



**Margaret Stevenson Center for Women's Studies
Point Loma Nazarene University**

Annual Report 2016-2017

Linda Beail, Director

University Mission:

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Center Mission:

The Margaret Stevenson Center for Women's Studies, located in Clara Colt Hall, offers Point Loma Nazarene University students and faculty an opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary study of women's status and contribution to the world. The Center is rooted in the Wesleyan tradition's affirmation of women's calling and leadership within the Christian community, and embodies this commitment to gender equality by addressing gender issues in the curriculum and on the campus. It provides a central place for resources and knowledge by and for women to be gathered and shared. The center aims to combine both theory and praxis regarding gender. It encourages multicultural, cooperative, inclusive and relational ways of learning consistent with the mission of the university.

Goals:

- To create an interdisciplinary curriculum focused on gender issues, which places women at the center both substantively and theoretically, through the women's studies minor.
- To transform the liberal arts curriculum to include the concerns and perspectives of women through speakers, events and forums that raise awareness about gender issues for both students and faculty.
- To provide resources about women and women's issues, and make them accessible to the campus community.
- To foster support for the goals and achievements of women students and faculty.
- To encourage scholarship and pedagogy that are inclusive of women.
- To address gender-based concerns in the university community.

Women's Studies Minor:

The women's studies minor offers students a chance to explore gender issues through an interdisciplinary curriculum which focuses on women both substantively and theoretically. The 17-unit minor has several components: a required introductory course, a series of electives in several disciplines, internship opportunities, and a required capstone course in gender theory. They include:

- POL 190 (4) The Politics of Race, Class and Gender (also meets General Education Requirement for "The Social World")
- POL 330 (4) Development of Feminist Thought
- Nine or more units from the following:
 - COM 312 (3) Gender and Communication
 - ECO 440 (3) Economics of Race, Class and Gender
 - FCS 340 (2) Nutrition in Women's Wellbeing
 - HIS 475 (4) Topics in Women's History
 - LIT 437 (3) Women Writers
 - NSG 445 (3) Health of Women in a Multicultural World
 - NSG 445 (3) Family Violence
 - POL 415 (4) Women and Politics

Students may also do a two-unit internship through an academic department, supervised by the Director of Women's Studies, as part of their women's studies minor electives.

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the following women's studies courses were offered:

FALL 2016

POL 190 Politics of Race, Class and Gender (4 units) – Required for WS minor; counts for GE in "Social World"

MWF 8:30-9:35 am, Linda Beail

37 enrolled

LIT 353 Women Writers (3 units)

TR 9:30-10:45 am, Dr. Bettina Pedersen

41 enrolled

TR 11 am – 12:15 am, Dr. Bettina Pedersen

40 enrolled

ECO 440 Economics of Race, Class and Gender (3 units)

MWF 8-9:15 am, Dr. Becky Havens

13 enrolled

SPRING 2017

COM 312 Gender and Communication (3 units)

TR 3-4:15 pm, Dr. Lisa Raser

18 enrolled

FCS 340 Nutrition in Women's Wellbeing (2 units)

TR 11-11:50, Brittany Johnson

8 enrolled

LIT 353 Women Writers (3 units)

MWF 8:30-9:25 am, Carol Blessing

48 enrolled

MWF 11-11:55 am, Carol Blessing

47 enrolled

Current WS minors:

*Darsha Pigford

*Casey Cromwell

Brielle Budroe

Lillian Jenner

Montana Massone

Ali Cleveland

Courtney Pittam

Elina Mendoza

Kaitlin McFarland

Natali Perez

Kate Warner

Ryan Binder

Sydney Bedell

*2017 Graduates

Appendix A includes a list of over 40 alumni who have graduated with a women's studies minor over the past decade. At least five of these have gone on to do graduate work in women's studies. Five have completed honors projects in gender studies (Kendra Peterson, Jenny Wilson, Kristina Ringold, Katie Manning, and Randi Moore). At the 2010 "Changing Faces" conference on gender issues in Christian higher education at Abilene Christian University, three women's studies minors (Kimberlee Kreusi, Jennifer Luong and Alison Waters) presented a paper together, demonstrating their own collaborative research as well as how WS strives to involve students in scholarship.

