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# Women's Studies Newsletter



Core Winter Course
Offerings:

2114-Ecofeminism

3030—Theorizing

Equality: Housewives,

Radicals, and Gender-

Blenders

3118—Women, Food, and the Environment

3357—Law & Women's

Lives

4214—Regulating

Reproduction and Families

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## Women's Studies, Thunder Bay and Orillia

... a message from the Chair

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a relaxing and rejuvenating break. We did, and we're looking forward to the Winter Term.

A brief note that we are transitioning between Administrative Assistants, so please drop assignments with Instructors in person. We're hoping to have the main office open again by the end of January!

We have a number of exciting upcoming events and speakers this term, please watch your LU email and the Communications Bulletin for announcements.

If you are in first year, you will hear from me in January to follow up with you on your transition into University. For all other years, please don't hesitate to contact me for advice on your program, courses, or University life. Welcome back once again!





Film: Making Trouble, just one of our many upcoming Department events!

January 20 PACI Auditorium 7:00 pm



#### In Memoriam, Margaret Phillips

With sadness and respect, we remember Margaret Phillips, who passed away on November 4, 2015. Margaret was the owner of Canada's last women's Bookstore, and a driving force for both the Department's formation, and the local activist community in Thunder Bay.

Margaret was an important member of the Women's Studies Advisory Council, the group responsible for the Women's Studies program at Lakehead. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from LU in 2015 for her social justice work. She will be missed.



Margaret at her Honorary Doctoral Convocation

## Student Spotlight: Sunshine Sunshine

Congratulations to Sunshine, whose multi-media art piece was selected as part of the Juried Competition held at DefSup Art Gallery!

"body of knowledge" is a 9'x3' (variable) mixed media including oil, Tremclad and acrylic paint, tar paper, plastic, chalk, ink, glue, Pollyfila, edible air dry clay, wild caught mushrooms (dried edible, pickled edible, fresh picked, nonedible, psychotropic, and poisonous), leaves, dirt, sand, moss, twigs, pine needles and pine cones.

With her many mushrooms (both hand-picked and artist-created), Sunshine drew out the connections between intergenerational knowledge transmission and the effects of capitalism on women's role in our society.

"Women's Studies? What are you going to do with that?"

Our students get asked this a lot.

The answer is: Whatever you want, unless it's building bridges or rocket science: in which case, take Engineering. Our graduates become doctors, lawyers, teachers, police officers, overseas development workers, and much more.



Sunshine with "body of knowledge" at DefSup











#### Are you finishing your degree and considering Grad programs?

Women's Studies offers a Specialization with a number of Departments.

Our Grad students' work is interdisciplinary, innovative. We have one of the largest, and oldest, programs in the Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, and the highest number of successful funding applicants!

In short, a Specialization in Women's Studies helps you to find active, engaged, peers, whose work in many areas focuses on core issues of women's rights, lived experiences, and the construction and outcomes of gender.

For more information, contact Lori Chambers, our Graduate Coordinator, lchambe2@lakeheadu.ca





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Dr. Holly Morgan

Tuesdays, 12:30—2.00pm, Thursdays, 11.30—1.00pm, or by appointment

Dr. Jan Oakley

Wednesdays, 2:30—3:30pm, or by appointment

Dr. Jenny Roth, Chair

Thursdays, 1:00—2:00pm, or by appointment