

WRC TODAY

• SPECIAL ISSUE •

6th Annual Women's Conference

As we are half way through the semester the Women's Resource Center's last event of the fall semester is closely approaching. What is this event you might ask? Well it is the 6th Annual Women's Conference! For the last five years the Women's Conference has been an opportunity for all UNC students, faculty, and staff to further explore women's issues, feminism and women's rights, and intersectionality, while providing a space for personal and professional growth. This year is no different. This year's topic happens to be *What wave are we in?: Today's Feminist Activism*. We will be exploring activism, intersectional feminism, and Women's Rights Movement history through panel discussions, breakout sessions and our keynote speaker, B. Cole. Registration will be ending on October 19th.

A description of this years conference, as well as how to register, can be found on our website:

www.unco.edu/womensconference

Out in the Night

The event will be a screening of the documentary, *Out in the Night*. *Out in the Night* documents the experience of 6 African American lesbian friends who are threatened and assaulted by a man on the streets of New York. After defending themselves against the man, the women are charged with gang assault with one woman being charged with attempted murder. The documentary highlights the influence of the women's intersecting identities in the trials and media coverage.

The documentary will be followed by a Q&A and meet & greet with Patreese Johnson, one of the featured women in the documentary.

The GLBTA Resource Office, Marcus Garvey Cultural Center, and the Women's Resource Center present...



Monday, October 26 in the UC, Panorama Room (3rd Floor)
7pm - Out in the Night Screening | 8:15pm - Patreese Johnson Q&A

Out in the Night chronicles the lived experiences of four African American lesbian friends who are threatened and attacked on the streets of New York. After defending themselves against the man, the women are charged and convicted in the courts. *Out in the Night* highlights the role of the women's intersecting identities and the importance it played in the news coverage of the incident and their trials. The documentary will be followed by a Q&A and meet & greet with one of the featured women in the documentary, Patreese Johnson.

Any person requesting disability accommodations for these events please contact 970-351-3204 at least 3 business days in advance.

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 Women's Resource Center

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Clothesline Project

Monday-Friday, October 19-23
 University Center Lower Level/
 Michener Library

Out in the Night

Monday, October 26
 7pm UC Panorama Room
 *Further description on page 3

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Thursday, October 29
 All Day Event
 Register at: www.unco.edu/womensconference

For more information about the Women's Resource Center, please visit www.unco.edu/wrc, stop by Scott-Willcoxon Hall, or call 970.351.1492

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th through October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month. In recognition of this, we would like to celebrate the inspiring work of Chicana Feminists in the pursuit of equity. A truth of our history is that many voices have been forced to the margins, including voices of Women of Color. Many of the women central to the success of the Women's Rights Movement have remained on the margins as we reflect upon this success. We would like to recognize and challenge this failure of our history by continuing to draw these voices from the margins to the center as we reflect upon feminist activism of our past and present. Below you will find 7 Chicana feminists who have been central in the fight for equity. We encourage you to continue to reflect upon the success of feminism from an intersectional perspective that honors the voices of all identities. And don't forget to stop into the Women's Resource Center to connect with the staff and learn more!

Gloria Anzaldua, "Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza"

Cherrie Moraga, "This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color"

Martha P. Cotera, "The Chicana Feminist"

Alicia Gaspar De Alba, "Making a Killing: Femicide, Free Trade, and La Frontera"

Ana Castillo, "Women Are Not Roses"

Lorna Dee Cervantes, "From the Cables of Genocide: Poems of Love and Hunger"



6th Annual Women's Conference

What wave are we in?: Today's Feminist Activism

Join us as we explore activism, intersectional feminism, and
Women's Rights Movement history

Keynote Speaker: B. Cole



B. Cole is the Executive Director of Brown Boi Project, a community of people working across race and gender to eradicate sexism, homophobia, and transphobia and create healthy frameworks of masculinity and change. Drawing on her experience as a consultant, Cole launched the Brown Boi Project in 2010. As an activist, Cole introduced the term "masculine of center", which is now being used to forward understanding of the incredible breadth of masculinity within the queer community. Cole has worked across the U.S. and internationally on issues of leadership development and building social capital for young people of color.

Thursday, 10.29.15 in the UC Ballrooms

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LBGT History Month

October is LGBT History Month. The WRC staff views this as a fantastic opportunity to provide some information about the history of the LGBT movement. The Stonewall Riots, occurring on June 28, 1969, are “largely regarded as a catalyst for the LGBT movement for civil rights in the United States (The Leadership Conference, 2009).” The riots took place after customers of a bar in Greenwich Village known as the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village decided to take a stand against police harassment and stand up for the civil rights of LGBT people. Recently, Ronal Emmerich directed “Stonewall,” a film loosely depicting the Stonewall Riots, centering on a young, white, gay man from Indiana. The film was released on September 25, 2015. Despite the message shared by this film, the actual Stonewall Riots were initiated by “people of color, hustlers, lesbians, drag queens, and transgender people” (The Daily Best, 2015). Like many patrons who were involved in the riots, two transgender women of color, Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, are essential figures who are sometimes not given enough credit.

