

I. Administration and Personnel

A. Directorship

Sally McWilliams, Assoc. Prof. of English, served her second year of a three-year term.

B. Steering Committee

Nancy Carnevale (affiliated faculty, History) completed her two-year term. Dorothy Rogers (affiliated faculty, Philosophy) completed her one-year replacement term s did Yasemin Besen (affiliated faculty, Sociology). Emily Isaacs (affiliated faculty, English) and Julie Landweber (Women's Studies & History faculty) each have one year left in their two-year terms. Yasemin Besen was elected to a new two-year term along with Patricia Salzman (affiliated faculty, Classics/GenHum) and Ofelia Rodriguez-Sredniki (affiliated faculty, Psychology). Raul Galoppe (affiliated faculty, Spanish & Italian) has one year left in his two-year term as GLQS representative to the Committee.

C. GLBTQ Studies Program Coordinator

Raul Galoppe (affiliated faculty, Spanish & Italian) served his first year of a two-year term.

D. Tenured Faculty

The Board of Trustees granted Julia Landweber tenure in the History Department (with a 50% appointment in Women's Studies). Julie is the first tenured member of the Women's Studies Program.

E. Outreach Coordinator

As a direct result of the outcome of our Student-Faculty Undergraduate Research Project entitled "Women's Studies Outreach to Latinas at MSU" (see section IV), we hired an recent MSU Women's studies graduate to begin doing direct outreach to the Latina community at MSU. The Outreach Coordinator is meeting with Latina sororities and other student organizations to increase awareness and participation in Women's Studies.

II. Curriculum Development

A. Program at a Glance

The Women's Studies program graduated the following:

Aug. 2007 1 major, 1 WMST minor

Jan 2008 2 majors, 5 WMST minors

May 2008 1 major, 2 WMST minors, 0 GLQS minors

Seven new majors (3 of which are double majors), 8 new WMST minors, and 7 new GLQS minors declared during the academic year. Our program numbers now show 25 majors, 36 WMST minors, and 7 GLQS minors.

B. Program Development

1. Curriculum Workshop (Fall 2007) Based on an extensive discussion of the pros/cons of changing the name of the program from Women's Studies to Women's and Gender Studies, the workshop participants concluded that such a name change should be recommended to the full Women's Studies Advisory Board.
2. Name Change for Program : The full WMST Advisory Board voted to officially change the name of the program to Women's and Gender Studies. The name will go into effect Summer 2008.
3. GLBTQ Studies minor: The newly developed minor in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies was approved by the University and went into effect during Spring 2008.
4. GLQS200 Introduction to GLBTQ Studies: a newly developed course that is a required course for the GLBTQ Studies minor was approved and then offered Spring 2008. It was approved by the Gen Education Committee as a GenEd Social Science course.
5. Curriculum Retreat (Spring 2008): The focus of the spring retreat was to determine the impact of the change to WMGS on our required courses, plus better integrate the new GLBTQ Studies minor into the governance and curriculum of the WMGS program.
6. WMST302 Selected Topics: Ecofeminism. Professor Gloria Pierce (affiliated faculty, Counselling) taught for the first time a well-received course on ecofeminism. This course is an important subdiscipline of women's studies, and we hope to make it a permanent offering next year.

III. Programs, Projects, and Special Events

A. Events sponsored by Women's Studies (total attendees: 737)

1. Bodies in Bondage: Trafficking in Women and Girls, a 3-part lecture series

a) *"The Brothelization of Society: Raising Awareness about Human Slavery" with Esmilda Abreu, Director, Women's Center/Equity & Diversity Programs, MSU. Co-sponsors: The Women's Center; Justice Studies Dept. 10/4/07. 120 attendees.*

b) *"Justice for Women in Bondage" with Sr. Joanne Marie Aumand, Case Manager, Office of Human Trafficking, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. Co-sponsors: The Women's Center; Justice Studies Dept. 10/22/07. 85 attendees.*

c)

d) *"For a World Without Slavery: The Polaris Project" with Chiaki Nishijima, NJ Program Coordinator, The Polaris Project. Co-sponsors: The Women's Center; Justice Studies Dept. 11/7/08. 65 attendees.*

2. Women's Studies Fall Reception

"Women's Studies—Create Your Own Path" & "Celebrate the GLBTQ Studies Minor" 10/18/07. 120 attendees.

