

# THE STATE OF WOMEN'S STUDIES AT CAROLINA

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## HARRIOTT HAMPTON FAUCETTE FUND FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES ANNOUNCED

USC Women's Studies announces the Harriott Hampton Faucette Fund for Women's Studies, honoring at last the benefactor who is so generously completing a \$50,000 gift to the Women's Studies Endowment this year. Yields from the fund will make it possible for Women's Studies to address its most pressing need each year in a timely fashion, whether it be in research, scholarships, lectures, curriculum revision, special events, or conferences. Faucette, who was a well-known columnist with The Columbia Record until it ceased publication April 1, will begin writing a column for The State this summer. Through her gift, she is enabling Women's Studies to make a significant impact on research, teaching and service in higher education.



Harriott Hampton Faucette

Faucette's interest in Women's Studies is rooted in her earlier experience as a student at Smith College where women were taught to recognize their own potential and place in history. In her journalistic career in Columbia, Faucette occasionally covered women faculty at USC, which made her more aware of how women have often been marginalized in higher education. "I thought Women's Studies would be an important move in the right direction," she says.

Faucette says, "Women have been given a secondary place in academics and that's really not fair. I want to help in making everyone aware of the true part women have played in history, in the arts and in

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## JOSEPHINE ABNEY FELLOW, PAULA FELDMAN, SHARES FINDINGS



Josephine Abney  
of Greenwood, S.C.  
- First major donor to the  
Women's Studies Endowment

The first public lecture on research funded by the Josephine Abney Fellowship in Women's Studies was delivered by Dr. Paula Feldman at the first System-wide Women's Studies Conference, Feb. 5. Feldman, an associate professor of English at USC - Columbia, spoke on "Katherine Mansfield's Undiscovered Story," her research interspersed with dramatic readings from the resurrected text. Calling the original story, "Je ne parle pas francais" perhaps Mansfield's finest work, Feldman revealed how and why Mansfield's husband and publisher, along with her own inner doubts pressured her to change the story to be less dramatic and self-revealing, and less feminist. Feldman's recovery and critique of the story should lead to future publications, as well as widespread reading of the newly available masterpiece from the mother of the English short story.

## ARNEY ROBINSON CHILDS AWARD

Malinda C. Hamann has been named the first recipient of the Arney Robinson Childs memorial award in Women's Studies. Malinda Hamann is a senior honors student specializing in Women's Studies through an interdisciplinary degree from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and South Carolina College at USC - Columbia. She has been selected by Women's Studies faculty for her outstanding scholarship, community service and personal commitment to the goals of Women's Studies.

Hamann's course of study in USC's honors college has been described as very demanding and creative - a heavier work load than most

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with great intellectual demands. Through it all, she has maintained an excellent average. She has also been a leader in the Alliance for Peace, which is a student group organized to increase education and awareness about contemporary domestic and international problems.



Malinda C. Hamann

Her earliest exposure to Women's Studies came through her reading and conversations with older friends when she was still at J. L. Mann High School in Greenville. She sought out a chance to attend Women's Studies classes while visiting colleges. "They seemed different and interesting," she said. As a freshman in USC's honors college, she learned it was possible to major in Women's Studies here, and with her mother's and her aunt's encouragement, she chose it as a concentration in an interdisciplinary degree. "I'd planned to go to law school (I'd like to be Chief Justice) and knew I'd get specialized training there. This interdisciplinary degree gave me a chance to do it all."

Hamann plans to go to George Washington Law School next fall. In reflecting on her undergraduate career, she says, "Women's Studies connected me with people who are interested in me and what I'm doing. It also gave me the ammunition I needed in other courses to be able to say 'Maybe we should include women here, or maybe we shouldn't use sexist language in discussing this.'" Hamann points out that all her Women's Studies courses were different, but "each constitutes a tremendous resource for any student, even if you're not going for a minor or a major." She adds, "For me, there was something added, something very personal."

Hamann's honors thesis investigates "the status of women in two non-industrialized societies by looking at the treatment of women and the women's own conceptualization and satisfaction with their social, economic, and political position," according to her thesis director, Natalie Hevener Kaufman. Dr. Kaufman goes on to describe Hamann as "an excellent student who combines intelligence, skill, and judgment with a concern for her society and women's role in it."