Johnson and Rivera were outspoken activists that dedicated their lives to advocating for the LGBT community. Johnson, an African American transgender woman, was well known in the LGBT community and as an activist in the Gay Liberation Front (GLF) and posed for a collection of Andy Warhol’s paintings and photographs. Rivera was of Puerto Rican and Venezuelan descent born in the Bronx, New York. Homeless and in the LGBT community at a young age, Rivera “worked tirelessly for a more inclusive and intersectional approach” to activism (Klebine, 2015). Coming from different backgrounds and specific involvements of activism, Johnson and Rivera founded the Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR) which provided a place for the homeless or runaway transgender youth and individuals to build and community and live together.

In light of LGBT History Month, expanding beyond the Stonewall riots and the controversial, recreation film “Stonewall”, we encourage you to check out a film screening put on by the GLBTA Resource Office at UNC. “Out in the Night” chronicles the lived experiences of four African American lesbian friends who are threatened and attacked on the streets of New York. The documentary will be followed by a Q&A and meet & greet with one of the stars of the documentary Patreese Johnson. The event will take place in the UC-Panorama Room at 7pm on Monday, October 26th.

Sources:

<http://www.civilrights.org/archives/2009/06/449-stonewall.html>

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/08/06/will-there-be-rioting-over-the-stonewall-movie.html>

<http://www.outhistory.org/exhibits/show/tgi-bios/sylvia-rivera>

<http://www.outhistory.org/exhibits/show/tgi-bios/marsha-p-johnson>

<http://mic.com/articles/121256/meet-marsha-p-johnson-and-sylvia-rivera-transgender-stonewall-veterans>

Women’s Equality and Voting

This year, 2015, President Barrack Obama declared August 26, 2015 Women’s Equality Day. Obama proclaims that as United States citizens “celebrate 95 years since the certification of the 19th Amendment, let us demonstrate our commitment to the belief that we are all entitled to equal treatment by supporting policies that help women succeed and thrive” That being said, we encourage the UNC community to exercise their right to vote! You all have a voice and should voice your opinion on ballot issues that matter to you. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that serves as an excellent resource to encourage informed and active participants in government. Check out www.vote411.org launched by the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) it provides nonpartisan information to the public with both general and state-specific election information.



Do not forget to register to vote!

In Person: November 3, 2015(Election Day)

By Mail/Online: Received by Monday, October 26, 2015

Read the proclamation here:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/08/24/presidential-proclamation-womens-equality-day-2015>

Type in address for personalized voting information: <http://www.vote411.org/enter-your-address?dest=voting-dossier#.VhwwuP7wvct>

“Election Information You Need” www.vote411.org

League of Women Voters: <http://www.lwvcolorado.org/ballot-issues.html>

Local Leagues—including Greeley-Weld County: <http://www.lwvcolorado.org/local-leagues.html>

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Women's Resource Center

The Women's Resource Center honors gender as a central identity, engages critical women's and gender issues, while challenging systems of inequity and advocating for change at the University of Northern Colorado.

In addition to engaging women's and gender issues, some of the great resources offered by the Women's Resource Center include:

- ~ A space to hang out and study
- ~ Computer lab with free printing
- ~ Library
- ~ A facility and kitchen for events, study groups, and meetings
- ~ Lactation station

The WRC also provides educational and awareness programming throughout the year.

Contact us to get involved with events or volunteer at our Center!

Stryker Institute for Leadership Development

The Stryker Institute for Leadership Development supports the personal, social, and academic achievement of women from underrepresented groups at the University of Northern Colorado.

We accomplish our mission by providing access to educational opportunities, cultivating leadership potential, fostering connectedness and community, and empowering women through encouragement and space for personal growth.

For any questions about the Stryker Institute please contact the Leadership Coordinator at 970.351.2634 or stop by Scott-Willcoxon Hall.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Intimate partner violence, also referred to as domestic violence, as systemic acts of exercising power and control by a person against their intimate partner. This includes, but is not limited to: willful intimidation and/or threats, physical assault, sexual assault, and emotional abuse.

Every 1 and 3 women, and 1 and 4 men, will be a victim of intimate partner violence. Although, gender identity, sexual preference, and racial communities are also significantly impacted.

(The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 2015)

Some common themes in healthy relationships

- Trust
- Respect
- Intimacy
- Honesty & Open communication
- Negation & compromise

All relationships exist on a spectrum, ranging from healthy to abusive, with unhealthy being in the middle. For more information, visit loveisrespect.org.

Assault Survivors Advocacy Program Fall 2015 Events Clothesline Project

Mon. 10/19 to Fri. 10/23

University Center Lower Level/Michener Library
Support survivors of sexual assault by visiting our display or decorating clothespins for the Clothesline Project. The purpose of this campaign is to provide support, deepen the awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault, as well as take agency in the first steps of ending it. The clothespins will be used to support the voices of victim survivors on campus.

If you are a survivor and would like to decorate/design a t-shirt to contribute to the display, stop in the ASAP office in the second level of Cassidy Hall.

For more information about ASAP or our events, visit: <http://www.unco.edu/asap/>

*If disclosing a known occurrence, or indication, of intimate partner violence, UNC employees are mandated to report, due to Title IX federal mandates. If you are a victim who would like to process and/or create a plan for safety with a confidential campus resource, contact the ASAP Crisis Hotline at 970-351-4040.

Contact Us!

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