3. Women's Studies Career Night Roundtable

with Yasemin Besen-Cassino (Assistant Professor, Sociology & WMST affiliated faculty), Gloria Pierce (Professor, Counseling & WMST affiliated faculty), Rebecca King (Covenant House Coordinator), and Tanya Purdy (Peer Educator Coordinator). 10/24/07. 20 attendees.

4. "Are You a Friend? The 34 Million Friends of Women Around the World"

with Jane Roberts, 34 Million Friends of UNFPA. 10/29/07. 42 attendees.

5. "Forget the Glass Ceiling: Why We Need to Redesign the Building for Women and Men"

with Ellen Bravo, Professor of Women's Studies, University of Wisconsin. Co-sponsor: PCAA. 2/21/08. 65 attendees.

Women's History Month

(In)Secure Bodies: Gender, Sexuality, and Bodies in the Globalized World

6. "Passing on Billboard Liberation: Queerness, Disability, and the Foundation for a Better Life"

with Alison Kafer, Professor of Feminist Studies, Southwestern University. Co-sponsor: Student Development & Campus Life. 3/6/08. 110 attendees.

7. "Strange Times in Two Lands: The Politics of Writing in Iran and Publishing in the US"

with Nahid Mozaffari, editor of the *PEN Anthology of Contemporary Persian Literature*. Co-sponsors: Honors Program; History Dept. 3/13/08. 110 attendees.

8. Hidden Women: Rethinking Bodies and Gender, A ½-day Conference for Teachers

Co-sponsor: The Institute for the Humanities. 3/28/08.

a) "LUGS, BUGS, and Other Ways of Tweaking Teen Girls' Sexual Orientation" with Elizabeth Schroeder, Assistant Professor of Health and Nutrition Sciences.

b) "'Other' Women, 'Other' Centers: Feminism and Paradox in Present-day Argentina" with Raul Galoppe, Associate Professor of Spanish and Italian and WMST affiliated faculty.

c) "The Effects of Maternal Incarceration on the Family and Community" with Francine Raguso, Applied Learning Specialist, Department of Justice Studies.

B. Events sponsored by GLQS minor

1. Inaugural GLQS minor Lecture Series

a) "Sexual Citizenship" with Jyl Josephson, Professor of Political Science & Director of Women's Studies, Rutgers/Newark. 2/6/08. 35 attendees.

b) "Coming Out Narratives and Latinidad: The Pleasures of Silence" with Ben Sifuentes-Jauregui, Professor of American Studies, Rutgers/New Brunswick. Co-sponsors: Visiting Writers, English Dept; Latin American/Latino Studies Program. 2/25/08. 70 attendees.

c) "What We Talk About When We Talk About Queer Studies" with Sarah Chinn, Director of the Center for Lesbians and Gay Studies, CUNY. 3/31/08. 61 attendees.

2. MSU's Safe Space Program: 10 Years of Creating an Inclusive LGBTQ Community

Co-sponsor: Health Promotions; GLFSA. 4/15/08.

a) Safe Space Training with Marie Cascarano, Program Director of Health Promotions, and Sally McWilliams, Director of the Women's Studies Program.

b) "It's a Rainbow Flag for a Reason! Examining Diversity within the LGBTQ Community" with Jhon Velasco, Director of the Center for Non-Violence.

c) "Using 'Partner' Is Not Enough: Building a LGBTQ Inclusive Classroom" with Elizabeth Schroeder, Assistant Professor of Health and Nutrition Sciences.

