



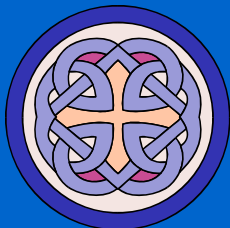
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DigitalCommons@UConn: Got research?



Opportunity! Help to spread the word about the fine research being done in the University of Connecticut's **Women's Studies** Program.

[DigitalCommons@UConn](http://digitalcommons.uconn.edu/) is our new Institutional Repository (IR). <<http://digitalcommons.uconn.edu/>>

IRs are excellent vehicles for displaying working papers or copies of published articles and conference papers. Presentations, senior honors theses, and other works not published elsewhere can also be included in the IR. If you hold the copyright, you can publish your work.

Google indexes all items held in the Digital Commons so retrieval is easy and distribution is widespread. Also, if your work falls under several disciplines – say Women's Studies and Sociology – it can be posted to both communities.

To get a better idea of the purpose of IRs, read "[*Institutional Repositories: Essential Infrastructure for Scholarship in the Digital Age*](#)", by Clifford A. Lynch, Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information. ARL Bimonthly Report 226, February 2003. <http://www.arl.org/newsltr/226/ir.html>

If you have items you would like to post to the repository, contact me or the folks listed in the Digital Commons web site. Let's trumpet our scholarly achievements!

Changing Online Resources



Document Delivery/Interlibrary Loan

Recommendation: Use **WorldCat** (instead of BLC) for your ILL book requests. It automatically requests from BLC libraries first. Equally quick turnaround.

WorldCat contains over 60 million records describing material cataloged by OCLC member libraries around the world so you are more assured of finding your needed material in the first place you look. It catalogues books, manuscripts, videos, sound recordings, periodicals, maps, newspapers, musical scores, and computer programs.

From the library homepage (<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/>), click on "Online

WS Library Web Tools

WS Journals list

Link directly to our full text holdings of over 200 journals related to Women's Studies research.

Databases for WS

A short list of the best databases to use

Scholarly Collections on the Web

These are top notch Web research sites. More primary sources for your students.

Course Web pages

See links at right →




"That which you inherit from your fathers

You must earn in order to possess."

--Goethe

From our mothers as well.

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Resources," then click on "WorldCat." Search for your book (or video!) and click on the Interlibrary Loan button: . Enter your contact information in the form and submit your request! WorldCat automatically fills in the bibliographic information you need to speed your ILL request unmediated into our ILL delivery network. You are usually notified by email when your title arrives.

Request a Course Web site



Are your students using Google as their most definitive research resource for their important assignments? Do their eyes glaze over when you tell them to use library resources? Is the quality of the materials your students use diminishing the quality of their thinking?

Take a look at a pathfinder created for Molly Horan's [Gender in Global Perspective](#) semester project. Or a research guide created for [Gender in Everyday Life](#) for Margaret Robinson's class. These online guides are developed specifically to support the research needs of your assignments.

If you are expecting your students to do some quality research for your class, contact me a few weeks in advance and I can put together a guide to meet the requirements of the assignment. A library session can also be scheduled to give your students a jump start on their research and a clearer understanding from you on the expectations. Contact me.

New Acquisitions: Videos

With the money left over from the previous year, here are some of the newest video arrivals:

Black Women, Sexual Politics And Revolution – On Order
Children Underground -- Documents a year in the lives of five homeless Romanian children, homeless in part as the result of the policies of deposed Communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu, who make their home in a subway station in Bucharest.

The Day I Will Never Forget -- This film examines the practice of female genital mutilation in Kenya and the pioneering African women who are bravely reversing the tradition. Women speak candidly about the practice and explain its cultural significance within Kenyan society. From gripping testimonials by young women who share the painful aftermath of their trauma to interviews with elderly matriarchs who stubbornly stand behind the practice, the filmmaker paints a complex portrait of the current polemics and conflicts that have allowed this procedure to exist well into modern times.

God Sleeps in Rwanda -- Five women struggle to rebuild their lives and redefine women's roles in a country torn apart by war.

Highway Courtesans -- Filmed in Central India from 1995 to 2004 where the eldest daughters in the Bachara community work as highway prostitutes to support their families.

In the Morning – Set in Turkey. Honor killings. "In this daring short drama which is based on a true story, a young woman is brutally attacked, and the responsibility of restoring her family's lost honor is left in the hands of her younger brother: a 13 year-old boy"--www.wmm.com.

Keep Not Silent - Ortho-Dykes -- Documents the lives of three Ortho-Dykes, lesbians living, with varying degrees of anonymity, with the Orthodox population of Jerusalem. Miriam-Esther is married and keeps her desires completely hidden from her husband and children; Ruth lives a double life,

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alternating nights between her girlfriend and her completely aware husband; and Yehudit lives openly with her partner despite her rabbi father's disapproval.

Love, honour & disobey -- "...reveals the issues around domestic violence in Britain's black and ethnic minority communities through the eyes of the Southall Black Sisters, a small group of women who have been working to combat abuse for more than 25 years."

One Drop Rule -- Explores the recurring and divisive issue in African American communities of skin color. The film inter-cuts intimate interviews with darker skinned African Americans, lighter skinned African Americans and inter-racial children of black and white parents. It investigates the sensitive topic of color consciousness within the African American community with great tact and a clear commitment to healing divisions.

