

From the Director

Research on women and gender is thriving at UB. From medicine to architecture, sciences to arts, humanities to engineering and dentistry, our affiliated faculty and graduate students are engaged in substantive, path-breaking research. In AY2012-13 the



Gender Institute awarded fifteen scholarships, grants, and fellowships to faculty and students to support their research on women and gender, and we intend to increase the number of awards next year. We have organized, hosted, or cosponsored over sixty events, including international conferences, symposia, lectures, film screenings, workshops, dissertation writing workshops, and an Indian Student Association candlelight vigil protesting violence and discrimination against women (coming up on April 18).

Wishing you a colorful, rigorous, and nourishing year of feminist research and education.

Kari J. Winter
Professor of Transnational Studies

Institute News

Founded by a cohort of feminist faculty and staff and funded by the Office of the Provost in 1997, the Institute for Research and Education on Women & Gender (Gender Institute, for short) is a university-wide research center. On July 1, 2012 Interim Provost Bruce McCombe placed the institute within the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs. This placement has enabled the institute to flourish this year, thanks to the attentive oversight and principled support of UB's Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Lucinda Finley.

In August 2012 our dynamic Deputy Director, Despina Stratigakos, Assoc. Professor of Architecture, left Buffalo for two years in Munich, where she is researching Hitler's domestic spaces, thanks to a Marie Curie Fellowship from Germany's Gerda Henkel Foundation. Prof. Stratigakos generously continues to advise and support the institute from afar and is returning to Buffalo in April to give a talk at our Gender Across Borders: Femi-

nisms Across Generations symposium and to chair the Society of Architectural Historians Conference, which is bringing 600 scholars to Buffalo.

We were delighted when, in fall 2012, another formidable scholar, Dr. Glenna Bett (Vice Chair for Research, Gynecology - Obstetrics) agreed to step into the Deputy Director role to launch a campus-wide research initiative on Sex, Gender, and Health (see details on p. 3).

Our growth this year also has been enabled by a wonderful new staff team. Becky Burke, who came on board full-time in October, has efficiently organized our operations and enhanced our capacity to sponsor events. Our Graduate Assistant, Aubrey Kubiak, is a marvel at creative design for our website and publicity and has set a high standard as the facilitator of our weekly dissertation writing workshops. Our SAGE intern, Sharlene Green, is a remarkable senior, soon to graduate with majors in

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African and African American
Studies and Political Science.

In another exciting development,
Dr. Winter and Dr. Bett worked
with a committee of regional

women leaders chaired by the Erie
County Commissioner for Public
Advocacy, Sawrie Becker, to de-
velop a whirlwind of county-wide
Women's History Month events.

Finally, the Gender Institute is

thriving due to the dedication of
our Executive Committee, Faculty
and Staff Affiliates, Standing Com-
mittees, Ad Hoc Committees, and
hundreds of academic and com-
munity collaborators and audience
members. *Thank you!*

Program Highlights of 2012-2013

Engendering Gardens

The Gender Institute's annual theme for AY2012-13 is "Engendering Gardens." Our goal is to engender (bring into existence, create, procreate, propagate, originate, generate) gardens of many real and metaphorical varieties as researchers and educators.

Buffalo Gardens Symposium

The Buffalo Gardens Symposium on September 21 in Harriman Hall, UB South Campus, brought together 65 scholars and community leaders to discuss urban agriculture, soil chemistry, gardening, food policy, landscape, land management, historic preservation, sustainability, environmental ethics, and ecocriticism.

Speakers and session chairs included:

Sierra Adara-Tasiwoopa Api (UB Transnational Studies)
Susannah Barton (Executive Director, Grassroots
Gardens of Buffalo)
Sawrie Becker (Erie County Commissioner of Public
Advocacy)
Jim Charlier (President, Garden Walk Buffalo)
Ann C. Colley (Buffalo State College, English)
Lucinda Finley (UB Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs & Frank
Raichle Professor of Law)
Joseph A. Gardella, Jr. (UB Chemistry)
Laura Garofalo Khan (UB Architecture)
Reine Hauser (Executive Director, Graycliff)

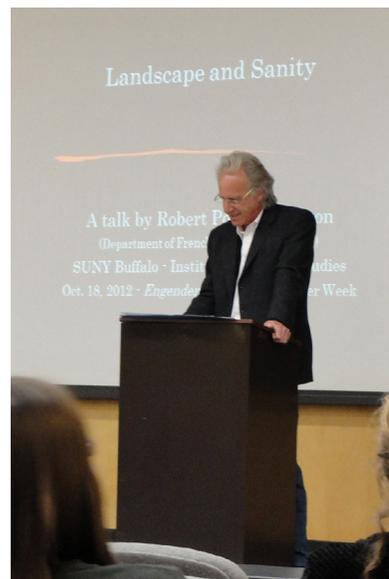
Steven Nagowski (Manager of Volunteers, Buffalo Olmsted
Parks Conservancy)
Diane Picard (Executive Director, Massachusetts Avenue
Project)
Samina Raja (UB Urban & Regional Planning)
Hannah Shayler (Cornell Waste Management Institute, Crop
and Soil Sciences)
Ken Shockley (UB Philosophy & Director of UB's
Sustainability Academy)
Randy Schiff (UB English)
Kari Winter (UB Gender Institute)
Ewa Plonowska Ziarek (UB Comparative Literature)