IV. Other Program Achievements and Awards

A. Student Faculty Research Project, \$2000 grant

The Women's Studies Program received a grant from the University Research Committee to fund our project entitled "Womens' Studies Outreach to Latinas at MSU." Working in consultation with the WMST Director and Program Assistant, an

undergraduate student-researcher conducted focus groups; designed, disseminated, and compiled student surveys; and prepared an extensive summary of her findings regarding the effectiveness of the WMST program in recruiting majors/minors from the undergraduate Latina population at MSU. From her findings, the student-researcher presented a set of recommendations to the WMST Steering Committee regarding improved recruitment strategies, curriculum revision, and co-curricular activities. These recommendations will be discussed at the Spring curriculum retreat on May 16, 2008.

B. WMGS Book Award

Our fundraising efforts have allowed us to establish the Women's and Gender Studies Program (WMGS) book awards. The program will make three \$100 book awards annually to eligible WMGS students (e.g., WMGS major or double major, WMGS minor, and GLBTQ Studies minor). The awards are available to: a current WMGS major or WMGS minor with the highest overall grade point average as of the preceding fall semester; a GLQS minor with the highest overall grade point average as of the preceding fall semester; and a current WMGS major, WMGS minor or GLQS minor who shows the most promise as a feminist or GLBTQ activist (e.g. working with women in a transitional housing shelter, staffing a rape-crisis hotline, volunteering at a GLBTQ youth organization, organizing a rally on a key WMGS issue, etc). The awards will be given in the spring semester for the forthcoming fall semester; the awards will be in the form of MSU bookstore credit (to purchase only books).

C. Outstanding Achievements

1. Mid-Atlantic Women's Studies Association Conference. Penn State Abington. 3/29/08.

Four members of the MSU Women's Studies program presented a panel entitled "Creating and Created Feminist Subjects in the Classroom":

a) "No One Likes the Student Who Always Raises Her Hand," Johanna Jentz, WMST major

b) "Where Are My Sisters in Women's Studies? Reflections by a Working-Class Latina," Viviana Bernal, WMST graduate

c) "Interlocking Oppressions, Intersecting Positions of Pedagogical Resistance," Alicia Remolde, WMST Program Assistant & English Department Writing Tutor

d) "GLBTQ Studies: Is It Only Academic 'Candy' for College Credit?" Sally McWilliams, Director, WMST & Assoc. Professor, English

The session was very well-attended by conference attendees.

2. NJWGSC Undergraduate Research Colloquium.

MSU was represented at the 4th Annual New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Undergraduate Research Colloquium held at Drew University, 4/4/08, by the following students:

a) Viviana Bernal, WMST major, presented her research paper entitled "Latina Beauty vs American Beauty: Exploring Latinas' Body Image and Self-esteem in Relation to Contrasting Ideals of Beauty."

b) Kerry Connolly, English major, presented her essay entitled "No Satisfaction: The Search for a Sexual Identity in the Gothic Structure."

c) Lauren Simon, WMST/English majors, presented her essay entitled "If the Leader of the Free World Were a Feminist, How Would S/He Address the Issue of Pornography."

d) We had one student who received an honorable mention from the MSU competitor: Samantha Rodriguez, WMST minor, for her work entitled "Identity and Gender in the Artwork of Frida Kahlo."

The MSU faculty who judged the MSU submissions for the NJWGSC Undergraduate Research Colloquium were Kara Morillo (LALS), Jessica Restaino (English), and Patricia Salzman (Classics/GenHumanities).

3. MSU 2nd Annual CHSS/CSAM Research Symposium, May 3, 2008

a) Marisa Markowitz, WMST major, presented her research seminar paper entitled "Sexual Differentiation Underlying Philosophical Underpinnings."

b) Kristina Mirro, WMST minor, presented her essay written for her feminist theory course, "Absolutely 'Radical' Pornography."

Dorothy Rogers advised both of these students.

D. Other Activities

1. Certificate of Appreciation

The Women's Studies Program received a certificate of appreciation presented by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc..

