



Women's Heritage Month

Exploring Our Footprint

March 2009

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Calendar of Events

March 2009

Tuesday, March 3

UIC Women's Heritage Month Opening Address: Exploring our Footprint with Cheryl Johnson-Lessons Learned While Fighting for Environmental Justice in Chicago
4:00-6:00 PM, UIC Student Center East
750 S. Halsted Street, Tower Room 302
Join us for a conversation with Cheryl Johnson, Executive Director of the People for Community Recovery. Ms. Johnson has worked for over 20 years to educate the Chicago community about environmental racism, pollution and urban health.

Wednesday, March 4

Audacious Women of the Bible
6:30 PM, Agape House Christian Ministry
809 W. Roosevelt Road
Join us for a Bible Study exploring the gifts, challenges and amazing lives of some of the Bible's most audacious women. No biblical experience necessary...open to all faiths. Sponsored by Agape House; visit www.agape-uic.org.

Friday, March 6

Women Organize!
12:00-1:00 PM
UIC College of Urban Planning & Public Administration
412 S. Peoria Street, Room 110
This Friday Forum will explore the role and techniques of women in community organizing through a presentation by Jamiko Rose, Executive Director of Organization of the North East (O.N.E.), and a short film presenting case studies of women engaged in community organizing.

Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft

3:00-4:00 PM, UIC Student Center East
750 S. Halsted Street, Tower Room 613
This workshop will explore high-tech and low-tech methods used to steal consumers' identities while shopping on the internet, eating out, etc. Participants will learn to recognize and avoid potentially risky situations and learn ways to manage the security of their identity. Presented by Jessica Stewart and Carol Petersen. Sponsored by The Wellness Center. **To register call: 312-413-2120.**

The Visiting Artist Series Art Exhibit + Lecture/Reception

Out From The Earth by Dorothy J. Ross, Artist
5:00-8:00PM
Opening Lecture/Reception
African-American Cultural Center, Addams Hall, Room 207, 830 S. Halsted Street
This exhibit will be available for viewing during the entire month of March. Visitors are welcome Monday-Friday from 8:30am until 4:45pm.

Saturday, March 7

UIC Vagina Monologues 2009
2:00 PM and 7:30 PM (Two performances)
UIC Student Center East
750 S. Halsted Street, Illinois Room
UIC's annual production of Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues* is a theatrical performance to celebrate women and end violence. The profits from the show go to local agencies, groups and organizations involved in the struggle to end violence against women. Cost: \$8.00 Students & UIC Affiliates, \$10.00 General Public. Presented by Student Outreach Services; visit www.uic.edu/depts/owa.

Monday, March 9

Holy Vagina: Interfaith Panel Discussion on Women's Anatomy/Women's Spirituality
4:00-5:30PM, Agape House Christian Ministry
809 W. Roosevelt Road
Several women, including members of the Vagina Monologues cast/crew, will come together to discuss and share their faith perspectives regarding women's anatomy and women's spirituality. Sponsored by Agape House, Campus Advocacy Network, the Vagina Monologues and the Gender and Sexuality Center; visit www.agape-uic.org.

Tuesday, March 10

Get to Know the Other Dorothy!
12:00-1:00PM, 183 Behavioral Sciences Building
1007 W. Harrison Street
Lesbian author Dorothy Allison is the keynote speaker for this year's Rainbow Banquet featuring Lavender Graduation in May. In anticipation of her arrival, we'll read an excerpt of her work on gender, sexuality, and class. Sponsored by the Gender & Sexuality Center; visit www.gsc.uic.edu or call 312-413-8619.

Wednesday, March 11

Class + Gender in the Israeli Military - A Talk and Discussion with Dr. Liora Sion
4:00-5:30PM, 311 Behavioral Sciences Building
1007 W. Harrison Street
The talk and discussion will address issues of gender assumptions, roles, and relations in the Israeli military. Co-sponsored by Levine Hillel at UIC and the Gender and Sexuality Center at UIC.