The \$250 award is given to Malinda Hamann in memory of Dr. Arney Childs, whose illustrious pioneering career at USC and in the State of South Carolina as an educator, administrator, historical bibliographer, indexer, and public servant serves as a model for younger women pioneering new ground in higher education.

## WOMEN'S STUDIES NEEDS YOU!

The Women's Studies Endowment principal as of March 31, 1988, was at nearly \$107,000 with outstanding pledges bringing the total to nearly \$130,000. It must reach \$250,000, however, in order to address some of the many initial needs:

For example, it would take:

In Endowment:	To Yield Annually:
\$100,000	\$6,000 for programming special projects and events
\$ 50,000-\$60,000	1 Faculty Research Fellowship Stipend (we need several)
\$ 25,000	Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Residence Program (1 scholar - 1 week duration)
\$ 17,000	\$ 1,000 student scholarship
\$ 5,000	\$ 300 student scholarship

Help us build an endowment we can be proud of - one which will guarantee that the study of women's accomplishments, perspectives, needs and experiences will become a permanent part of higher education. With adequate funding, Women's Studies can work to overcome centuries of inadequate research and teaching about women, with the ultimate goal of mainstreaming the growing knowledge to balance what is taught to future generations.

BUILDING AN ENDOWMENT TAKES ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER. TAKE A MOMENT TO RENEW YOUR SUPPORT. SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT WOMEN'S STUDIES WITH INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE FRIENDS. HELP US ADD TO THE NETWORK OF FRIENDS OF WOMEN'S STUDIES.

### Southeastern Women's Studies Association Meets at Chapel Hill

The Southeast region's scholars in women's studies met in February for their annual conference, this year hosted by the Duke-UNC Center for Research on Women on the Chapel Hill campus. Over 300 took part in the conference, focused on "Race, Class and Gender: Affirming Differences, Exploring Connections." Eight members of the USC System attended the conference. Dr. Sue Rosser, director of USC Women's Studies, is serving this year and next year as coordinator of the Southeastern Women's Studies Association.

The conference is open to anyone for a modest registration fee and provides a wide selection of academic presentations, panel discussions, speakers, and entertainment that are woman-centered and which create a stimulating focus for some important networking. Next year's SEWSA conference is scheduled at Emory University in Atlanta. Membership in SEWSA (dues: \$35.00) includes receiving a quarterly newsletter about Women's Studies in the Southeast. For more information, contact USC Women's Studies 777-4007.

## TWO FRIENDS OF WOMEN'S STUDIES

Each newsletter will profile one or more friends of Women's Studies, sharing the diverse interests and experiences of individuals who support the Women's Studies Endowment.



Frances Close Hart

Frances Close Hart, daughter of Anne Springs Close and the late William Close, the family behind Springs Industries in Ft. Mill, S.C., carries on a family tradition of leadership and public service. She is known in Columbia for her volunteerism and support of chosen causes. She serves on the boards of directors of Springs Foundation, Close Foundation, the Environmental Policy Institute in Washington, D. C., CHAPS-Columbia (an alcohol treatment center), and on the staff of Providence Home (a women's shelter). Frances Hart also continues to be an important donor to the Women's Studies Endowment.

In The State Magazine July 20, 1986, Jan Collins Stucker wrote describing Frances Hart and her becoming one of the nation's most knowledgeable lay experts on the Savannah River Plant near Aiken. After graduating from Ashley Hall girls' school in Charleston, Hart had attended Wellesley College for three years before leaving to work as a hospital volunteer in the African country of Lesotho. She later returned to school at Columbia University before transferring to the University of South Carolina to complete a bachelor's degree in American history.

A variety of jobs later, Hart realized that her love of the outdoors, inspired by her environmentalist mother, might be the most productive passion she could harness to improve the world for her children. So she enrolled in physics at USC for some important background before going out to tackle what she considered an underestimated threat to her home state. Hart has subsequently become known in South Carolina and elsewhere in the nation for her work with nuclear energy issues.