2. Take Back the Night Rally, Spring 2008

Sally McWilliams, WMST Director, and Esmilda Abreu-Hornbostel, Equity &

Diversity/Women's Center Director, made remarks about the need to speak out against violence against women.

3. SOS Holiday Gift Drive

For the December 2007 holiday season, the Women's Studies Program organized a gift drive. All donations went to Shelter Our Sisters, which provides transitional living resources for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Various gifts (from a list of options) were donated as well as cash gifts and phone cards. The donations were collected from individuals across campus. By joining together with numerous individuals, families, groups, organizations, and businesses, Montclair State University helped provide presents and gifts to over 200 women and 400 children.

4. Advising Consortium

The Women's Studies Program participated in the majors' fairs and the Advising Consortium sponsored by the Center for Academic Advising & Adult Learning. The director will participate in the upcoming summer new student orientations.

5. New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium

MSU Women's Studies Program continues to be an active member in the NJ Women's and Gender Studies Consortium as evidenced by our participation in the annual student conference.

V. Activities of Administrative Units within Depts.

Not applicable

VI. Faculty Achievements

A. Scholarship

1. Books, chapters, articles and reviews.

Nancy Carnevale. "Lingua/Lenga'/Language: 'The Language Question' in the Life and Work of an Italian American Woman." *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies* 27.2 [Special Issue on Gender and Migration] (Winter 2007).

----- "Le monde à l'envers : représentations des femmes dans le langage du théâtre comique italo-américain" in Natacha Lillo, Philippe Rygiel (eds), *Images et représentations du genre en migration (mondes atlantiques, XIX-XXE siècle)*, *Actes de l'histoire de l'immigration* 7 (2007): 123-135.

- Yasemin Besen-Cassino.** Guest Editor "Special Issue on Young Men and Masculinities." *Journal of Men, Masculinities and Spirituality*. 2008.
- "The Study of Youth Labor: Shift toward a Subject-centered Approach." *Sociology Compass*. January 2008
- "Young Men, Religion and Attitudes towards Homosexuality." (with Gil Zicklin) *Journal of Men Masculinities and Spirituality*, 2008.
- "Cost of Being a Girl: Gender Wage Differentials in Teenage Employment." *National Women's Studies Association Journal (NWSAJ)* forthcoming summer 2008.
- "Is There an Information Society?" (with James B. Rule) *Theory & Society*. 2008.
- Elizabeth Del Alamo.** "Burials and Tombs" for *Women and Gender in Medieval Europe: An Encyclopedia*, eds. Thomas Izbicki, Susan Stuard, and Margaret Schaus, Routledge Encyclopedias of the Middle Ages, New York, Routledge.
- Monika Elbert, ed.** *Enterprising Youth: Social Values and Acculturation in 19th-Century American Children's Literature*. NY: Routledge, 2008.
- "Dying to be Heard: Morality and Aesthetics in Alcott and Hawthorne's *Tableaux Morts*," in *Death Becomes Her*. eds. Sheri Weinstein and Elizabeth Dill. (forthcoming by Cambridge Scholars Press)
- Raul Galoppe.** "Irregular Frames: Queering Argentine Cinema Decade by Decade." (Book-length manuscript. Data collected. One chapter completed.)
- "Forbidden Practices in Golden-Age Spanish Theater: How to Stage the Unspeakable." (Book-length manuscript. Data collected. One chapter completed.)
- "Body and Flesh: Paths of Aesthetic Desire in the Literary Bodies of Manuel Puig and María Elena Walsh." (Article completed.)
- Julie Landweber.** "Fashioning Nationality and Identity in the Eighteenth Century: The Comte de Bonneval in the Ottoman Empire," *The International History Review*, 30.1(March 2008): 1-31.
- "Was Sophie Germain Revolutionary? Reexamining the Education of an Early Female Mathematician," *2007 Selected Papers of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era*. [In press for 2008].
- Review of Amaury Faivre d'Arcier, *Les Oubliés de la Liberté: Négociants, consuls et missionnaires français au Levant pendant la Révolution (1784-1798)*, H-France Reviews [Forthcoming, 2008].
- Review of Barbara Ravelhofer, *The Early Stuart Masque: Dance, Costume, and Music* (Oxford, 2006), *Canadian Journal of History*, vol. 42, no. 3 (Winter, 2008).
- Patricia Matthew.** "Biography and Mary Wollstonecraft in *Adeline Mowbray and Valperga*" in *Women's Writing*. 14.2.(2007): 382-398.