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Thursday, March 12

UIC Working Women - Walking in the Footsteps Set Before Us, Session 1
2:00-4:00 PM, Science and Engineering Offices
MSCS Department, Room 636, 851 S. Morgan Street
More than 60% of UIC's support staff are women, playing a vital role on campus as support staff, working in building services, or answering telephones. We help the UIC campus run smoothly. We invite women and all who wish to join us for an opportunity to network, share ideas and become knowledgeable about opportunities available at UIC. Sponsored by UIC's Civil Service Staff Advisory Council. **To register, please contact Darlette M. Willis at 312-996-5122 or dmw@uic.edu.**

Women, AIDS + Activism Panel Discussion

Time TBA, Gallery 400 Lecture Room, Gallery 400
College of Architecture and the Arts, Art & Design Hall
400 S. Peoria Street (north of the expressway and CTA station)
This panel discussion designed to inspire activism around HIV/AIDS include Jennifer Brier who will highlight women's historical role in the AIDS movement, specifically among lesbians and feminists, joined by community advocates who will share their experiences and provide ways to take action. Co-sponsored by the Center for Research on Women and Gender/National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and the Gender and Women's Studies Program; call 312-413-4251.

Friday, March 13

Proactive Safety for Campus + the Community
3:00-4:00 PM, UIC Student Center East
750 S. Halsted Street, Tower Room 613
This workshop will introduce concrete methods that will help participants to be more proactive in managing their personal safety. Participants will learn about the verbal tricks of "Stranger Danger," common opportunistic crimes, how to handle street cons, and more. Presented by Carol Petersen. Sponsored by The Wellness Center. **To register call: 312-413-2120.**

Gendered Spaces

12:00-1:00pm
UIC College of Urban Planning & Public Administration
412 S. Peoria Street, Room 110
In this Friday Forum, we will talk with Patricia Wright, Roberta Feldman and Melissa Spatz about their own perspectives and their professional experience in helping women to re-claim and re-define the spaces in which they live.

Friday, March 13-Saturday, March 14

The Humanities + the Family: A Conference
March 13, 10:00 AM-5:30 PM
March 14, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
UIC Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted Street, Room 605
This conference explores the contributions of disciplines of the Humanities in debating and constructing ideas and representations of the family. Based on the premise that conceptions of the family are wide-ranging and continually transforming, the conference will ask what constitutes a family, examining this question from the perspective of history, literature, law, and ethics. Topics will include inheritance, marriage, work, religious and utopian communities, violence, children, the relation of the family to the community, the nation, and the state, and changing conceptions of genders and sexualities. Sponsored by the Humanities Institute. **Visit www.uic.edu/depts/huminst/conferences.shtml for the full schedule and registration.**

Saturday, March 14

Volunteer at Deborah's Place
4:00-7:30PM, Deborah's Place, Chicago IL
Come out to help prepare a meal for women staying at Deborah's Place (www.deborahsplace.org/story/), Chicago's largest provider of supportive housing exclusively for women recognized as an innovative leader among homeless service providers locally and nationally. Sponsored by Student Leadership Development and Volunteer Services; **Contact Samantha Kyme in at skyme2@uic.edu or 312-996-4500 if you are interested in participating. This volunteer opportunity is open to the UIC community only.**

Tuesday, March 17

Congress of Starlings
12:00-1:30 PM, UIC Student Center East
750 S. Halsted Street, Inner Circle
Lesbian/queer duo music performance (congressofstarlings.com).
Co-sponsored by Gender & Sexuality Center and Campus Programs LIVE! Series; for more information visit www.gsc.uic.edu or call 312-413-8619.

Feminine Strength: Women's Self-defense for Life in the City

2:00-4:00 PM, Agape House Christian Ministry
809 W. Roosevelt Road
The focus of this event is to help women learn simple self-defense skills that can be used anywhere. It's taught by Jeff Delgado the founder of Chicago Kick Box. Sponsored by Agape House and the Wellness Center. **To register call 312-413-2120.**

Leadership in the Bedroom (for women only)

6:00-7:00 PM, James Stukel Towers
718 W. Rochford Street, C Tower Lounge
Taught by Clarisse Thorn, film curator of Sex+++ , this event will focus on communication in the bedroom, including having open discussions, setting limits, and negotiating what you want, or don't want. Safe sex, condom use, and HIV/STD prevention will also be discussed. Sponsored by the Center for Research on Women and Gender/National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and The Wellness Center. **To register call: 312-413-2120. This event is for the UIC community only.**

