



You may like to know that...

- At the end of this semester, Dr. Molly Johnson will conclude her term as WGS Director.
- The WGS Program is co-sponsoring a number of interdisciplinary spring events (see page 3).

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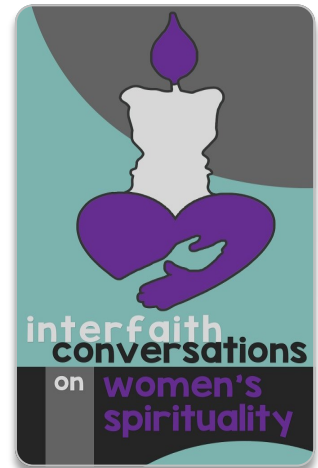
Interfaith Conversations on Women's Spirituality Returns

Building on our successful Spring 2017 event series, "Interfaith Conversations on Women's Spirituality," the Women's and Gender Studies Program will once again hold an **Interfaith Panel and Community Conversation, on Tuesday, April 17, at 6-8 p.m.** in the CTC Exhibit Hall (formerly known as the University Center). The Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs (ODMA) will co-sponsor this event.

The panel will feature local women of diverse faith traditions sharing their experiences about how

their spirituality shapes their lives. All guests will then engage in roundtable conversations on topics including Reconciling Religious Identities and Experiences, Practicing Religion in a Secular World, Faith and Social Action, Spirituality Outside the Boxes, Religious Tradition in an Interfaith Community, and Gender, Sexuality, and Religion.

This event will feature vegetarian heavy hors d'oeuvres with options appropriate for guests of diverse faith traditions. The event is free and open to the public but reser-



vations are required by April 9, 2018. You can reserve at www.uah.edu/wgs.

For additional information, call (256) 824-6190 or visit uah.edu/wgs.

Huntsville Feminist Chorus Spring Concert

The Huntsville Feminist Chorus (HFC) will offer its annual spring concert at UAH on **Saturday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m.**, in Roberts Recital Hall.

The concert's theme, "Beyond Green," celebrates our human relationship with the natural world and its many inhabitants and explores our role in stewardship and justice-seeking. The concert brings together an eclectic array of inspiring songs from spiritual, folk, and social justice traditions.

This will be the 23rd HFC spring concert at UAH, honoring women's history. HFC was formed in 1993. Its mission is to "open hearts and minds through song."

The concert is sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program and is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the program. For more information, call (256) 824-6190.





Dr. Molly Johnson,
Women's and Gender
Studies Director

Message from the Director

Greetings from the Women's and Gender Studies Program at UAH!

In this newsletter, you can read about upcoming events sponsored and co-sponsored by the WGS Program. Please also consider visiting us at the Soaring for Social Change kite festival, organized by AshaKiran and the City of Huntsville Office of Multicultural Affairs, on Saturday March 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at John Hunt Park.

Preparing this newsletter is somewhat bittersweet for me, as I will be ending my term (the second of two four-year terms) as Director of Women's and Gender Studies this summer. This is actually the sixteenth newsletter I have prepared as WGS director!

I have so enjoyed getting to know WGS students, planning events, and interacting with our many community supporters. I have grown enormously, both professionally and personally, from my service as WGS director. In many ways, I think I might look back on the last eight years as among the

most fulfilling in my academic career.

I am, however, eager to focus more on my research, as well as to re-engage with my home department, the Department of History. I will also work closely to mentor the new WGS director (the selection process is still underway), just as Dr. Nancy Finley and Dr. Rose Norman mentored me.

We also have wonderful continuity of personnel and supporters, including Erin Reid, our wonderful senior staff assistant, the members of our Program Advisory Committee, and our awesome community supporters. And UAH has amazing Women's and Gender Studies students right now; teaching them, and learning from them, gives me great hope for our world. The future is very bright for the UAH Women's and Gender Studies Program!

Special thanks to those of you who made contributions to the WGS Program and to the Rose

Norman Women's Studies Award for Scholarship in Action this past year. Your contributions help us support diverse and creative events that bring greater understanding of women's and gender issues to our community.

Please remember to check out our website at uah.edu/wgs and to "like" "Women's and Gender Studies at UAH" on Facebook to keep up to date with us before the next newsletter goes out in the fall! You can also sign up for our Online Newsletter at <http://www.uah.edu/la/departments/womens-studies/news/subscribe>.