Co-founder of the Columbia-based Energy Research Foundation, Hart has a mission to make the Department of Energy, in its nuclear weapons production, consider the longterm effects of weapons production on the environment. She and other environmentalists work to make DOE reactor - safety programs

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Gloria Leevy

Gloria Leevy of the prominent Columbia family known for its funeral business and for its share of civic leaders, is herself an attorney. She is also a member of the boards of the Columbia Action Council, the Department of Youth Services, and the Community Relations Council and is on the Planning Committee of The United Way. A former member of the USC Board of Visitors and the Carolina Scholars Selection Committee, Leevy had already demonstrated a commitment to the ongoing work of USC when she agreed to be on the first Advisory Board for the Women's Studies Endowment. She went on to become a generous donor in the Endowment campaign.

Leevy believes society is maturing and learning to see differences among people and appreciate them, as well as looking for things we have in common. "Women working on this challenge are the ones who're going to be able to bring us where we need to be," she says. "As a Black woman, I feel good finally being able to say that."

Leevy explains that while being Black is usually the greater barrier to overcome, women, too, have had a difficult time. Leevy is impressed by the interest that women in higher education are taking in the intersection of race and gender. She notes the significant progress that was made by women of both races who are members of the network of S.C. Women Administrators in Higher Education last fall in a conference dedicated to this issue. Likewise, this year's conference of the Southeastern Women's Studies Association on race, class, and gender assures Leevy that Women's Studies is tackling head-on the problem of inadequate research and teaching about "the rest of us." She says, "I've always been troubled by the paucity of Black history."

Leevy says she's been through a long healing process to overcome the anger she developed as a college student. She went away to Fisk University at 16, transferring to Bennett College in Greensboro. There she threw

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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

This year, 21 colleges, departments and programs at USC-Columbia joined in celebrating Women's History Month, up over 14 the year before. In Columbia, Anthropology, English, Government and International Studies, Sociology, Philosophy, Psychology, the Deans of Library and Information Science, and Humanities and Social Sciences joined with Women's Studies to bring Barrie Thorne, Professor of Sociology at the University of Southern California, to present "Missing Voices in Traditional Knowledge." History and Southern Studies joined with Women's Studies to bring Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, director of Women's Studies and professor of history at Emory to present "Within the Plantation Household: Black and White Women of the Old South." Women's Studies brought Karen Offen of Stanford to speak on "Defining Feminism: A Comparative Historical Perspective." (Offen was also here for the Society for French Historical Studies Conference.)

In addition, the colleges of Health, Social Work, Business Administration, Humanities and Social Sciences, Criminal Justice, and the School of Medicine contributed by organizing poster displays, panel presentations, films and lectures. These featured woman-centered perspectives of such topics as Nobel Laureates in health, the workplace, mental health, and the criminal justice system along with videotapes on feminist therapy, a visit with Gloria Steinem and an ETV documentary on Dr. Hilla Sheriff. Individual departments joined in the celebration: Foreign Languages, displaying books on Latin American Writers, Media Arts, presenting "Not Just Another Pretty Face"; Art, with an exhibit by women artists of USC; Aerospace Studies, with a lecture on "Women in the Military"; Sociology with student presentations on "Rape Myth Acceptance" and "The Demise of Women's Colleges"; and Geography, presenting on "Women (yes, Women!) Explorers."

The Ideas and Issues Committee of the Carolina Program Union sponsored "Sex, Power, and the Media: Rethinking the Myths of America's Dream Girl," and CPU also sponsored a workshop on "History of Women in Music," as well as a performance of acoustic folk music by singer and composer Judy Gorman Jacobs.

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comparable to those of commercial plants. Hart has shown personal leadership in making South Carolinians aware of little known and little understood threats to their environment and to their well-being. Among her many endeavors, in 1984 she underwrote an international conference at USC on a "Nuclear Winter."

Frances Hart was also one of the first to respond to USC's efforts to launch Women's Studies. She explains her regular and generous support of the Endowment, saying, "As a woman, I'm very aware of the obstacles women face--even the most fortunate women, like myself, who don't have to worry about necessities. It is the sometimes subtle obstacles that are the most insidious." Hart believes that while things have changed, "we

have such a long way to go." She is reminded of how bad it gets by the women she works with at Providence Home. "Now, they are at the bottom of the totem pole!" she says.

