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You may like to know that...

- The Women's Studies Program includes 36 faculty members and 40 courses cross-listed in 14 disciplines.
- The Women's Studies Resource Center, 344 Morton Hall, houses a unique collection of books on women and gender studies. It is free and open to the public.
- The Women's Studies Program and the Huntsville Branch of the American Association of University Women sent five students to the 2009 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in Maryland.

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EXPO Highlights Positive Community Change



The Women's Studies Program invites campus and community to "Charged Up For Change! EXPO" on March 31, which features a community fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and a panel discussion, 1-2 p.m., in the University Center, UAHuntsville. EXPO brings together local individuals and groups who create positive social change in diverse and unusual ways.

The purpose of the event is to help students and others see all the creative ways they can use their interests to make the world better. The EXPO planning team hopes to involve many exhibitors featuring creative projects, hobbies, or actions that promote social service and change. Exhibits may highlight any form of positive change that makes a local or global

impact: recycling programs and green energy; handcrafted products; athletic activism for a cause; humanitarian uses of science and technology; local food; performance art of all types, visual arts, writing, web-based action; health and wellness; animal care and advocacy; childcare, tutoring, and mentoring. Individual projects are welcome as are community inter-

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Women's Studies Receives AAUW CAP Grant

The American Association of University Women awarded the Women's Studies Program a Campus Action Project (CAP) grant for its 2009-10 project, "Strengthening the Chain," which encourages women students in engineering at UAHuntsville.

As one of 12 grants awarded nationally, the UAHuntsville project seeks to stimulate recruitment and

retention of women students by strengthening supportive links among current students, prospective non-traditional students, and engineering professionals, and by encouraging diverse, relevant, and humanitarian uses of engineering.

The CAP team is organizing three luncheon discussions, where cur-

rent and prospective students, faculty, and professional women interact. An "Each One, Reach One" community networking plan using women's existing social networks asks that attendees at each luncheon invite prospective students (particularly

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Dr. Rachel Jean-Baptiste will speak March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Roberts Hall, Room 419.

History Forum Features Expert on Central African Gender Relations, Social, Cultural, and Political History

Dr. Rachel Jean-Baptiste, will present her work on women, marriage, and sex in Gabon, Africa, in a public lecture on March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Roberts Hall, Room 419, on the UAHuntsville campus. Jean-Baptiste is Assistant Professor of African History at the University of Chicago. Her lecture is entitled "Contested Conjugal and Sexual Relations in Gabon: Changes in Gender, Social Status, and Political Authority."

Jean-Baptiste, who received her doctorate from Stanford University, specializes in the social, cultural, and political history of Cen-

tral Africa. Her wide-ranging research encompasses gender, sexuality, urban history, colonialism, and law in late twentieth-century Gabon. Her past work has included interracial sex, métissage, and the codification of customary law. In a forthcoming article, entitled "A Black Girl Should Not be With a White Man": Sex, Race, and African Women's Social and Legal Status in Colonial Gabon, c. 1900-1946," Jean-Baptiste looks more closely at interracial sex.

Currently, Jean-Baptiste is working on a manuscript that considers contested conjugal and sexual

relationships in Libreville. She uses these cases to dissect and explain changing gender roles, social status, and political authority in the merging city. Her public lecture draws on this recent research.

This lecture is free and open to the public. Support is provided by the UAHuntsville History Department, Women's Studies Program, Global Studies Program, and the Humanities Center. For more information, contact Dr. Christine Sears, Department of History, at (256) 824-2573 or via email at christine.sears@uah.edu.

Huntsville Feminist Chorus Presents Spring Concert on Theme of Change and Community Support

In celebration of Women's History Month, the Huntsville Feminist Chorus will give its annual Spring Concert on Saturday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in UAHuntsville's Roberts Recital Hall. This year's concert features songs on the theme of change and the help we get along the way. The Chorus will perform a new arrangement of the chant "She Changes Everything She Touches," Holly Near's "Change of Heart," as well as both new and familiar songs of social justice and spiritual hope.

The Huntsville Feminist Chorus is a popular a cappella group known regionally for performing songs

that uplift and empower women. Drumming is a prominent feature of their powerful performances. The Chorus has performed a concert at UAH every spring since 1996.

The concert is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the UAHuntsville Women's Studies Program. For more information, call (256) 824-6210.



