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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

As many of you know, this is my last quarter as director of the Critical Gender Studies program.

I want to take a moment to thank all of the faculty who have served on the steering committee, taught core courses, and/or helped shepherd the program through a period of dramatic growth and

change: Martha Lampland, Harry Hirsch, Leigh Star, Cynthia Truant, Marta Hansen, Rosemary George, Ellen Seiter, Maria George, Pamela Radcliff, Winnie Woodhull, Lisa Lowe, Lisa Yoneyama, Judith Halberstam, Suzanne Brenner, Stephanie Jed, Susan Kirkpatrick, Stephanie McCurry, Kathryn

Shevelow, Lori Chamberlain, Jane Rhodes, Susan Larsen, Oona Ceder, Yen Espiritu, and Steve Epstein. This is only a small fraction of the faculty who sustain the program from year to year. A word of appreciation also needs to go to the many faculty teaching gender-related courses in their departments; taken together, their labors form the backbone of the major and ensure a curriculum that is rich, rigorous, and ever more interdisciplinary. Finally, Nancy Hatch and Trudy LaDue have worked with great patience, ingenuity, and humor through the program's transition from

"Women's Studies" to "Critical Gender Studies." Without their commitment, administrative savvy, sense of order, and tireless attention to detail, we would all--faculty and students alike--have made quite a mess of things.

Social Science Dean Paul Drake along with Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Marsha Chandler have appointed Rosemary George as the new Director of Critical Gender Studies, effective July 1. Professor George is an Associate Professor in the Literature Department and brings to the program expertise in the areas of global feminisms and postcolonial studies. Along with the Steering Committee, I want to welcome Professor George and express to her our considerable confidence in her leadership as well as our excitement over the ways in which she might develop the program during her three year term as director.

Finally, looking forward to next year's course offerings: During Fall Quarter, we will be offering two new courses, "Women and Sport," which will be taught by Judith Sweet and "Race/Gender/Science/Technology" which Leigh Star will teach. Both promise to be fabulous courses and we want to encourage majors in particular as well as other students with an interest in these subject areas to check out both courses. CGS 100 will also be offered in the Fall and is open to entering as well as other lower division students. Please note that, in contrast to previous years, CGS 2A will be taught in the Winter Quarter and 2B during Spring Quarter.

PROGRAM NEWS

Honors Program

Participation in the honors program is highly recommended for those students who are considering graduate school or other forms of postgraduate work in which research is involved. To be eligible for the program, a student should be a WS/CGS major and have senior standing by Fall Quarter 2000 with a 3.5 grade-point average in the major's upper division courses. Interested and committed students who do not quite meet the grade requirement may be admitted at the discretion of the Women's Studies Steering Committee.

Preparation begins during Fall Quarter in Critical Gender Studies 190, an honors seminar, and in CGS 196A. Work continues in Winter Quarter's CGS 196B, in which students research thesis topics, find thesis directors, and complete their theses. At graduation the identification of their Critical Gender Studies majors on diplomas and transcripts will include the notation "with distinction." Students interested in entering the program or learning more about it should see Nancy Hatch in the CGS Office.

Critical Gender Studies Website

Please check the Critical Gender Studies Website for information on courses, procedures, and upcoming events. Its address is
<http://www-muir.ucsd.edu/instructional/critical-gender/index.html>

Office Information

WS/CGS majors and minors: please notify Nancy Hatch of honors, achievements and other matters of interest to be included in future newsletters, and after graduation let us know your changes of address.

Faculty News

Suzanne Brenner, Department of Anthropology, was the recipient of the Harry J. Benda Prize in Southeast Asian Studies awarded by the Association for Asian Studies for her book *The Domestication of Desire: Women, Wealth, and Modernity in Java* (Princeton, 1998).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conference

The twenty-first annual National Women's Studies Association conference will take place June 14-18, 2000 in Boston. Information is available in the CGS Office and at the website:
<http://www.nwsa.org/2000conf.htm>

Calls for Papers

Feminist Utopias: Redefining our Projects
International Feminist Conference November 9-11, 2000
Institute for Women's Studies and Gender Studies
University of Toronto

Information on the conference and the call for papers is available at its website:

<http://www.utoronto.ca/iwsgs/conference.html>