All the best,

Molly Wilkinson Johnson
Associate Professor of History
Director of Women's and Gender Studies

Farewell to Ms. Delois Smith



The WGS Program would like to congratulate Ms. Delois Smith, Vice President for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs (ODMA), on her retirement, effective April 1. Smith has been an extraordinary presence on campus, as well as an active contributor to the North Alabama community. Under her leadership ODMA has supported many WGS programs, including our Charged Up for Change! EXPO, the Alabama Student Leaders Conference, and Interfaith Conversations on Women's Spirituality. We will greatly miss her leadership, and we wish her well!

WGS Minors Complete Capstone Portfolio

Congratulations to three WGS Minors who recently completed their Capstone Portfolios, which required them to discuss how their papers and projects for their WGS classes reflected their engagement with the student learning objectives of the WGS minor.

Pictured here on the right are **Roxie Brookshire** (Sociology) and **Mia Milne** (Sociology/

Psychology) standing together, and **Emma Huber** (Psychology). All three will graduate in May.

The WGS Program's student learning objectives state that graduates of our program will be able to: 1) Demonstrate knowledge of women's participation in, contribution to, and transformation of society; 2) Analyze how gender is embedded within social

institutions and culture;

3) Articulate how different academic disciplines investigate women and gender; 4) Analyze how gender intersects with other categories of identity; and 5) Explain how gender constructions affect individual lives.



Upcoming UAH Spring Events

Jazz and Paint Night: UAH Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Women's History Month Program

The Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs will be hosting its Women's History Month program on **Thursday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.** in Shelby Center 301.

The 2018 national theme is "Nevertheless She Persisted: Honoring Women who Fight All Forms of Discrimination against Women." WGS Director Molly Johnson will provide introductory comments about Women's History Month, followed by jazz music and painting coordinated by the UAH Art Club.

The event is free, but pre-registration is required by March 9 at: <https://goo.gl/forms/NiCjC2X4oR0rgkWi2>

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Above: the theme of the Women's History Month Jazz and Paint Night;
Below: Dr. Larisa Veloz, who will speak on Mexican female and family migration.

Dr. Larisa Veloz to Speak on Mexican Female and Family Migration on Interna- tional Women's Day

In honor of International Women's Day, the UAH History Department is bringing Dr. Larisa Veloz, Assistant Professor of History at The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), to UAH. On **Thursday, March 8**, Veloz will speak on "Even the Women are leaving: Mexican Female and Family Migration in the Early Twentieth Century," at **5:30 p.m.** in Wilson Theater (WIL 001).

Event co-sponsors are the UAH Humanities Center, the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, the Women's and Gender Studies Program, and the Latin American Studies Program.

There will also be a casual reception, to enable students to meet with the speaker, in the Wilson Hall Art Gallery from 4 to 5 p.m., prior to the lecture. Women's and Gender Studies community supporters are also welcome to attend the pre-event reception.

Veloz earned her Ph.D. in Latin American history from Georgetown University in 2015 with a specialty in the history of women migrants to the United States. At UTEP, Veloz teaches classes on the history of borderlands, twentieth-century Mexico, and gender and migration.

The event is free and open to the public. Please direct questions to nicole.pacino@uah.edu.

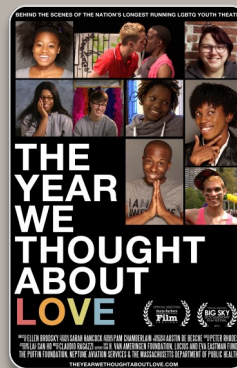
Film Showing: *The Year We Thought About Love:* A New Film About a Daring LGBTQ Youth Theater Troupe

UAH's Queer Student Recognition (QSR) student group is showing the documentary film, *The Year We Thought About Love: A New Film About a Daring LGBTQ Youth Theater Troupe* on **Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m.** in the Charger Union Theater. The WGS Program is co-sponsoring this event.

QSR is a newly established LGBTQ+ organization. QSR's aim is to promote unity while honoring individuality. Members want to introduce new ideas, educate others, and spread awareness at UAH and in the Huntsville community. This film showing is the first big public event that QSR has organized.

The event is free and open to the public. Read more about the film on the film's website: www.theyearwethoughtaboutlove.com/

For additional information about the film showing or about QSR's activities, please email qsr@uah.edu.



Above: Film poster and members of the cast from "The Year We Thought About Love."

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Friends of Women's and Gender Studies (FWGS) is an organization of people who support the UAH Women's and Gender Studies Program. The goals of FWGS include:

- Supporting community involvement in Women's and Gender 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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