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September, Issue 2

Women's Studies Program

New Women Faculty RECEPTION

Join us in collaboration with the President's Office and the Center for the Success of Women Faculty (CSWF) to host new women faculty at UCF. All faculty is welcome! SEPTEMBER 19, 3:00-5:00 PM (CAPE FL)

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JOIN our Faculty *or* Junior Affiliate Network!

UCF has great resources among their faculty and student body. We at Women's Studies believe in the importance of working in an interdisciplinary fashion, thus our group of Faculty affiliates continues to grow. No matter what teaching assignment you have or what field you teach IF you research, teach or would like to collaborate with others on women's and gender issues—you are invited to join us.

Our Vision is to continue fostering cross-discipline collaboration with other colleges and colleagues. We use our web page as a starting point to attract others who might want to work with you.

Go to www.cahwomensstudies.com to learn more.

Last year we started a brand new concept- JUNIOR Affiliate for those in graduate school and still wanting to get to know other researchers. The response has been great. Spread the word! Go to see the list at www.cahwomensstudies.com.

NEW from UCF's library

In the Fold between Power and Desire: Women Artists' Narratives by Maria Tamboukou

Material Relations: Domestic Interiors and Middle-Class Families in England, 1850-1910 by Jane Hamlett

Police Women Who Made History: Breaking through the Ranks by Robert L. Snow

The Gender of Memory: Rural Women and China's Collective Past by Gail Hershatter

The Taxing Case of the Cows: A True Story About Suffrage by Iris Van Rynback and

To join as Faculty or Junior Affiliate send:
photo & research interests
to Santana@ucf.edu

Meet Amandalin Valentine

Women's Studies Minor

Meet Amandalin Valentine! Her friends will probably describe her as: generous, creative, & stubborn. Amandalin is a senior student and minor in Women's Studies with dreams of one day finishing a Masters in English and Women's Studies. She lives in Clermont and takes most classes online. As a single mother, Amandalin is raising her seven-year old son to be a good feminist.

Amandalin fell in love with the Women's Studies program after taking Prof. Tweed's class one year ago. *"I took one class and loved it. I think this is a very diverse program and not for women only. Feminism talks about how society constructs women and men, both of them."*

She considers herself very "intersectional", "we are all women but we experience our life very differently". Her "AHA" moment in Women's Studies was on the topic of Racism and Intersectionality, "...after reading a post on racism in Tumblr I realized that we live in a racist system even though I am not racist and I need to recognize what is happening around me."



Quote from student

Words of advice to students – **"Don't quit.** I have a 3.88 GPA now but in Community College it was not like that. Always move forward and don't move backwards in life. If you get too worked out you don't move. All I can do is forgive myself and move forward."

SPRING 2014

CLASS schedule-

WST 3015	Intro to Women's Studies	Tweed, Meredith	Tu,Th 12:00PM - 1:15PM
WST3015	Intro to Women's Studies	Tweed, Meredith	Web
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WST3371	Women and Leadership	Tweed, Meredith	Web
WST3561	Third Wave Feminisms	Preston-Sidler, Leandra	Web
WST3621	Theories of Masculinity	Preston-Sidler, Leandra	Web
WST4415	Global & Transnational Feminism	Tweed, Meredith	Tu,Th 10:30AM - 11:45AM
WST5601	Theories in Gender Studies	Santana, M.C.	Web

STUDY ABROAD

Summer 2014

“Women in Spain: Understanding Current Trends”

(In the costal town of Nerja, Spain)

Spain has 10 thousand years of history at the foot of Europe and a crossroad to Africa, at only 90 Km away-- Andalucía is an example of a diverse and complex culture full of traditions between Christians, Jews and Muslims.

Gender is mysterious and powerful in Spain, supported by progressive definitions on sexuality and legal same sex unions. We will partner with Nerja School of Language and with the city of Nerja’s Women’s Program to understand in their native tongue women’s issues such as violence against women and sexual abuse.

Nerja is a beach, small-white Spanish village full of opportunities to immerse yourself in Spanish and with Spaniards.



Nerja , Spain is in the Costa del Sol region of Málaga, 30 miles from Africa.

Community Partners:

Centro Municipal de La Mujer (Municipal Women’s Center)
Director Mercedes Fuentes and Legal Advocates.

Both experts on Domestic Violence, legal aid to women offering representation and shelter as well as mental health wellness. We will visit the center and work with them on translation (Spanish/English) for their foreign population clients.