Samina Raja
Engendering Gardens
Planning Committee



Laina Bay-Cheng and Glenna Bett at the
Gender Institute's Annual Welcoming
Reception during Gender Week 2012



Robert Pogue Harrison (Stanford Univ.)
Keynote Address
Gender Week 2012

Sex, Gender, Health: An Interdisciplinary Symposium



Opening remarks by Dr. Glenna Bett

UB's research strength in sex and gender differences was clearly on display at the Gender Institute's Sex, Gender, and Health: Interdisciplinary Perspectives Symposium on March 1. The symposium brought together UB faculty and community leaders for the inaugural event of the Institute's Sex, Gender, and Health Initiative, spearheaded by Dr. Glenna Bett, our new Deputy Director. This initiative is designed to position UB as a leader in evidence-based research on the impact of sex and gender on health. Most existing biomedical research has been undertaken on men, specifically young white men. Sex and Gender Health recognizes that the prevalence of diseases can be different between men and women, that the symptoms and progression of diseases may be different, and that men

and women may respond differently to treatments. In addition, gender can affect both access to healthcare and the quality of healthcare provided by caregivers. The Sex, Gender, Health initiative aims to advance rigorous evidence-based approaches to issues concerning sex and gender differences in science and medicine, in access, and in the law.

This first regional symposium, which stimulated truly interdisciplinary conversations among the 65 participants, featured illustrious speakers from UB's Schools of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Dentistry, Social Work, Arts and Sciences, and Law as well as governmental and NGO organizations in Erie County.



For more information about the Sex, Gender, Health Symposium or to join the listserv, visit its webpage on the Gender Institute website.



Spring 2013 Dissertation Workshop

The Gender Institute's first semester-long dissertation writing workshop began January 28th and continues through April 29th. Ten dissertation writers meet each Monday in the Gender Institute to write for two hours and then discuss their progress over lunch. This summer we will hold two six-week dissertation workshops. For more information or to register, contact Aubrey Kubiak at adjones@buffalo.edu.

Participants:

Roslyn Collins (School of Social Work), Rachel Eshenour (History), Sarah Handley-Cousins (History), Aubrey Kubiak (Romance Languages and Literatures), Whitney Mendel (School of Social Work), Keiko Ogata (English), Jessica Saltzberg (American Studies), Jin Young Seo (School of Nursing), Theresa Warburton (Transnational and Global Gender Studies), Tina Zigon (English)



Participants in the writing workshop this spring in our newly renovated space

Feminist Research Alliance Workshop

The Feminist Research Alliance Workshop, co-sponsored by the Gender Institute and the Humanities Institute, works to advance and energize transnational feminist research in the 21st century by promoting interdisciplinary conversations and collaborations among feminist scholars locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. This year's ten luncheon meetings included presentations by faculty members and graduate students from across UB as well as guest speakers from Canisius College (Jane Fisher) and Stanford University (Robert Pogue Harrison). The year's events will end with a screening of the documentary film *Untitled Punk* with filmmaker Terry Harnett on April 4 at 4 p.m. in the Gender Institute.

Gender Across Borders 2013: Feminisms Across Generations

On April 8, 2013 the Gender Institute will hold its final symposium of the year in the South Lake Community Center on UB's North Campus. Faculty and graduate students from nine schools across UB (Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Dental Medicine, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work) and eight departments within CAS (Classics, English, Geography, Philosophy, Physics, Romance Languages and Literatures, Sociology, Transnational Studies) will speak across borders of discipline and age about their research on women and gender and the meanings of feminism in their lives. Four senior feminists will meditate on three things they've learned during their decades of work as women in the academy. The day will close with a dinner honoring the life-time achievements of Prof. Isabel S. Marcus, who will deliver a keynote address.

Gender Institute 2012-13 Faculty Research Awards

The Gender Institute congratulates the winners of this year's Faculty Research Grants for the exceptional significance and promise of their research on women and gender.