The Peacekeepers and the Women -- "Winner of the Arte-Documentary Award for Best German Documentary, this chilling investigation examines the booming sex-trafficking industry in Bosnia and Kosovo, and boldly explores the disturbing role of the UN peacekeeping forces and the local military in perpetuating this tragic situation."--Distributor's website.

Sentenced to Marriage -- For two years the film follows the Kafkaesque struggle of Tamara, Michelle and Rachel - three young women doing all that is possible to obtain a divorce from the Rabbinical Courts, which hold that the husband must grant the divorce willingly. They are aided by a group of female orthodox rabbinical advocates.

Warrior Marks -- Documentary about female genital mutilation in Africa. Includes interviews with victims, activists against female circumcision, and circumcisers.

Women in Struggle -- A film about Palestinian women ex-detainees speaking about their experiences during their years of imprisonment in Israeli jails. They also discuss how difficult their daily life is in the current Palestinian Intifada.

Yesterday -- After falling ill, Yesterday learns that she is HIV positive. With her husband in denial and a young daughter to tend to, Yesterday's one goal is to live long enough to see her child go to school. Set against the awesome, harsh landscapes of South Africa.

Focus on: Dodd Center WS Periodicals



Don't forget about the Dodd Center when you or your students are researching women's issues. Here are some of their titles. For complete information, search HOMER, or use the [Women's Studies Journals](#) directory.

Bi women: the newsletter of the Boston Bisexual Women's Network. Many issues between 1986 and 1994

Calyx. Publishes literature and art by women of all ages, races, classes, and political persuasions. Committed to publishing work of artistic, literary, social and feminist integrity. 1979 – current (some missing)

Camera Obscura: a journal of feminism and film theory 1980 – 2005

Emma (in German) A bi-monthly feminist magazine founded in 1977, is the only political magazine completely run by women in Europe. 1985 – current.

Feminist Bookstore News 1982 - 2000

Feminist Issues Devoted to feminist social and political analysis, with emphasis on an international exchange of ideas. 1980 – 1997 continued by *Gender Issues*

Feminist Teacher A peer-reviewed journal, Feminist Teacher , provides discussions about how to fight sexism, racism, homophobia, and other forms of oppression in our classrooms and in the institutions in which we work. 1990 - 2006 (some missing)

Fireweed: a feminist quarterly of writing, politics, art & culture (Toronto) 1979 – 2003 (ceased)

Gender Issues. Devoted to feminist social and political analysis, with emphasis on an international exchange of ideas. 1998 - current

Hecate: an interdisciplinary journal of women's liberation Australia. Offers perspectives on the status of women from socialist and women's liberation standpoints. 1978:Feb., 1984-1985, 1987-

Hurricane Alice. Feminist review of culture. 1982-2001

Kalliope Women Artists. 1979:04/07, 1981:01-1982:04/07, 1984:02-

Lesbian Connection. Free worldwide forum of news and ideas for, by, and about lesbians. 1974 - current

Lesbian Contradiction: a journal of irreverent feminism. 1982 - current

Lesbian Herstory Archives Newsletter. Contains archives' research projects, activities, bibliographies, and other documentation on the history and culture of lesbian women. 1976 - current

Matrices: a lesbian-feminist research newsletter. Many issues between 1980 and 1996

Media Report to Women "What women are doing and thinking about the communications media." 1975 - current

National NOW times: official journal of the National Organization for Women 1978 – current (some missing)

Off Our Backs. Covers news affecting women and the women's movement worldwide. 1970 - current

Room of One's Own A feminist journal of literature and criticism (Canadian) 1975 - current

SageWoman 1986 – current feminism, women, mental health

Sinister Wisdom. Feminist and lesbian American Literature 1981 – current (some early issues, too.)

Thesmophoria. "Voice of the new women's religion." 1983 – current (some

missing)

Woman of Power. Religious aspects of feminism. 1984:04-1988:07, 1990:04-1995

Women and Revolution. Women and socialism. 1971 – 1996

Women in Action. Covers a broad range of issues affecting women globally, but focusing on the particular needs and concerns of women in the Global South, and forwarding a progressive perspective tempered by the experiences of the third world women's movements. 1984 – current (some missing)

Women's world (Geneva, Switzerland) 1984 – current

Womenwise. Covers women's health issues from a feminist perspective. Includes political analyses. 1978 – 1999 (some missing)

Web of interest



Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy

<http://www.law.duke.edu/journals/djglp/index.html>

Latest issue, Spring 2006:

Women in the Workplace

"...law imagines a fundamental conflict between women's wage work and a healthy family life, whereas men's wage work is regarded as the foundation of family. Moreover, law has not fundamentally changed its heteronormative view that sex is a dangerously destabilizing force in the workplace and that women introduce sex to a workplace that could otherwise shut it out." ...from the foreword.

Three of the articles in this issue:

[Women in the Workplace: Which Women, Which Agenda?](#)

Michael Selmi and Naomi Cahn

[Birth Control as a Labor Law Issue.](#) Lorraine Schmall

[Work Sanctions Under Welfare Reform: Are They Helping Women Achieve Self-Sufficiency?](#) Vicki Lens