Race matters. In the wake of the racialized responses to President Obama's administration, Islamophobia, re-emerging Orientalism, immigrant policing, and the perpetuation of poverty in our global communities of color, we call you to join us in a conversation about race, resistance and reason.

This conference seeks to explore and problematize race, resistance and reason globally and at the level of lived experience. Participants are invited to share scholarship and articulations of the tensions between: the consequences of a racialized body, a strong political identity that is tied to race, and the tensions that are experienced at the intersections of race, gender, sex, orientation, class, and ability. Equally important, we hope that this conference will serve as a space to think about the resistances to hegemonic categorization, naming, and normative ideas of reason and thought that we know are inheritances of race and racialized, gendered bodies.

Professor Noelle Chaddock Paley and Dr. Kate Coffey are the conference co-chairs. The complete call for papers can be located at http://www2.cortland.edu/centers/CGIS/call-for-papers.dot. For more information, send your inquiry to RaceResistanceReason@cortland.edu.

LGBTQ Committee welcomes Aimee Greeley as the new Co-Chair

Please welcome Aimee E. Greeley as the new Co-Chair for the LGBTQ Committee.

This semester has been a busy one for LGBTQ. Events sponsored by LGBTQ already this semester include:

- Silent protest of preacher man in front of Corey Union
- Speaker TJ Leyden talk entitled “Turning Away From Hate”
- Wellness Wednesday presented by Kate Coffey, “Someone you know is gay. Does it really Matter?”
- Participated in the Inclusive Language Initiative on October 7, 2010
- Kate Coffey and Laura Campbell presented on homophobia and heterosexism at the “Girlhood Conference,” October, 2010.
- Kate Coffey was a guest speaker in a core 101 class, speaking on Sexism and Heterosexism

LGBTQ is also busy planning additional events. A campus wide campaign to discourage hate speech is being worked on. In addition, they are working with the “Oliver Button Project”
CGIS Welcomes Dorothea (Dottie) Kreig Allen Fowler ‘52M’74

CGIS welcomes Dorothea (Dottie) Kreig Allen Fowler ‘52M’74 as a member of its newly formed Alumni and Community Advisory Board. As a prominent alumna, friend of the College, and strong advocate of equity and social justice, Dottie will help guide CGIS in furthering its mission. As the first female chair of the College Council (2006-2010) and as vice chair (1997-2001) she has made an indelible stamp on SUNY Cortland. Her distinguished record includes service on the College Council’s Executive Committee, the SUNY Cortland Coalition, the Facilities Naming Committee, the College-Community Appreciation Award Committee, the Presidential Search Committee, and membership on the Cortland College Foundation Board of Directors (1998-2002). She was most recently honored on October 1, 2010 with the naming of the Old Main Grand Entrance Hall for her generous philanthropy to SUNY Cortland.

From her roots as an exemplary teacher in the Cortland and Homer school districts, along with her experiences as the past owner and CEO of R.H. Fowler company in Cortland, she has continued to improve the lives and well-being of others. Her contributions are felt throughout the county through her service as past president of the Cortland Repertory Theatre and member of its Board of Directors since 1988, and as a member of the Cortland Breakfast Rotary, the Syracuse Symphony Board of Directors, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the YWCA Board of Directors, SPCA special projects, among other community organizations.

Those close to Dottie describe her as a sage advisor willing to share her insights, imagination and leadership acumen to help others in reaching their goals. She has an uncanny ability to inspire others to action, resulting in developing a shared purpose for improving Cortland’s broader community. CGIS is honored to welcome Dottie to the CGIS Alumni and Community Advisory Board.

Call for Black History Month Presentation, February, 2011

The African Studies Department would like to invite you to submit a proposal for presentation for Black History Month, February, 2011. Please forward your title, a brief abstract and the date and time you prefer to present by December 20, 2010 to Dr. Seth N. Asumah, Chair, African Studies. This is a good time to showcase your scholarly work, creative activity, or interest in/for Africa, the African Diaspora, and the Black experience in the United States. Sandwich Seminars are held on Wednesdays 12:30-1:30, and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. We can also plan some evening events. Let’s continue the tradition of making February a meaning month of life-affirming events, history, reflections, and possibilities. We look forward to receiving your proposal.

For more information regarding next year’s Black History Month, contact Dr. Seth Asumah at seth.asumah@cortland.edu.
Henry Steck, Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science, has been awarded the inaugural SUNY Cortland International Award in recognition of his exemplary commitment and contributions to international education. The Clark Center Council selected Dr. Steck based upon the breadth of his work with international students, visiting scholars, partnership development, curriculum and success with grant development. Dr. Steck’s commitment and insight made significant contributions to internationalization of our campus. In addition to his own work, he is a supportive and insightful colleagues always supporting any effort on campus that will help the campus expand its global perspective.

