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Mission

The National Women’s Studies Association leads the field of women’s studies in education and social transformation.
Vision

Our members actively pursue a just world in which all persons can develop to their fullest potential—one free from ideologies, systems of privilege or structures that oppress or exploit some for the advantage of others. In support of their work, we believe:

- Women’s studies are vital to education; Women’s studies are comparative, global, intersectional, and interdisciplinary;
- Scholarship, activism, and teaching are inseparable elements of a single whole.

We are further committed to a vision of education and scholarship that includes:

- Faculty, students, centers, other campus organizations, and community scholars;
- The exchange of regional, national, and international scholars; and
- Critical reflection and dialogue among community organizations on the social meaning and use in women’s and gender studies broadly conceived.
As President and Executive Director of the National Women’s Studies Association, we are pleased to provide this annual report on the key activities, programs, and accomplishments of the Association over the past year. During this period NWSA produced important field-building resources, worked to support women’s studies field-building globally, and developed plans to expand its travel grant program thanks to a generous anonymous gift.

NWSA assembled a 16-member working group to create tenure and promotion guidelines. Aimed at candidates, department chairs, and administrators, the publication outlines the contours of the field, provides support for tenure-seekers, and calls for changes to institutional practices: www.nwsa.org/fieldbuilding

NWSA executive director Allison Kimmich traveled to the University of Jordan in Amman to conduct a program evaluation of the Center for Women’s Studies as part of a USAID grant to the American Bar Association. We are hopeful that NWSA will continue to support field-building globally.

Finally, NWSA received a generous $10,000 anonymous gift to support its travel grant program. The Association received 159 applications for travel awards in 2013 and awarded grants to fifteen percent of applicants. We hope to match the gift and double the number of travel grants we award in 2014.

We are hopeful that NWSA will continue to support field-building globally.

We are proud of our work this year and know that we could not have done it without your support.

Sincerely,

YI-CHUN TRICIA LIN
NWSA President, 2012-2014
Professor of Women’s Studies
Southern Connecticut State University

ALLISON B. KIMMICH
Executive Director
SPOTLIGHT ON NWSA PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS

Every year NWSA’s conference co-chairs identify members to serve as proposal review chairs. These individuals are selected based upon how their areas of scholarly expertise fit with conference sub-themes.

Before the review chairs begin their work, however, more than 50 NWSA members serve as proposal reviewers. These dedicated volunteers review more than 700 submissions anonymously based upon criteria established by the program committee. In 2013 our acceptance rate was 76 percent.

The review chairs conduct their work between late February, when proposal submissions close, and April, when the entire program committee assembles for a day-long meeting to group accepted more than 300 individual paper submissions into panels.

CONFERENCE REVIEW PROCEDURES

All conference proposals are reviewed anonymously (without author identification). Guidelines for reviewers are developed by the Proposal Review Committee and include:

- **TOPIC:** Is the topic/question/issue relevant to the field of women’s/gender studies?
- **RELATIONSHIP TO SUB-THEME:** Are the topics/questions/issues discussed in the proposal clearly connected to one of the five conference sub-themes?
- **FRAMEWORKS:** Is the proposal grounded in relevant feminist/womanist theoretical/conceptual/applied frameworks?
- **CLARITY:** Is the proposal well-organized, coherent, and clear
Acknowledgements and Awards

NWSA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

*Emek Ergun, University of Maryland, Baltimore County*

The Committee has unanimously decided that Emek Ergun, Ph.D. Program in Language, Literacy and Culture at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, should receive the Graduate Student Award. Her dissertation title is *Doing Feminist Translation as Local and Transnational Political Activism: The Turkish Translation and Reception of Virgin: The Untouched History*. The committee felt that her work is groundbreaking and compelling—a translation project as a feminist endeavor. Her work also fits the mission of the NWSA as it is global, intersectional and comparative.

NWSA LESBIAN CAUCUS AWARD

*Elvia Mendoza, University of Texas at Austin*

Dissertation: *Bodies In Excess: Violence and the Politics of Memory in the Everyday Lives of Queer People of Color*

NWSA WOMEN’S CENTER COMMITTEE AWARDS

Founders Award
*Mary Louise Allen, founder of Haverford College’s Women’s Center*

Outstanding Achievement
*Amy Cleckler, Duke University Women’s Center*

Emerging Leader
*Theresa Rowland, Grand Valley State University, Women’s Center*

NWSA BOOK PRIZE AWARDS

Gloria. E. Anzaldúa Book Prize Winner
*L. Ayu Saraswati, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa*

*Seeing Beauty. Sensing Race in Transnational Indonesia* University of Hawai‘i Press

Sara A. Whaley Book Prize Senior Scholar
*Merike Blofield, University of Miami, Coral Gables*

*Care Work and Class: Domestic Worker’s Struggle for Equal Rights in Latin America* The Pennsylvania State University Press

