

WRC TODAY



THE 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!

THE STRYKER INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



The Stryker Institute for Leadership Development supports the personal, social, and academic achievement of underrepresented women-identified students 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.

THIS MONTH'S FEATURE EVENT



Join the Women's Resource Center as we launch UNC V-Season!! Our interactive table displays in the UC will provide information about the VDAY Movement and the Vagina Monologues (coming up in April). Those who stop by our table will also have an opportunity to engage our "I Need Feminism Because..." campaign and receive AWESOME campaign giveaways!

*Friday, 2.13.15.
10:30a.m.-1:30p.m.
University Center*

What is V-Day?

V-Day is a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls. V-Day is a catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM) and sex slavery. More information can be found at vday.org.

Vagina Monologues tickets go on sale 2.16.15

*Friday, April 3
Saturday, April 4
Lindou Auditorium, 7 p.m.
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.*

\$5 (any student ID), \$8 (non-students) Tickets available at the UNC Box Office 970-351-4849 or online at www.unco.edu/tickets Tickets available at the door - CASH ONLY

^{I Need} **Feminism Because...**

The "I Need Feminism Because..." campaign links pressing women's and gender issues and other forms of social inequity, to feminism and feminist history. Women's ability to vote, access education and own property are a result of feminism, and remind us of all that is still left to accomplish.

FIFTY SHADES OF CONTROVERSY

Valentine's Day is coming up and that means one thing... "Fifty Shades of Grey." This film is already getting immense attention amongst fans who only hope that the movie lives up to the New York Times best-seller.

However, some believe that it "stylizes sexual violence," or it "romanticizes stalking." All these Amazon reviews have us thinking. Is it a movie that allows females, young and old, to think that it is cool to stay in an abusive relationship? Or, is it teaching both males and females that sex is ok, without consent?

The book follows an innocent college student, Anastasia Steele, who meets Christian Grey. He is very wealthy and successful, however, he wants to control every aspect of their relationship. He makes her sign a contract that allows him to do whatever he wants to her with or without her consent. She ends up finding herself too invested in a sexual relationship, which she emotionally can't leave.

The book also mis-interprets the Bondage & Discipline; Dominance & Submission; Sadism & Masochism culture. This is a culture that allows one's self to completely please a partner's desires. They are supposed to fulfill whatever fantasy their partner wishes. In an online article in U.S. News, people who participate in BDSM want to emphasize that a big rule is consent. Both parties set rules or even have a safe word. This is to ensure that people do not lose their identities in one another and that the relationship does not become an abusive one.

Each participant has their needs met equally, but that does not seem to be the case in "Fifty Shades of Grey." Steele is constantly torn between leaving Grey, or staying, because being without him is worse pain than the relationship is. She is sacrificing her identity and Grey cannot seem to drop his controlling nature.

There is a fine line that is fuzzy to a lot of readers. Still think the book deserves all the praise it is receiving?

-To learn more visit:

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/health-wellness/articles/2013/08/12/whats-wrong-with-50-shades-of-grey-and-what-you-should-know-about-bdsm>

- To read more reviews visit: www.Amazon.com/50shadesofgrey.

We want to know what you think!
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

What better way to gather and reflect on the month's events than to share food with everyone? Please come socialize and of course enjoy free food at the Marcus Garvey Cultural Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 17 10a.m.-3p.m.
More than a Month Conference
Aspen, Spruce, Columbine and Panorama

Friday, Feb. 20 7p.m.-9p.m.
How Far We've Come: A historically attributable black performance show
Lindou Auditorium

Monday, Feb 23 6p.m.-8p.m.
Soul Food Night
Marcus Garvey Cultural Center

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WHAT'S IN POP CULTURE NEWS?

With all the buzz around Katy Perry's Super Bowl halftime performance, we were curious to know her stand on feminism. According to Time Magazine, feminism means, to Perry, that she loves both men and women. However, she makes it clear that she is not a feminist, but she believes in the power of women.

-For more info visit: <http://time.com/28554/katy-perry-feminist-after-all-confused/>

One word... Beyonce. She is no stranger to feminism as she confidently expresses in her song "Flawless." According to an online article on the CNN website, feminism, to her, means that there should be equality between men and women. She also said that she is a humanist as well. Beyonce empathizes with women because of the pressures they go through.

-For more info visit: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/12/12/showbiz/music/beyonce-feminism-yours-and-mine-video/>

Pop culture can easily influence the way people view social justice issues. Maybe more people are taking notice because celebrities are the ones who are flaunting their views on it. Either way, feminism is a more prominent discussion in today's society. We don't mind!

We want to know what you think!
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