At the award presentation, Dr. Steck was also lauded for his personal dedication. His warmth and generosity have helped welcome and sustain international visitors and he has served as an excellent ambassador for SUNY Cortland around the world. It is the combination of his excellent scholarly and professional achievements and his personal commitment that are being recognized by this award.

Dawn Van Hall, Coordinator of the Central New York Native American Studies Consortium, and Co-Coordinator of the Native American Studies Minor Program at Cortland, has been instrumental in the development of an outstanding Native American film collection in the SUNY Cortland Memorial Library which she began about fifteen years ago. Thanks to her continued research, consultations with fellow media specialists across the USA and Canada, and her colleagues at Cortland and throughout the Native American community, and her continued efforts to raise funds to arrange for speakers to augment our annual Native American Film Series (during the month of November), the collection has become a comprehensive representation of the genre. Many times we have been fortunate to have speakers (e.g., film directors) who come because they like and admire Dawn and recognize her efforts to provide the best for the students at Cortland and throughout the Central New York region. She is very highly regarded by all of those of us who work with her throughout the Consortium and who have the pleasure to participate with her in the Native American Studies Program at Cortland.

A Taste of the World

The Taste of the World event on November, 11, 2010 featured a delectable banquet and fascinating cultural performances including Latin American Dance, Indian dance, Middle Eastern belly dance, Latín American singing, Korean martial arts, and African dance. The event was very successful, attended by more than 120 students and faculty coming from SUNY Cortland, Cornell, and the Cortland community.

Native American Film Series

**All films have been deposited at Memorial Library**

October 26, 2010, “Reel Injun”
November 2, 2010, “The Only Good Indian”
November 9, 2010, “Dancing on Mother Earth, A Year in the Life of Joanne Shenandoah”
November 16, 2010, “Boarding School, Our Spirits Don’t Speak English”
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Fall Women’s Wellness Retreat, October 1-3, 2010
by Toni Hodge, Sociology and Philosophy, 2011

The Women’s Wellness Retreat to Racquette Lake was a wonderful experience. A few girls from the Leadership House, Vanessa Cruz, Toni Hodge, Yannett Lueberes, Nina Mann, and Stephanie Zapata, were able to be a part of this retreat. We were able to enjoy rowing ourselves on a kayak across a beautiful lake on a sunny fall day. We were enlightened by our professors on issues involved with the environment, which encouraged us to begin planning for an Environmental Conference in March, 2011. Overall, this experience helped us to harmonize within, as women in today’s society. We gained knowledge on many natural remedies and approaches in handling obstacle that we face as human beings in the universe. As leaders we plan to embrace these new ideas and spread our insight.

Editors’ note: Funding for the participation of the women from the Leadership House was made possible by a Congressionally-directed grant, “Building community Leaders,” administered through the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education. We thank Dr. Richard Kendrick, Director of the Institute for Civic Engagement, for his generous assistance. CGIS also acknowledges the support from the Athletics Department and scholarship donations from Dr. Sheila Cohen (Literacy), Stacey Goldyn-Moller (Alumni Affairs), Dr. Lin Lin (Childhood and Early Childhood), Dr Kathryn Russell (Philosophy), and an anonymous donor. We also thank the staff of the Alumni Affairs Office, especially Stacey Goldyn-Moller, Executive Director, as well as Nick Koziol, Associate Director, who designed the online brochure, and Nabila Khazakka, Secretary, who collected registrations.

Having fun while working hard on the challenge course from left to right are: Susan Griesche, Mecke Nagel, Toni Hodge, Stephanie Plude, Stephanie Zapata, Mairead Fogarty, Krystle Caggiano, and Nina Mann

About the Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies
With a board of 27 faculty members and 8 committees drawing about 90 faculty and staff members, CGIS has recast itself with a strong academic and scholarly mission. Within the last year, board members published seven books, received external grants, college research awards and served as program reviewers for Africana and/or Gender Studies departments at Brooklyn College, SUNY New Paltz, and Purchase College. CGIS supports two academic, peer-reviewed online journals (Wagadu and Social Advocacy & Systems Change); Wagadu (Wagadu.org) published Dr. Kathy Kramer’s edition, “The global flaneuse” (Vol.7, 2009) and Dr. Caroline Kaltefleiter & Dr. Nina Zimnik, “Pics and politics: Women’s film and media” (Vol.8, 2010, forthcoming). SASC’s journal can be viewed at http://cortland.edu/ids/sasc/index.htm.