Women's studies courses often feature service learning components, embodying the university's core value of service as an expression of faith. In fall 2016, all students in the introductory women's studies course (POL 190) did a service learning project coordinated through Dana Hojsack in Spiritual Development, and then reflected on that experience in a writing assignment.

Campus Activities:

The Center for Women's Studies enhances the liberal arts curriculum by including the concerns and perspectives of women through speakers, events and forums that raise awareness about gender issues. It provides resources about women and women's issues to our community, and fosters support for the goals and achievements of women students and faculty. The Center also exists to encourage scholarship and pedagogy that is inclusive of women across racial, class, and cultural lines.

The Center regularly sponsors faculty research talks, highlighting the scholarship of our own PLNU faculty in a public forum that gives faculty a chance to present and refine their work, and students an opportunity to engage with professors' research as junior colleagues. Over the years several of these – including work by Karl Martin, Maxine Walker, Rick Kennedy, Brad Kelle, Linda Beail, Carol Blessing, Diana Cordileone, Kelli McCoy and Bettina Tate Pedersen – have resulted in publication as journal articles and book chapters.

The Center for Women's Studies has been a model of interdisciplinary cooperation across academic departments, and of collaboration between curricular and co-curricular areas of the university. The synergy between different offices on campus has led to greater variety of programming to address a wide range of gender issues, as well as higher visibility and impact across campus and wiser stewardship of our modest resources. We have regularly co-sponsored poetry readings by women authors with the Literature, Journalism and Modern Languages department, co-sponsored conferences with the Wesleyan Center for 21st Century Studies, sponsored a student to attend the "Come to the Water" Wesleyan-Holiness Women Clergy conference with Spiritual Development, co-sponsored major authors/speakers for the Writers' Symposium by the Sea, and co-sponsored the university's annual Women's History Month lecture with the History and Political Science Department.

The Center for Women's Studies has had an especially fruitful partnership with Discipleship Ministries in developing "Results May Vary," a program for young women preparing to graduate from PLNU. For thirteen years, we have brought together faculty, staff and alumni to share with young women about life after college on the topics of friendship, dating, marriage, money, health and sexuality, ambition and ongoing spiritual formation. In January 2017 we had 54 seniors join us for a weekend at Camp Stevens, with an overwhelmingly positive response.

As an extension of "Results May Vary," WS partnered with Student Development Residential Life Staff for the fourth year in a row to offer a one-night forum, "Enough," to encourage and support sophomore women in the particular challenges and opportunities they face.

Women's Studies Events 2016-2017:

Monday October 10, 3 pm

Politics on the Edge: Gender and Race in the 2016 Election

Co-sponsored with the Institute for Politics and Public Service

Panel: Lindsey Lupo (HPS)

Linda Beail (HPS)

Brisa Johnson (PLNU alumna, Civic Engagement Manager, Alliance San Diego)

Ronnee Schreiber (Professor & Chair, Political Science, San Diego State University)

Karen Shelby (Visiting Professor, Political Science, University of San Diego)

72 students attended

Wednesday October 12

"Enough" for sophomore women (with Discipleship Ministries and Res Life)

54 students attended

Wednesday October 26, 7 pm

"EMBRACE" documentary on body image (with Res Life)

59 attended

Wednesday November 30, 3 pm

Reading and Book Release for *Tasty Other* by Dr. Katie Manning, LMJL

70 attended

January 13-15 – "Results May Vary" retreat for seniors (with Discipleship Ministries)

54 graduating seniors attended, 11 faculty and staff participants

Wednesday February 22 – author Shauna Niequist (with Writers Symposium and Spiritual Development – helped bring her to campus for chapel & evening interview as well as WS event)

125 attended the WS afternoon conversation at 3pm in Fermanian

Monday March 20, 3:30 pm

Women's History Month Celebration (with HPS)