NWSA WOMEN OF COLOR CAUCUS AWARDS

Karen Hanna, University of California, Santa Barbara

Frances (Reanae) McNeal, Texas Woman’s University

Samantha (Sami) Schalk, Indiana University

Elena Shih, University of California, Los Angeles

NWSA-University of Illinois Press First Book Prize Winner

*Christina Holmes, Depauw University*

*Chicana Environmentalisms: Decolonizing the Body, Nature, and Spirit*
Where A Women’s Studies Degree Can Take You

POLITICS

BRITTNE WALKER Interned with Texas State Senator Wendy Davis, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality major, 2014, Mills College

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

DANI VILELLA, Field Organizer Planned Parenthood, West Michigan, Women and Gender Studies minor, 2007, Grand Valley State University

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

LAUREN GUY, Efference Doula Services & Lactation Support, Women’s and Gender Studies and Dance double major, 2008, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

MARISSA MCGRATH co-founded Good Time Girls which provides historical walking tours of Bellingham, Washington, Women’s Studies and Anthropology double major, 2006, Northern Illinois University

PHILANTHROPY

ANNA RIGLES established a travel scholarship for students in the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, Women Studies and History double major, 2014, Portland State University

MEDICAL SCHOOL

MICHAEL D. A. DEATON accepted to University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, Women’s and Gender Studies Minor, 2014, Eastern Kentucky University

LAW SCHOOL

RAGHAVI KHAREL accepted to William Mitchell School of Law, Women’s and Gender Studies minor, 2014, Winona State University

EDUCATION

MEREDITH CHESLEY works with Project HELP Health Education Laddering Program at Central Community College in Lexington and Kearney, Gender Studies Major, 2014, Nebraska Wesleyan University

KASSUNDRA PETERSON accepted to Teach for America, Women’s Studies and Psychology double major, 2013, University of California, Riverside

MEDIA

ALANNA VAGIANOS, Women’s and Gender Studies Major, Elon University writes for The Shriver Report, Bust Magazine, Huffington Post Women
"I’ve become politically aware, socially active, and actually passionate about something—which, to my surprise, most of my friends in college cannot say the same. It changed me so much because I had to figure out how to tow the line between the mainstream and being a feminist. It was the hardest and most valuable lesson I have ever learned."
NWSA was delighted to receive a $10,000 gift from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The gift is intended to support travel awards, and the Association will spread the gift out over a three-year period.

We intend to match the gift in 2014 and double the number of travel grants we award.

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## PhD Programs
- Arizona State University
- California Institute of Integral Studies
- Emory University
- Indiana University, Bloomington
- Pennsylvania State University
- Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- Texas Woman's University
- The Ohio State University
- University of Arizona
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Washington

## MA Programs
- Brandeis University
- Claremont Graduate University
- DePaul University
- Eastern Michigan University
- Florida Atlantic University
- George Washington University
- Loyola University of Chicago
- Oregon State University
- Roosevelt University
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State University
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Stony Brook University
- Towson University
- University at Albany, State University of New York
- University of Cincinnati
- University of North Carolina, Greensboro
- University of South Florida
- University of Toronto
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

## Undergraduate Programs
- Albion College
- Agnes Scott College
- Allegheny College
- Amherst College
- Appalachian State University
- Auburn University
- Augustana College
- Austin Peay State University
- Ball State University
- Barnard College
- Beloit College
- Berea College
- Binghamton University
- Bowdoin College
- Bowling Green State University
- Bridgewater State College
- Bucknell University
- Bucks County Community College
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, Long Beach
- Carlow University
- Carthage College
- Castleton State College
- Central Washington University
- Century College
- Clarion University
- Clark University
- Colby College
- Colgate University
- College of Charleston
- College of the Holy Cross
- College of Southern Maryland
- College of Staten Island (CUNY)
- College of William and Mary
- Colorado College
- Colorado State University, Pueblo
- Columbia College
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- Concordia University Chicago
- Connecticut College
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- Curry College
- Dartmouth College
- Davidson College
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- Drexel University
- Duke University
- East Carolina University
- East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Eastern Washington University
- Eckerd College
- Edgewood College
- Elon University
- Fairfield University
- Frostburg State University
- Georgetown University
- George Mason University
- Georgia Southern University
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- Gettysburg College
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- Grinnell College
- Hamilton College
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- Harvard University
- High Point University
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Hollins University
- Hope College
- Hunter College (CUNY)
- Illinois College
- Illinois State University
- Illinois Wesleyan University
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University, South Bend
- Indiana University- Purdue University
- Intercollegiate Women’s Studies of the Claremont Colleges
- Iowa State University
- Ithaca College
- John Carroll University
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- Lewis & Clark College
- Louisiana State University
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- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Miami University of Ohio
- Michigan State University
- Middlebury College
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Minnesota State University, Mankato
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- Institutional member services
- Coordinates pre-conference planning committee work
- Advertising, exhibitors, non-dues revenue projects
- Communications and social media
- Coordinates proposal review process

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- Membership and conference registration
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- Coordinates conference scheduling and logistics
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