Welcome back!

I want to wish all our colleagues and students a hearty welcome back to a new and exciting semester for our Women's and Gender Studies Program. Our WGS Program staff is eager and ready to bring their energy, commitment and expertise once again this year to women's and gender issues.

I hope this newsletter will be one of your "go to" places to find out about women's and gender studies events, academic speakers and general information about gender happenings on our campus.

We hope to partner with the wonderful other programs that support the growth and opportunities for all men and women on our campus.

Please be sure to send us any women's and gender studies information you happen to find and anything you think our WGS newsletter community would like to hear about.

I want to personally thank our WGS staff, Emma McFawn and Michelle Pernini, for their continued support and expertise that has made WGS thrive and move forward into the new academic year.

With best wishes to all, and have a great semester.

Sharlene Hesse-Biber, Ph.D.
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Director, Women’s and Gender Studies Program

Questions or comments?
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“Jane Gender”

Best of luck as we begin another academic year!
THE SKY IS THE LIMIT.
Black Masculinity and the War on Terror
Featuring Dr. Cynthia Young, English Professor and WGS Affiliate

“Black Ops: Black Masculinity and the War on Terror” argues that pop culture representations of black masculinity over the last ten years have worked to justify the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the larger US war on terror by paradoxically linking the civil rights movement and the larger history of US racial oppression to US Empire. Through an analysis of Colin Powell's 2003 testimony in front of the UN Security Council, the television show The Unit, and the rap album Live from Iraq produced by a veteran while serving in Iraq, the essay shows how the historic vulnerability of the black, male body to lynching and discrimination and the civil rights movement’s efforts to overcome that history have helped produce a popular imaginary in which the United States is both uniquely vulnerable to terrorist attack and omnipotent in the face of such attacks.

To read the complete interview with Professor Young, click here.

CALLING ALL GCWS FACULTY

Be a part of the Title IX Teach-In at Tufts University
SEEKING FACULTY PRESENTERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Have you or your students been involved in conversations about Title IX on your home campus? Does your research intersect with issues of sexual assault or campus discrimination as it relates to Title IX? Then we’d love to hear from you!

Presenters needed on following topics:
- **Beyond Title IX** (panel): Various perspectives on preventative measures in higher education, campus culture, and programming;
- **Trans* Student Rights and Title IX** (panel): A discussion on the limitations and possibilities for Title IX, specifically focusing on trans* student rights;
- **Roundtables**: Student narratives, chaplaincy, on-the-ground organizers represented

To get involved, contact Emily Bartlett at emily_k.bartlett@tufts.edu.
The UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION of Greater Boston presents:

Women’s Forum @ UNA-GB presents
A #BringBackOurGirls Series Event

WITH SUPPORT FROM

WGS staff will visit classes in the upcoming weeks to conduct a brief info session regarding our program and minor. Look for us in your classroom soon!

*Professors*
If you would like us to visit your class, please send a request to: gender@bc.edu.

THINK TANK:
JOIN THE DISCUSSION ON RACE, CLASS, GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND OTHER LOCAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES
SUNDAYS 7-8 PM
IN THE WRC (MCELROY 141)
QUESTIONS: WRC@BC.EDU
What is leadership?
What does it take to be a strong leader?

Saturday, September 13th, 2014
9:00-3:30
MIT Tang Center
2 Amherst St, Cambridge MA

Lunch + Snacks Included

For ticket information:
www.OPENNewEngland.wix.com/Rehnoma

Admission
Students: $20
Professionals: $50

OPEN New England is bringing together strong, dynamic, and versatile female leaders from various industries -- academia, healthcare, finance, technology, and entrepreneurship -- to unpack the crucial questions.

Rehnoma is open to all mid- and young professionals, both men and women.
Join Open-New England & PaksMIT for keynote presentations, interactive panel & discussion groups.

Key note speakers

Dr. Hina W. Chaudhry
Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of Cardiovascular Regenerative Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

Narjis Ali
CEO & President of Secure Solutions President of OPEN DC Chapter.

Asma Khalid
Reporter at WBUR News.

Dr. Taqeen Ahmed Chisty
Managing Principal at Analysis Group Inc.

Farah Hussain
Senior Marketing Manager at PayPal.

Shikha P. Barman
CEO & CTO at Integral Biosystems, LLC.

Dr. Fauzia Khan
Co-founder of Alere Analytics, and Chief Medical Officer at Connected Health.

Nawoona Miraj
Senior Global Director for Gamification & Employee Engagement at NTT DATA Inc.

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