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“OCTOBER Hispanic Month with HASA”

Panel “Behold!: THE LATINA WOMAN”

Tuesday, October 15, 12:00-1:15 PM

Burnett Honors College Room 126

Come for this candid discussion with students and faculty about identity building “the Latin way” on how to navigate intergenerational relationships, language barrier and acculturation. (All welcome!)

International Fair

**“2014 WOMEN’S STUDIES Spain STUDY ABROAD”
(June 2014)**

Come and learn about the brand-new Women’s Studies SPAIN program on *Women in Spain: Past and Current Trends*. Earn up to 3 credits of WST elective for your undergraduate education. Students will reside on the costal town of Nerja for two weeks. No Spanish level is required. Contact Dr. M. C. Santana at Santana@ucf.edu for more details.

“To Your Health Tuesdays”

This series offered by the *Florida School of Holistic Living*, a women's health series which empowers, inspires, and connects women in our community and holds a safe space for discussing our health. It is our third year holding this event for our community.

The center is also looking for students who are seeking service learning or internship opportunities for the Fall. They have many opportunities that women can be involved in to support and implement this program.

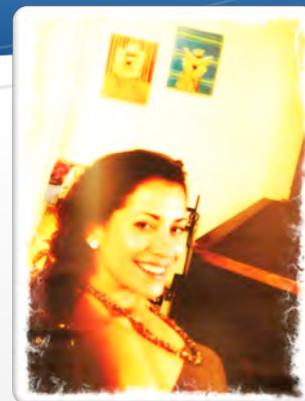
PLEASE CONTACT

Emily Ruff, Herbalist

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“Women and Leadership: A Global Perspective”

An event by Global Perspective Office featuring MTV producer Shannon Fitzgerald on taking success to the next



Congratulations!

Leandra Preston-Sidler

Prof. Leandra Preston-Sidler our Regional campus connection defended her oral Ph.D. exams last summer with the Text & Technology program.

Stay connected to hear about her dissertation “*Watch Me Disappear: Gendered Bodies, Pro-Anorexia, and Self-Injury in Virtual Communities*”

Director: Dr. Melody A. Bowdon

Committee members: Dr. J. Blake Scott, Dr. Martha Marinara, Dr. Maran Fragala

The use of the internet to foster particular categories of material bodies, such as the anorexic, the fitness buff, or the self-injurer, has taken on new life and gained substantial visibility due in part to the proliferation of visual imagery presented through social networks. Utilizing Donna Haraway’s cyborg theory, feminist poststructural analysis, and the notion of augmented reality, this project will explore how individuals rely on social networks, images, and technologies to modify and maintain specific gendered bodies.

Meet Prof. Meredith Tweed

Meredith Tweed joined Women's Studies as an Instructor in 2011 but she has been part of the core of our program since 2005, finishing her Gender Certificate and her Masters in English on 2007.

She is an important part of our program, teaching online and also Face-to-Face. She teaches many courses such as WST3371 *Women and Leadership*; WST3460 *Women, Race and Struggle*; WST 4002 *Research in Women and Gender*; WST 4021 *Girls and Leadership*; WST4415 *Global and Transnational Feminism* and WST3015 *Introduction to Women's Studies*.

Meredith is the never-ending reader and a savvy intellectual. Among many academic books, she finds time to always keep current. We fond her reading a blog at Mom'sRising.org on secret toxics in household items such as Windex & Pledge at

<http://www.momsrising.org/blog/secret-toxic-chemicals-in-glade-windex-pledge/>

You can reach her at Meredith.Tweed@ucf.edu



"I love teaching Women's Studies because the students teach me as much as I teach them. They keep me really cool! They keep me relevant.

They expand my set of limited experiences as a white middle-class woman and show me new ways to see race, social class and sexuality"

Get Service-Learning Credit and Become a Mentor!

Young Women Leaders Program (YWLP) Young Men's Leadership Program (YMLP)

YWLP and YMLP are beginning another great semester of UCF students working with 7th grade students in Seminole County middle schools on issues of leadership, empowerment, and critical thinking skills.

Applications for volunteers are still being accepted. If any registered UCF students between the ages of 18 and 29 would like to become involved, please email Emily Vrotsos, Program Coordinator, at evrotsos@knights.ucf.edu

Our mentoring programs are sponsored by UCF's Women's Studies Program and operate within four Seminole County middle schools:

Lawton Chiles Middle School - Oviedo
Milwee Middle School - Longwood
South Seminole Middle School - Casselberry
Tuskawilla Middle School - Oviedo