Dr. Laina Bay-Cheng, Assoc. Professor of Social Work
 "Investing in Relationships: Sexual and Romantic Relationships in the Lives of Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Young Women"

Dr. Alice Ceacareanu, Assoc. Professor of Pharmacy
 "Living with Diabetes, Caring about Breast Cancer"

Dr. Mary Nell Trautner, Asst. Professor of Sociology
 "Body Modification Practices: Clusters and Sequences, Psychological Health Correlates, and the Influence of Social Networks"

Dr. Margarita Vargas, Assoc. Professor of Spanish
 "Bárbara Colio: Violence in Postmodern Mexico"

Dr. Joan Doris, Clinical Asst. Professor of Pediatric & Community Dentistry
 "Domestic Violence and Dentistry: An Evaluation of a Training Module for Dental Students in Recognizing and Responding to Domestic Violence"

Dr. Toni Pressley-Sanon, Asst. Professor of Transnational Studies
 "Between Two Rocks and a Hard Place: Women, the Family, the Farm, and the Market"

Dr. Kate Rittenhouse-Olson, Professor of Microbiology; Director of Biotechnology Program
 "Response to Breast Cancer Vaccine"



Dr. Margarita Vargas; researching violence against women in Mexico



Dr. Toni Pressley-Sanon; researching rural women in Haiti

Gender Institute 2012-13 Dissertation Fellows

Leah Benedict
 English

Impotence: The Anatomy of a Passion, 1660-1800



Krishni Burns
 Classics

Magna Mater in Ancient Rome

Jessica MacNamara
 Sociology

Appearance and Acceptance: Toward a Sociology of Familial Responses to Gender Transition



Undergraduate Scholarships, 2012-13

Kerri Pickard-DePriest, a senior in Environmental Studies & English, credits her four children with helping her approach life with grace & humor. Working toward her goal of leadership and education in the field of Environmental Humanities, she is exploring the ecological & cultural legacy of the Great Lakes through researching literary works & restoration efforts connected to the Great Lakes watershed. The ensuing dialogue between environmental restoration and literary conventions directly confronts questions of concepts of water and its use.

An Honorable Mention Scholarship was awarded to senior Sharlene Green, who is also a winner of this year's SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence.

Gender Institute Announces the Isabel S. Marcus International Research Fellowship

The Gender Institute is delighted to announce our new Isabel S. Marcus International Research Fellowship, established to recognize the distinguished contributions to research and education on women and gender of Professor Isabel S. Marcus, co-founder and co-director of the Gender Institute (1997-2003). A Fulbright Scholar (Romania 1997, Macedonia 2003-04), a fellow of the Bunting Institute, a participant in the Fulbright Senior Scholar Roster and an International Scholar for the Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation) Higher Education Support Program in Eastern Europe, Marcus's long-standing research interests have been in the area of family law, domestic violence and international women's human rights.



To make a donation to the fellowship fund in honor of Professor Marcus, please visit our website: <http://genderin.buffalo.edu>. Or address your check to: IREWG with "Isabel Marcus Fellowship" in the subject line and mail it to: The Gender Institute
207 UB Commons
520 Lee Entrance,
Buffalo, NY 14228.

The Gender Institute congratulates the winner of the inaugural Isabel S. Marcus International Research Fellowship, **Eman Abu-Sabah** (Ph.D. Candidate in Nursing), who is conducting research on her dissertation, "Jordanian Health Care Providers' Responses Toward Intimate Partner Violence."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to four additional outstanding Ph.D. students:

Maria Fernanda Glaser Danton, Global Gender Studies: "Women in the Semi-Arid Agricultural Communities of Chile: The Meaning of the Rural Space of Gender, Development and Globalization"

Morani Kornberg-Weiss, English: "Lyrical Discourse and the Question of Nationalism in Israeli Literature after 1948"

Beth Kuberka, Romance Languages and Literatures: "Domestic Space, Gender, and Familial Relations in Southern Cone Literature since 1950"

Nuning Parwaningrum, Global Gender Studies: "Transnational Marriage, Marriage Migration, and Gendered Geographies of Power: A Study of Marriage Migration among Indonesian Women to the United States Post 2000"



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Call for Proposals

The Gender Institute invites your program proposals and grant applications related to our AY2013-2014 theme:

Genders of Architecture / Architectures of Gender

- * How is identity engendered in material, temporal, and virtual environments?
- * How are environments themselves gendered?
- * To what extent and in what ways do environments function as active, significant participants in the creation, transmission, and contestation of knowledge about relation and difference?
- * To what extent and in what ways is gender articulated in space and place?
- * How are intersections in gender, sexuality, race, class, disability, age, ethnicity, and nation enacted, enforced, inhibited, or rendered invisible in architecture and space?
- * How are power, inclusion, comfort, or danger structured for children, men, women, and transgendered people in landscapes; rural & cityscapes; public, private, & domestic spaces?
- * How is gender negotiated in space? How do individuals & collectives move through and think about the spaces in which they work, live, and play?
- * How do spatial, structural, regulatory, legal, and institutional frameworks or architectures map, inform, or shape human bodies and identities?

Please share your ideas with the Planning Committee at ub-irewg@buffalo.edu. Dianne Avery (Law), Sandra Firmin (UB Art Galleries), Laura Garofalo (Architecture), Joyce Hwang (Architecture), Will Meyer (Institute for European and Mediterranean Archeology), Kari Winter (Chair), Victoria Wolcott (History)
For more information, visit our website: <http://genderin.buffalo.edu/>