HAPPY SUMMER!

MANY THANKS to all of our students, affiliated faculty, and community partners for your support, contributions, and collaboration with our program. We wish you a restful and relaxing break, and we look forward to continuing our exploration of women and gender topics with you in the Fall.

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We wish you all the best in your next steps.

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Congratulations to WGS Minor and graduating senior, Bethany Woodley, selected to receive the 2015 Women’s and Gender Studies Janet James Award. Each year, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program recognizes a distinguished student who exemplifies extensive involvement in issues in women’s and gender studies as well as academic achievement in WGS courses. The winner is awarded a $250 scholarship in addition to a signed copy of a faculty text, this year receiving Professor Hesse-Biber’s book, Feminist Research Practice.

Congratulations, Bethany, and thank you for your contribution to WGS throughout your academic career. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. (For a glimpse of Bethany’s work, see the abstract of her writing submission below!)

**Family Planning and Sexual Ethics in an Islamic Twenty-First Century**

The role and purpose of organized religion is necessarily nuanced for every person and might differ from one location to the next, depending on cultural norms and expectations as well. For some, religion is merely a means of education and a logical way to communicate the realities of such human experiences as love, faith, hope and charity. For others, religion functions as a moral compass of sorts that seeks to guide and help followers live more righteous and decent lives. Regardless of purpose, those who subscribe to essentially any version of organized religion are subject to instruction and the dissemination of religious advice on all sorts of issues and questions that relate to practices essential to living a wholesome life. This paper will attempt to explain just one of these many matters, primarily through the lens of one of the world’s most practiced monotheistic religions. That is, we shall examine the function of Islam in the realm of family planning for Muslim believers.
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