:15PM
WST3020	Girls' Studies	<a href="#">Preston-Sidler, Leandra</a>	Web
WST3460	Women, Race and Struggle	<a href="#">Tweed, Meredith</a>	Web
WST3561	Third Wave Feminisms	<a href="#">Preston-Sidler, Leandra</a>	Web
WST3561	Third Wave Feminisms	<a href="#">Preston-Sidler, Leandra</a>	Web
WST4002	Research in Women & Gender	<a href="#">Tweed, Meredith</a>	Web
WST4021	Girls and Leadership	<a href="#">Tweed, Meredith</a>	Face2Face Tu,Th 12:00PM - 1:15PM

## FALL 2013 classes—join us!

Looking for Service-Learning opportunities? Searching for ways to get involved on campus? Pursuing a career working with children? Interested enhancing your resume? Look no further!

### *The Young Women Leaders Program and The Young Men's Leadership Program*

The Young Women Leaders Program (YWLP) and the Young Men's Leadership Program (YMLP) are mentoring programs sponsored by the UCF Women's Studies Program. YWLP was established at UCF in 2007, and YMLP completed its pilot mentoring session in Spring 2013.

Both programs promote middle school students' leadership abilities, pairing UCF graduate and undergraduate women and men with 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys. In mentoring pairs and small groups, participants focus on learning competence and autonomy, independent thinking, empowerment, self-esteem, and encouraging girls to think about their futures. Mentoring sessions run in the fall and the spring.

YWLP and YMLP asserts that all children are influential leaders exactly as they are. Our program builds on themes of problem-solving, teamwork and cooperation, cultural identity and ethnic pride, advocacy for positive change, identification of unconventional leadership roles, development of goals for the future, and body appreciation to develop leadership abilities both organically with others and in the world online.

In examining the social and cultural expectations for girls and boys, investigating existing themes of childhood and leadership, and engaging children to empower themselves, YWLP and YMLP seek to revolutionize how society constructs children, childhood, and child leadership by inviting girls and boys to create spaces where they can share their real-life experiences, build themselves up and learn from one another.

*For more information, please utilize the following contact methods:*

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