Lecture by Dr. Molly McClain, University of San Diego

"Ellen Browning Scripps: Journalist, Suffragist, Investor & Philanthropist"

43 attended

Tuesday April 11, 3 pm

"Seventy-Seven Cents to the Dollar: Women Write About Work"

Dr. Carolyne Wright (with LJML)

24 attended

15 faculty/staff women attended luncheon with Dr. Wright

May 10-31

Summer Study Abroad Class in Florence Italy/Heidelberg Germany/Paris France

"Power, Bodies and Western Imagination" (co-listed as WS course)

10 students registered

Other Women's Studies Activities 2016-2017:

- Women's Studies co-sponsored the MOSAIC/BREAK Women's History Month luncheon in March.
- Director of WS Linda Beail served as faculty advisor to BREAK (the MOSAIC club focused on gender equity) during the 2016-17 academic year.
- Three Women's Studies faculty members (Kelli McCoy, History; Melissa Newman, Communications; and Linda Beail, Political Science) organized a panel at the national annual meeting of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association on gender representations and receptions in Disney films and television, April 14, 2017, San Diego, CA.
- Bi-monthly Women's Faculty/Professional Staff Lunches (attended by approximately 20). These luncheons, supported by the Provost's office, give faculty and professional staff women the opportunity to develop relationships and address gender issues on campus. It has been especially helpful for connecting new faculty and staff to the campus community. This year we read and discussed work by Carolyn Wright as well as several articles and news reports on gender in higher education, including gendered obstacles and solutions to career advancement & tenure, gender bias in writing letters of reference, academic freedom, potential changes for higher education nationally regarding sexual assault policies and immigration policies (and what these might mean for PLNU), and implicit gender bias in peer review processes.

Women's Studies Steering Committee Members 2015-2016:

Linda Beail, History and Political Science

Melanie Wolf, Student Development

Kelli McCoy, History and Political Science

Katie Manning, Literature/Journalism/Modern Languages

Appendix A: Women's Studies Minors -- Alumni

*Rebecca Bowman - 1999
Danielle Cervantes – 2000
Haven Johnston White -- 2000
Don-nae Layton - 2001
*Kristina Ringold – 2002
Breanna Fisher Black- 2003
Valerie Lee -2003
Kelly Robinson Williams- 2003
Melinda Garrison Bixby - 2004
Chelsea Hettrick – 2004
Gwen Rohrer

LeAnn Wiley -- 2005
Jill Hibma -- 2005
Lisa Dewey – 2005
Meghan O'Brien -- 2005
*Katie Manning -- 2005

Kirsti Peters -- 2006
Danielle Cadieux – 2006

*Randi Moore -- 2007
*Jennifer Lopez Mason– 2007
Casey Davis Groff– 2007

*Kara Kennedy- 2008
Jamie Pierce - 2008

Nancy Pryor - 2009

Jennifer Luong – 2011
Kimberlee Kreusi – 2011
Alison Waters – 2011
Brittany Taylor - 2011

Jenney Heffel – 2012
Katrín Cardona – 2012

Natalie Preston – 2013
Kelly Kennedy - 2013

Brianna Burris – 2015
Jessica King – 2015
Jenny Wilson – 2015
Kasey Graves – 2015

Derek Kirk – 2016
Jordan Ligons – 2016
Yaritza Hernandez – 2016
Ruth Torres – 2016
Kendra Peterson – 2016

Casey Cromwell – December 2016
Darsha Pigford -- 2017

* gone on to do graduate work in women's studies

Appendix B: Annual Women's History Lectures

Each March, in commemoration of national Women's History Month, the Center for Women's Studies and the History/Political Science Department invite a scholar of gender and history to campus to give a public lecture, and to have a mentoring lunch or dinner with students in women's studies and/or history. Our lecturers have included internationally recognized historians from major research universities, scholars working on issues of gender in local history and politics, and Christian college colleagues bringing their faith to bear on topics of gender, history and faith.