- "The Job I Wanted to Get," *ADE Bulletin*. 143 (2007): 36-42.
- "Genre Shifts and Corporeal Lessons in Maria Edgeworth's *Belinda*." *Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies*. 4.1 (Sp 2008)
<http://www.ncgsjournal.com/issue41/issue41.htm>
- Co-author with Will Matthews. Screenplay: adaptation of Jane Austen's *Emma* with a black cast). Featured in a series in Los Angeles: "Emma Jones." New From NYU Screenplay Reading Series. Odyssey Theatre, Los Angeles, CA. October 2007 (Featured **Tichina Arnold** from "**Everybody Hates Chris**," Victor Williams from "The King of Queens" and Gary Anthony Williams from "Boston Legal.")

Gloria Pierce. Interview by Alicia Remolde. *MSU WMST Newsletter* 1.4 (Fall 2007): 2.

2. Presentations

- Raul Galoppe.** "Man's Wolf to Man: Queer Negotiations in Gustavo Postiglione's 'El asadito.'" *Latin American Cinema: Identity and Nation. NeMLA 2008 Convention*. Buffalo, New York. (April 10-13, 2008).
- "'Other' Women, 'Other' Centers: Feminism and Paradox in Present-day Argentina." *Hidden Women: Rethinking Bodies and Gender. College for the Humanities Conference*. Montclair State University. (March 28, 2008).
- *For the Bible Tells Me So*. Panel Presentation. *Women's Center*. Montclair State University. (March 26, 2008).
- "Man Does Not Live By Bread Alone: Queering the Argentine Macho in *El asadito* by Gustavo Postiglione." *Research Study Group*. Montclair State University (March 26, 2008).
- "Man Does Not Live By Bread Alone: Queering the Argentine Macho in *El asadito* by Ricardo Postiglione." *2007 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress*. Montreal, Canada. (September 5-8, 2007). Panel Organizer, Chair and Presenter.
- Laura Kramer.** annual meetings of AAAS in Boston in February. The symposium was: "*Looking Across the Ocean: Increasing Science and Engineering Women Faculty*" My presentation was "Challenges faced and best practices developed by ADVANCE in the US"
- Julie Landweber.** "Reconsidering the Life of French Mathematician Sophie Germain," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, MN, June 12-15, 2008.
- "Knocking at the Gates of the Academy of Science: A Female Mathematician in Revolutionary Paris," annual meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies, New Brunswick, NJ, April 11-13, 2008.

----- "Sophie Germain's Challenge: Acquiring a Mathematical Education in Eighteenth-Century France," 28th Annual Women's Studies Conference, SUNY New Paltz, October 6, 2007.

Sally McWilliams. *Safe Space Program: 10th Anniversary*, co-convener with Marie Cascarano, MSU, New Jersey, April 15, 2008.

----- "GLBTQ Studies: Is It More Than 'Academic Candy' for College Credit?" Mid-Atlantic Women's Studies Association, Annual Conference, Penn State at Abington, March 30, 2008.

----- *Hidden Women: Gender, Bodies, and Globalization* (half-day conference for High School Teachers), co-convener with the Institute for the Humanities, Montclair State University, New Jersey, March 28, 2008.

----- "Transformations: Journal of Inclusive Pedagogy and Scholarship, A roundtable discussion on teaching and scholarly practices," panelist, *What's Feminist About Feminist Pedagogy?*, 2nd Feminist Pedagogy Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, October 12, 2007.