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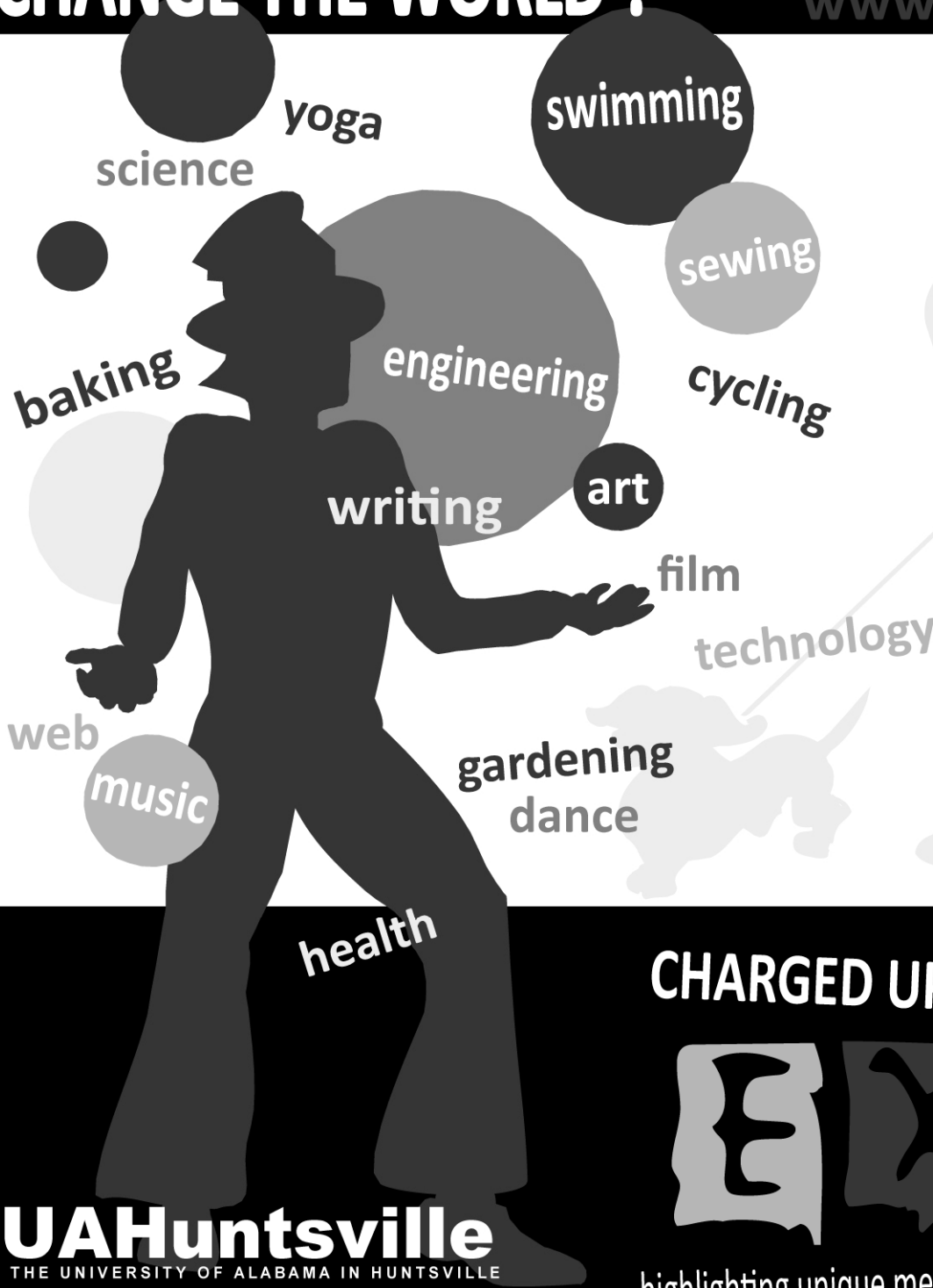
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Charged Up For Change! EXPO highlights the work of individuals and groups making positive local and global change. **Join us by signing up for a booth!** Unique, simple, and grassroots activities are encouraged, as are more established volunteer organizations. Whether you knit or swim, build houses or juggle—however you make the world better—come, share, and inspire! (Booth registration deadline is March 17, 2010).

**The EXPO is March 31, 2010, 10 AM-2 PM in UAHuntsville’s University Center.
For more information or to register online, visit www.uah.edu/expo.**

BOOTH REGISTRATION FORM

Individual/Organization: _____

What you do: _____

Contact Information:

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

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Website (if you have one): _____

Booth times requested: *Please rank your preference with 1, 2, or 3 (1 = highest preference)*

_____ **All Day (10:00-1:00)** _____ **Morning (10:00-11:30)** _____ **Afternoon (11:30-1:00)**

*Students will stroll among EXPO booths 10 AM - 1 PM. Panel discussion will occur 1-2 PM.