Hart believes Women's Studies is doing more than paying lip service to recovering women's history. "It's real important that the role models that emerge help our young children reevaluate women in our society," she says. She points out that while in academics there has historically been a low status assigned to the study of women and things concerning women, in society things are no different. "Look at the low status we assign to day care workers, elementary and middle school teachers, most of whom are women. And yet there is no job that is harder, or more challenging, or more important than what they do."

Hart has an instinctive feeling that through learning about the many facets of women's lives and perspectives, we will all come to value women as we value men, and it will begin to transfer into society...to those teachers, for example.

Hart was named a distinguished alumna in the category of community leadership and service at USC's system-wide banquet honoring women at Carolina Feb. 5. The banquet was sponsored by members of Professional Women on Campus, Women's Studies, and many other units throughout the USC System.

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herself body and soul into the civil rights movement, marching in demonstrations, denouncing racism. She sacrificed a week's freedom in jail for the cause, and her health with it during the six months that followed.

For a long time, Leevy was one of the first Black professional staff members at the Peace Corps in Washington. She eventually returned to Columbia and to law school, believing law was one way she might be able to help open doors to other Blacks. She clerked for Travis Medlock as a student and was ultimately invited to join his firm as an attorney. She remembers later being the only Black and one of the only women on the speech circuit as she stumped for Medlock in the attorney general's race. "The room of white men would go absolutely quiet when I got up to talk," Leevy remembers. And little by little other Blacks began speaking in the campaigns.

Two years ago Leevy decided to close her law practice and concentrate on needs in the community - for in her capacity as a family professional filling in at the Leevy Funeral Home, she had discovered a tremendous need for intervention on behalf of families who had become homeless, jobless, or who were otherwise in despair. They would often bring their problems to her and she discovered she could use her contacts and her knowledge of the system to help get them through their crises. Gloria Leevy has found her niche coordinating help through Black churches, civic leaders, community organizations, and legal agencies to assist families in crisis. At the same time, she's helping Women's Studies to open up new, pluralistic channels of learning through her support of the Endowment.

## SYSTEM-WIDE CONFERENCE UNITES WOMEN'S STUDIES SCHOLARS

On Feb. 5, USC held its first system-wide Women's Studies conference: "Women and Women's Studies in the USC System: Who Are We and Where Are We Going?" The 138 individuals who attended the conference had the opportunity to experience the diversity and intensity of issues that confront Women's Studies scholars and students.

Bernice Sandler, director of the Project on the Status and Education of Women for the Association of American Colleges, and author of The Classroom Climate: A Chilly One for Women? opened the conference with an address "'Friends' Raping Friends: Campus Acquaintance Rape." The research garnered by the project on this difficult subject indicates that date rape is increasingly prevalent on campuses today. Contrary to the hush-hush approach favored on some campuses, those colleges who have programs that actively confront the issues seem to be most successful in attracting students.

The rest of the afternoon featured presentations by members of the USC system. Paula Feldman, associate professor of English (Columbia) presented the research she had done while supported by the Josephine Abney Faculty Research Fellowship in Women's Studies. Hermenia Gardner, affirmative action officer, and Nancy Moore, professor of fine arts (Spartanburg) demonstrated the

activist potential of scholarship. "Improving Employment for Blacks and Women: A Case Study in Empowerment" detailed the steps necessary for improving affirmative action in local government hiring practices. Their efforts prove that coalitions among blacks, whites, men and women coupled with constant statistical monitoring can lead to change.

Small group interactions provided an opportunity for conference participants to meet and generate questions for the panel for the "Future of Women's Studies in the USC System." Five small groups met under the leadership of individuals who have worked closely with women's issues and women's studies in the system. These were: Humanities and Fine Arts - Ann Dreher; Social Sciences - Carolyn Jones; Sciences - Carolyn West; Administration - Sally Hare; and Student Services - Joan Hillman. Their questions prompted the panel (Susan Ali - Sumter, Elizabeth Bell - Aiken; John Duffy - System V.P.; Elizabeth Puskar - Coastal; and Sue Rosser - System Women's Studies director) to explore the ways in which the nine campus system might be used to share speakers, resources, syllabi, and other curricular materials. Although a diversity of ideas was expressed on most issues, all agreed that another system-wide conference should be held next year to continue the discussion.