2017 –Dr. Molly McClain, University of San Diego

"Ellen Browning Scripps: Journalist, Suffragist, Investor & Philanthropist"

2016 – Screening of "Suffragette" and discussion with Dr. Kelli McCoy and Dr. Linda Beail

2015 – Dr. Luanne Pannell, Director of Police Training and Education, Los Angeles Police Department

"Guns and Roses: One Woman's View on Integrating Community, Psychology and Hope in Law Enforcement"

2014 – Dr. Diana Cordileone, Point Loma Nazarene University

"Coming of Age on the Bosnian Frontier: Jelica Belovic in Bosnia, 1896-1906"

2013 – Screening and student/faculty panel discussion of documentary film "Half the Sky"

2012 - Dr. Margaret Bendroth, Executive Director, Congregational Library, Boston

"American Evangelicals and Gender: How Are We Doing So Far?"

2011 - Dr. Rebecca Jo Plante, Associate Professor of History, University of California, San Diego

"Motherhood and Apple Pie: Gender and Patriotism from World War I to World War II"

2010 - Dr. Kristin Hill Maher, Associate Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University

"The Gendered Migrations of Sex Workers, Domestic Workers, and Correspondence Brides: Limits of the Trafficking Paradigm"

2009 - Kelli McCoy (Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, San Diego and PLNU alumna)

"When Protection Becomes Control: White Slavery and the Legislation of Morality in the US, 1900-1930"

2008 - Kathryn Long, Associate Professor of History, Wheaton College

"Martyrs, Ladies, and Ordinary People: Gender and Mission in Amazonian Ecuador"

2007 - Marianne Lemmond-Robins, Professor of History, Westmont University

"Let's Get Some Chicks: Christian Visions of Dancing and Gender in Early Modern France"

2006 - Eileen Boris, Professor of Women's Studies, History, and Law, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Invisible No More: The History of Carework"

2005 - Elaine Tyler May, Professor of American Studies, University of Minnesota

"Explosive Issues: Sex, Women, and the Bomb in Cold War America"



Women's Studies Courses 2016-2018

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<p><u>Summer 2017</u></p> <p>COM 312 Gender and Communication (3 units) MTWR 1-3:10 pm, Skip Rutledge</p> <p>LIT 353 Women Writers (3 units) MTWR 9:55 am – 12:05 pm, Bettina Tate Pedersen</p> <p>POL 490 Power, Bodies and the Western Imagination May 10-31 – Linda Beail and Heather Ross Travel course to Italy/Germany/France</p> <p><u>Fall 2017</u></p> <p>LIT 353 Women Writers (3 units) – counts as upper division literature GE TR 9:30-10:45 am, Dr. Bettina Pedersen TR 11 am – 12:15 pm, Dr. Bettina Pedersen</p>	<p><u>Spring 2018</u></p> <p>POL 190 Politics of Race, Class and Gender (4 units) – Required for WS minor; counts for GE in “Social World” MWF 8:30-9:35 am, Linda Beail</p> <p>FCS 340 Nutrition in Women’s Wellbeing (2 units) T 10-11:55 am, Brittany Johnson</p> <p>LIT 353 Women Writers (3 units) – counts as upper division literature GE MWF 8:30-9:25 am, Dr. Katie Manning MWF 11:00-11:55 am, Dr. Katie Manning</p> <p>NSG 447 Family Violence (3 units) TBA, Dr. Larry Rankin</p> <p>POL 415 Women and Politics (4 units) MWF 10:55 am - 12:05 pm, Dr. Linda Beail</p>

A minor in Women’s Studies complements any major, offering students a chance to explore gender issues through an interdisciplinary curriculum which focuses on gender, both substantively and theoretically. This minor requires 17 units, including:

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ECO 440 (3) Racial and Gender Issues in Economics and Education
FCS 340 (2) Nutrition for Women's Well-Being
HIS 475 (4) Topics in Women's History
LIT 353 (3) Women Writers
NSG 446 (3) Health of Women in a Multicultural World
NSG 447 (3) Family Violence
POL 415 (4) Women and Politics
Two-unit internship – see WS director

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