**A 6' by 30" table and chair will be provided at each booth. If you have other requirements (larger space, electrical outlets, extension cords, etc.), please let us know: _____

For more information: please contact Erin Reid, erin.reid@uah.edu, or Dr. Nancy Finley, nancy.finley@uah.edu, or call 256-824-6190. See you there!

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est groups, grassroots collectives, established volunteer organizations, student clubs, alternative businesses, and more.

EXPO will provide an exciting venue for networking and will also feature local musicians, actors, and performance artists. The carnival-like atmosphere will be fun for all with refreshments, door prizes, and creative surprises.

EXPO is organized by a diverse group of faculty, staff, and students, including the Women’s Studies Program, Student Sociological Association (SSA), Art Club, AAUW CAP Grant Team, and POWER (the Women’s Studies student organization), with financial support from the Student Government Association, and donations from many local businesses.

Entertainment is coordinated by Anna Sue Courtney of the Flying Monkey Arts Center, which will be a major event participant.

EXPO is free and open to the public. For additional details, exhibitor guidelines, and registration information, visit www.uah.edu/expo, or call (256) 824-6190 or email nancy.finley@uah.edu.



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non-traditional students) to future panel discussions. The CAP team members will also produce innovative digital and print materials offering relevant views of engineering and practical information for returning students. In addition, the project team will prepare a science, technology, math, and engineering division at the campus-wide “Charged Up For Change! EXPO” on March 31.

Student representatives will present the project at the June 3–5,

2010, AAUW / NASPA National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland, College Park. The conference helps young women connect with other students and successful women while honing their leadership skills for their work on campus and in their communities.

Nancy Finley, Director of Women’s Studies, says, “We are extremely excited at being awarded this grant. It is an excel-

lent opportunity to bring together the expertise of women in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Engineering. Faculty, students, and staff have been working closely together on this project to develop leadership in our students and increase networking between the campus and professional women in the community.”

For more information, visit www.uah.edu/cap or call (256) 824-6190.

Top: CAP student organizer Tamara Hill offered a compelling testimonial at the first luncheon. Center: More than 30 students, faculty, and professionals attended the first luncheon. Bottom: The CAP planning team includes faculty, staff, and students from Engineering and Liberal Arts.

Women’s Studies Course Offerings Summer 2010

FIRST MINI-SESSION

ED 530 01	Applied Multiculturalism	TR	12:30-4:45	Kovacs
PHL 202 01	Introduction to Ethics	MTWR	10:15-12:15	TBA
SOC 106 01	Marriage and Family	MTWR	12:30-2:30	Finley

SECOND MINI-SESSION

PHL 202 02	Introduction to Ethics	MTWR	10:15-12:15	TBA
PHL 202 03	Introduction to Ethics	MTWR	2:45-4:45	TBA

Women’s Studies Course Offerings Fall 2010

CM 345 01	Media Representation	TR	11:10-12:30	Brown-Givens
EH 438 01	African American Literature	TR	3:55-5:15	Flint
EH 493 01	The Victorian Novel	TR	3:55-5:15	Early
HY 399 05	ST: Construction of Gender	TR	12:45-2:05	Sears
MGT 462 01	Employment Law for Managers	TR	3:55-5:15	Gramm
PHL 202 01	Introduction to Ethics	MWF	11:30-12:25	Martine
PHL 202 02	Introduction to Ethics	MW	3:55-5:15	Jones
PHL 202 03	Introduction to Ethics	TR	12:45-2:05	Wilkerson
PHL 202 04	Introduction to Ethics	TR	2:20-3:40	Heikes
PHL 303 01	Contemporary Philosophy	MWF	11:30-12:25	Wilkerson
PY 406 01	Psychology of Women	MW	3:55-5:15	Carpenter
PY 437 01	Psychobiology of Stress/Illness	M	5:30-8:20	Torres
SOC 106 01	Marriage and Family	TR	12:45-2:05	Terrell
SOC 200 01	Intro. to Anthropology	MW	12:45-2:05	Sitaraman
SOC 306 01	Sociology of Gender	W	5:30-8:20	Finley
SOC 315 01	Cultural Change	M	3:55-6:50	Sitaraman

Course offering schedules are not final. For changes, see the official UAHuntsville schedule of classes at www.uah.edu/cgi-bin/schedule.pl

Become a Friend of Women's Studies!

Friends of Women's Studies (FWS) is an organization of people who support the UAHuntsville Women's Studies Program. The goals of FWS include:

- Supporting community involvement in Women's Studies events
- Sponsoring cultural activities and events that honor and empower women
- Supporting women scholars, artists, and performers
- Fostering discussion of issues affecting women's lives

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