Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies

About the Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies

The mission of the Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies (CGIS) is to foster and develop equity and respect for social, racial, ethnic, cultural, economic, sexual orientation and environmental justice and diversity within the campus and larger community. The Center educates about systems of oppression and discrimination, and strives to enable mutual respect and understanding of cultures and underrepresented groups. The Center focuses on the development of diversity across the curriculum; the promotion of research; the facilitation of student, staff and faculty development; and the recommendation of policy.

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Latino-Latin American Studies Committee Fall 2011 Events

The official “Hispanic Heritage Month” is Sept. 15-Oct. 15, timed to overlap with the independence days celebrated by several Latin American countries. But Latin American and U.S. Latino history, culture, and issues should be recognized all year long. Here’s a start! Events are free and open to all.

STUDY IN LATIN AMERICA! An INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE with representatives from three exciting programs and from the College’s study abroad advising was held on FRIDAY, SEPT. 9, from 1-2 p.m. in the CGIS Office.

SANDWICH SEMINARS ~ Held in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge

- SEPT. 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
SEBASTIAN PURCELL, Philosophy
“What is the Transmodern Condition? Reflections on Globalization and Latin America”

- THU. SEPT. 29, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
UTE RITZ-DEUTCH, History
“Latino Immigration to the United States and the Controversy Regarding the Secure Communities Program”

- SAT. OCT. 15, 1:30 p.m.
ROBERT RIGHTMIRE ’66
Cortland Post Office, 88 Main St. Cortland ~ “Bring your own chair” to the Post Office lobby

How did the Mexican muralist movement of the 1920s-1930s shape a Cortland community landmark? Come find out about the fascinating artist who was the first woman to receive a mural landmark?

- WED. SEPT. 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
DR. GIGI PETERSON, Coordinator, LLAS
“Behind the Times: Latin America and the Controversy Regarding the Secure Communities Program”

Collaboration:
FROM MEXICO TO CORTLAND: THE WORK OF RYAH LUDINS

- WED. OCT. 5, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
RICHARD HUNTER, Geography
“Searching for Clues: Historical Environmental Transformations in Central Mexico”

- WED. OCT. 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
SUSANA DAVIDENKO, Childhood/Early Childhood Education
“What do we mean by ‘Culturally Relevant’ teaching? Lessons Learned from the Children of the Mayan Village of Santa Avelina”

~Dr. Gigi Peterson, Coordinator, LLAS
This past spring, the “I Don’t Tolerate HATE” initiative started again. Now the stickers are in! Pick up your own “I Don’t Tolerate HATE” sticker and support the “I Don’t Tolerate HATE” initiative! Stickers can be found at the following other upcoming events. Keep your eye out for the rainbow sticker.

The LGBTQ Faculty Committee has several events this fall semester. Oct. 12: Wellness Wednesday: “Someone You Know is Gay: Does It Really Matter?” Dr. Kathryn Coffey, Aimee E. Greeley, and a panel of faculty, students, and community members discuss how an increase in LGBTQ awareness and understanding impacts everyone.

Nov. 9: Wellness Wednesday: “BEing Civil is all about BEing Human: LGBTQ and Communities of Color” an open dialogue, led by Noelle Chaddock Paley, Director, Multicultural Life and Diversity and a panel of speakers. The Syracuse Gay & Lesbian Chorus will be performing in Brown Auditorium on the evening of Nov. 14.

The LGBTQ Faculty Committee welcomes all faculty, staff, and students to attend, support and spread the word that hate will not be tolerated.

--Dr. Laura Campbell and Dr. Kate Coffey, Co-chairs, LGBTQ

A Reception for All Faculty and Professional Staff

A Wine and Cheese Reception with a special focus on Transformational Education will be held at Main Street SUNY Cortland (across from the Community Restaurant) on Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, from 3 - 5 p.m.

Come and learn from faculty how you can work toward tenure and promotion by integrating teaching, scholarship, and service. New faculty and staff are particularly invited to join us. Get involved in our campus groups and activities early in your career. Seek out mentors across campus and disciplines.

Co-sponsors: Institute for Disability Studies (IDS); Institute for Civic Engagement (ICE); Center for Ethics, Peace, and Social Justice (CEPS); Multicultural Life and Diversity Office; Clark Center for International Education; Multicultural Council; Women’s Initiative; International Women’s Caucus; and TransAfrica Project.

From the Director’s Desk

I want to express my thanks to our dedicated Center Board which has helped chart an exciting direction for CGIS over the past three years of my tenure as Director. We celebrate the achievement of two national and internationally held conferences on “Succeeding as Women in Higher Education” and “Reimagining Girlhood” with collected volumes of the best papers forthcoming.

Our open access journal Wagadu has received international acclaim, having achieved highly ranked status among gender studies journals by European and Australian accrediting agencies. Syracuse University invited us to give a talk on the merits of open access, because it does not house a journal of similar quality. A best kept secret—Wagadu is available in book form. This year we published our special volumes on global flanerie (Dr. Kathy Kramer, Art and Art History) and on myths about sexworkers (Dr. Susan Dewey, University of Wyoming) with Xlibris Press. Copies of these books and of previous special editions are available at our Interdisciplinary Center in Old Main, Room 122.

We are fortunate to work with a dedicated staff member, Susan Stout, who also works for Interim Director Sharon Steadman, Clark Center for International Education and Program Director Arnold Talentino, Program Director, Honors Program. We thank Provost Mark Prus and the President’s Cabinet for making this arrangement possible.

Also I am pleased to announce that Dr. Wendy Hurley (Kinesiology and Co-chair, Budget Committee) is joining us this academic year in a new role as Associate Director. We look forward to working with our new faculty and professional staff members who have joined our community. Feel free to stop by our office and join some of our events or committees if you are interested in intercultural studies, gender equity, and environmental justice.

It is gratifying to see that new faculty Dr. Sebastian Purcell (Philosophy) and Dr. Richard Hunter (Geography) have already agreed to give talks for the Fall 2011 Latino and Latin American Sandwich Seminars. A big thank you to Dr. Gigi Peterson (History and Latin and Latin American Studies Coordinator) for organizing the series.

Finally, I wish to report that we had a fabulous inaugural Advisory Board retreat with engaged alumni, community members, and Center Board members in June 2011. This Fall we will work on the implementation of the vision articulated and will revisit it in December with Board members in person and via Skype so that our California and Kenyan-based alumni can join us.

--Dr. Mecke Nagel, Director