



Women's Studies Newsletter



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CORE WINTER COURSES

**Women's Action for
Social Change (WOME
2711)**

**Housewives, Radicals &
Gender Blenders
(WOME 3030)**

**Fat Studies: Politics of
Obesity (WOME 3111)**

**Feminist Engagement
with Law (WOME
3356)**

**Women, Crime and
Criminal Justice
(WOME 4010)**

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Women's Studies, Thunder Bay Campus

Welcome back!
I hope you enjoyed the break, and are refreshed and ready to hit the books, computers and classes once again!

The Department was busy in the Fall with teaching, research, and Committee work, and we look forward to another great term.

We hosted an exciting Speaker Series with talks from a number of eminent scholars. Our speaker series continues this term, with three more great presentations planned. For preliminary details, see the following pages! Everyone is welcome.

This year, the Helen Smith

Memorial Award, which provides funds to the top Women's Studies student in 1100 in the previous year, was a tie!

Congratulations to Valeria Panina and Rachel Ball for all their hard (and financially rewarding) work!

Majors students, watch your emails for an invitation to our January Meet and Greet, and everyone keep an eye out for our popular end-of-term event, *feminisms at the lakehead*, which draws together scholars and activists, and is co-organized with the GIC.

If you have any questions or concerns about classes, the program, or University

life in general, please contact me. I am always happy to make time to speak with students.

Dr. Jenny Roth

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Some Featured Classes

Women's Action for Social Change: Our popular second-year course tracks the history and current work of women seeking rights and social justice.

Fat Studies: Politics of Obesity: Explore how bodies that are labelled 'obese' are and become sites of cultural pressures, politics, and resistance.

Women, Crime and Criminal Justice: Female criminality often goes against assumed gender roles. How have society, judicial and correctional systems responded to women's crime? What role have women also



The Queen v. D(R)



**Check our website
for details of up-
coming speakers
and events!**

*If you are neutral
in situations of
injustice, you
have chosen the
side of the
oppressor.
~Desmond Tutu*



WOMEN'S STUDIES

Speaker Series: Winter 2015 Women & Law

In January, we kick off another term of our popular Speaker Series based on Women and the Law.

Our first speaker is Dr. Jenny Roth, who will share work co-authored with Dr. Lori Chambers, "'Open' speech: Finding anti-Islamophobic discourse in

the wake of *R. v. N.S.*"

"'Open' speech" seeks to find where the public responded with anti-Islamophobic arguments to the disturbing rhetoric used against veiled women in a Supreme Court Decision.

Other upcoming speakers include Dr. Jane Nicholas of our

Department in February who will present on "Child Freak Show Performers in the 20th Century", Dr. Curtis Fogel from Criminology in March, and possibly a surprise speaker event organized with Visual Arts towards the end of term!

We hope to see you !

Sexual Assault Task Force, Dr. Lori Chambers

Since its publication this summer, the University's Sexual Assault Task Force Report has received significant media attention.

Most reports, like those from *The Star*, *CBC*, *Cambridge Times* have been positive, while scant others,

like the *National Post* are less supportive.

What is clear, is that the ensuing University policy was long overdue.

As *The Star* reported, "only nine of 102 universities and colleges across Canada have ...

policies to deal with sexual assault."

Lakehead is one of them, thanks to the work of the Committee lead by Women's Studies' Dr. Lori Chambers.

Featured Student: Heather Cameron

Heather completed a Master's Specialization in Women's Studies after receiving the equivalent of a Joint Honour's in Women's Studies and Sociology in 2010, and a diploma in Aboriginal Law and Advocacy in 2005.

Since graduation, Heather has taught courses at Confederation College, including core courses in the Aboriginal Community Advocacy program. She has worked on research projects about Aboriginal Education and Training; planning and facilitating

conferences for First Nations youth; and curriculum development in Aboriginal Education.

Heather is thrilled to announce her new job, a position with the Ontario Native Women's Association as Research Coordinator, which starts this January.

Congratulations Heather!



Women's Studies Scholarships & Bursaries



Information from Student Awards & Financial Aid

HELEN SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD, Min. \$500

*The top WOME 1100 student who is a declared Women's Studies Major. You can add to your Major at any time via the Registrar.

No application is necessary. On Departmental recommendation.

MILLIE BARRETT MEMORIAL AWARD \$550

*Application available via Student Awards and Financial Aid

PEGGY TRIPP MEMORIAL WOMEN'S STUDIES STUDENT AWARD \$500

*Application available via Student Awards and Financial Aid

BURSARIES x2: Application and details available via Student Awards and Financial Aid



*Feminism is not a
dirty word. It does
not mean you hate
men, it does not
mean you hate girls
who have nice legs
and a tan, and it does
not mean you are a
bitch or a dyke, it
means that you
believe in equality.
~ Kate Nash*

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Gender Issues Centre (GIC)

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Multicultural Association

Aboriginal Students Association

Muslim Students Association

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