## USC'S DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S STUDIES LECTURES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Since the last newsletter, Dr. Sue Rosser's itinerary of invited lectures and consulting on the topic of women's studies and curriculum revision has included the following:

S.E. Academic Affairs Region Conference: "How Putting Students First May Result in a Gender at Risk."

Arizona State University: "How Values Affect Research in the Laboratory and Classroom."

UNC - Charlotte: "Reconceptualizing Science to Include Women."

Florida International University: "Women's Studies and Science."

Sweetbriar College: 1988 Ewald Scholar: "Revisioning Women."

Sigma Delta Epsilon Graduate Women in Science National Convention: "Women in Science."

Frostburg State University, Md.: Consultant to aid science faculty in including women in the curriculum.

University of South Florida, Tampa: Consultant to aid science faculty in including women in the curriculum.

University of Missouri-St. Louis: Visiting scholar in women's studies consulting with science faculty.

Ripon College, Wis.: Consultant to biology department on integrating information on women.

University of Georgia: Consultant to faculty group starting a women's studies program.

## NEW COURSES INTRODUCED THROUGH WOMEN'S STUDIES SINCE SPRING 1987:

PMCH 550X - Women's Health: A Women's Studies Perspective.

LATN 324A - Women in Classical Antiquity.

WOST 113 - Women and Their Bodies in Health and Disease.

MART 490 - Women and Media.

SOWK 767 - Feminist Perspectives in Social Work Practice.

PHIL 399 - Women Philosophers in the Middle Ages.

EDHE 822 - Women in Higher Education.

SPAN 398A - Latin American Women's Diaries.

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Course Number	Section	Title	Time	Instructor	Section	Title	Time	Instructor	
WOST 111	03	Women in Western Culture	9:30-10:45 AM T TH	Boyd, S	SOCY 301	03	Sociology of Sex Roles	2:00-3:15 PM T TH - Section 2	Staff
WOST 113	03	Women and Their Bodies in Health and Disease	11:00-12:15 PM T TH	Rosser, S	SPAN 398A	03	Latin American Women's Diaries	11:15-12:05 PM MWF	Lopez, M
ANTH 210	03	Human Life Cycles in Different Cultures	12:30-1:45 PM T TH	Kasakoff, A	<u>Fort Jackson</u> Fall I (August 29 - October 22):				
EDHE 822	03	Seminar in Higher Education (Women in Higher Education)	TBA	TBA	WOST 111	03	Women in Western Culture	5:20-7:50 PM T TH	Blythe, A
ENGL 437	03	Women Writers	11:00-12:15 PM T TH	Haig, J	<u>Fort Jackson</u> Fall II (October 24 - December 17):				
HIST 464	03	History of American Women	12:30-1:45 PM T TH	Synnott, M	WOST 112	03	Women in Society	5:20-7:50 PM T TH	TBA
HIST 764	03	History of American Women	TBA	Synnott, M	<u>Weekend Program</u> Alternating Saturdays (August 27-December 3)				
NURS 524J	03	Women's Nutrition	On Video	Ryan, C	WOST 112	03	Women in Society	9:00-2:00 PM Saturday	Dreher, A
PSYC 310	03	Psychology of Women	10:10-11:00 AM MWF	Engin, A	PYCH 310	03	Psychology of Women	9:00-2:00 PM Saturday	Adams, C
SOCY 301	03	Sociology of Sex Roles	11:00-12:15 PM T Th - Section 1	Staff	<b>**See Evening Program for other Women's Studies courses.</b>				

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science. And while so much money has gone into other areas, this academic area needs to be a higher priority."

Smith College now has a strong Women's Studies program and Faucette's older daughter, Mary, a sophomore psychology major there, has had occasion to take some Women's Studies courses and attend presentations. Younger daughter Mardie will attend Kenyon next year (after a year's circuit as a champion horseback rider.) No doubt, with their mother's interest in Women's Studies the young Faucettes will know that more is in store for them to learn about women than was ever available before. Thanks to Harriott Faucette and others who are building the USC Women's Studies Endowment, more and more South Carolinians are learning that, too.

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