----- "The Pedagogy of Using Small Groups in Content-based Teaching in English" invited lecture, East China Normal University, Shanghai, People's Republic of China, Aug. 20, 2007.

B. Grants, Contracts, and Awards

1. Faculty reappointed with Tenure

The following faculty holds a joint appointment with History and Women's Studies: Julie Landweber.

The following are faculty who are affiliated with Women's Studies:

Senta German (Classics/GenHum)	Patricia Matthew (English)
Wendy Nielson (English)	Deborah Fish Ragin (Psychology)

2. Faculty reappointed

The following are faculty who are affiliated with Women's Studies:

Amanda Birnbaum (Health & Nutrition)	Jessica Restaino (English)
Prudence Jones (Classics/GenHum)	Nancy Carnevale (History)
Patricia Salzman (Classics/GenHum)	Jessica Henry (Justice Studies)
Lisa Zilney (Justice Studies)	Yasemin Besen-Cassino (Sociology)

3. Grants

Yasemin Besen-Cassino. *MSU Career Development Grant* \$2000(awarded August 2007).

----- *MSU Development Grant* \$4000 (awarded 2007-2008).

----- *Luxembourg Income Study Projects, Summer Program* ((June-July 2007).

Julie Landweber. Funding applied for: National Science Foundation Standard Grant in the History and Philosophy of Science, Engineering and Technology. Project title: "Knocking at the Gates of Science in Napoleonic France: Rewriting the History of Sophie Germain." Grant requested to cover summer salary, undergraduate assistant, and associated research costs, for Jan.-Dec., 2009. Application submitted Feb. 1, 2008.

C. Professional Distinctions

Yasemin Besen-Cassino. CHSS Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching. MSU. April 2008.

----- Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching & Learning. MSU. 2007-08.

Laura Kramer. elected Deputy Treasurer of the Sociologists for Women in Society (this is a two -year term, after which I become Treasurer of the organization).

----- Program Director of the ADVANCE Program at the National Science Foundation. (ADVANCE: Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers).

Sally McWilliams. Co-chair, New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium.

D. Community Outreach and Service to MSU

Yasemin Besen-Cassino. Women's Studies Steering Committee, 2006-2008. Women's Studies Advisory Board, on-going.

Raul Galoppe. Women's Studies Steering Committee, 2007-2009.

----- Latin American/Latino Studies Advisory Board member, 2007-ongoing.

Julie Landweber. Women's Studies Steering Committee, 2007-2009. Women's Studies Advisory Board, on-going.

Sally McWilliams. Invited speaker to President's Commission on Affirmative Action. "The New GLBTQ Studies Minor." MSU, December 2007.

Alyce Miller. Chair. *Critical Health Issues: Taking Command of Women's Health*, Women's Department, United Jewish Communities of MetroWest NJ, Feb. 7, 2008. 400 attendees.

Gloria Pierce. Invited Panel participant: Women's Studies Career Night Roundtable, 10/24/07.

Dorothy Rogers. Faculty mentor for Marissa Markowitz's and Kristina Mirro's presentations at the 2nd Annual CHSS/CSPAM Student Research Symposium, May 3, 2008.

E. Curriculum Initiatives

Jessica Henry. JUST 319 Hate Crimes course included in new GLBTQ Studies minor. ----- Invited Speaker. Take Your Daughter to Work event.

Julie Landweber. Taught WMST402 Research Seminar in Women's Studies (Sp08). Included public presentation of research projects in the course requirements.

Sally McWilliams. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies Minor (18 credits). Interdisciplinary Undergraduate minor. Chaired curriculum committee and oversaw all aspects of the development and implementation of the minor. Established Spring 2008.

----- WMGS303 Global Feminisms. Researched, updated, revised, and taught course. Course is now a required course for the WMGS major.

Gloria Pierce. WMST302 Ecofeminism. Newly developed and offered course for Women's Studies majors and minors.