Wednesday, March 18

Detecting Our Footprints: Forensic Science + Engineering
3:00-4:00 PM, Lecture Center A4
805 S. Morgan Street
Women in science & engineering have left their footprints in many areas. Come to meet Lisa A. Gilbert of the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Center who uses science and engineering to solve crimes and accidents. Sponsored by UIC's Women in Science and Engineering Program (WISE) and the ASCEND Scholars Program; visit www.uicwise.org

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Thursday, March 19

Listening to Lost Girls: Sudanese Narratives of War, Displacement and Diaspora
12:30-2:30PM, 1250 University Hall
601 S. Morgan Street
UIC Associate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies and African American Studies, Lynette Jackson, will talk about her latest research project. Lunch will be served. **Contact John D'Emilio at: demilioj@aol.com to RSVP.**

Jewish Women + Family Life: A Symposium

1:00-4:30PM, Levine Hillel Center
924 S. Morgan Street
The focus of this symposium lies on the intersection between family and public life and the conditions that enable Jewish women to thrive within both spheres, despite or because of culture specific gender role expectations. Our symposium is designed to reveal some of the dynamics that shape Jewish family life and to explore the changing, often controversial and rebellious, attitudes of Jewish women toward the institution of the family. Sponsored by the Levine Hillel Center.

Multiple Dates

College of Pharmacy's Women's Health Project
East and West Campus

Pharmacy students will be available around campus to discuss women's health topics including HPV, the Gardasil vaccine, cervical cancer awareness, pregnancy, safe over-the-counter medication use, and other women's health concerns. They will also be selling ribbons for cervical/uterine cancer awareness to benefit the National Cervical Cancer Coalition. Presented by UIC's student chapter of the American Pharmacist Association; visit apha.pages.uic.edu for times, dates, and locations.

For more information contact the Office of Women's Affairs at:

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601 S. Morgan Street, M/C 363
Chicago, Illinois 60607
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The People's Matinee Series: Feminist Critique

4:00PM
Gallery 400 Lecture Room, Gallery 400
College of Architecture and the Arts
Art & Design Hall
400 South Peoria Street (north of the expressway and CTA station)
A program of film and video works that explore contemporary and historical feminist critique in art, collectively curated by UIC graduate students from different disciplines. Sponsored by the UIC Art History Graduate Student Association and Gallery 400; visit <http://gallery400.ua.uic.edu>.

Monday, March 30

Slaying the Dragon - a film by Deborah Gee
3:00-4:00 PM, Lecture Center B1
805 S. Morgan Street
Slaying the Dragon is a comprehensive look at media stereotypes of Asian and Asian American women since the silent era. From the racist use of white actors to portray Asians in early Hollywood films, through the success of Anna May Wong's sinister dragon lady, to Suzie Wong and the '50s geisha girls, to the Asian American anchorwoman of today, this fascinating videotape shows how stereotypes of exoticism and docility have affected the perception of Asian American women. Sponsored by the Asian American Resource and Cultural Center; visit www.uic.edu/depts/oa/AARCC/.

Tuesday, March 31

"What YOU Can Do To Promote Sustainability at UIC"
12:00-1:00 PM, UIC Student Center East
750 S. Halsted Street, 329 Cardinal Room
In anticipation of earth month, representatives from across campus will provide information on how to make UIC a "greener" place through recycling, energy conservation, and other strategies. Sponsored by the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women Academic Professionals Subcommittee; contact Monica Rausa Williams at monique@uic.edu.

Tuesday, April 7

Lesbian, Eco-feminism + UIC's Sustainability Efforts
12:00-1:30PM
African-American Cultural Center
209 Addams Hall, 830 S. Halsted Street
Lunch & Presentation with Professor Carrie Brecke, Roosevelt University, and Monica Rausa Williams, Co-chair UIC's Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Sustainability. Co-sponsored with the African-American Cultural Center and the UIC Office of Sustainability.

Important information!

Event details:

Events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate in an event, please call 312-413-1025 at least one week prior to the event.

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