

# **WOMEN CHANGE AMERICA**

## ***2005 Celebration of Women's History***

*Women's History Month Opening Reception*

### ***Motherhood, Politics, and the Environment***

**Winona LaDuke**

**Tuesday, March 1**

**4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Illinois Room, Student Center East**

Native American activist and environmentalist, Winona LaDuke, will examine the relationship between personal responsibility and civil responsibility as a framework to discuss and redefine women's issues, drawing upon the topics of politics, motherhood, and the environment. LaDuke gained nationwide attention as vice presidential running mate to Ralph Nader on the 1996 and 2000 Green Party tickets. Her forthcoming book, *Recovering the Sacred*, will be released by South End Press in March 2005. Presentation to begin at 5:15 p.m. Free catered reception. Co-hosted by the City of Chicago's Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Women.

*Brown Bag Workshop*

### ***Fad Diets***

**Tara Hurley, RD, LD**

**Wednesday, March 2**

**12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Fort Dearborn Room B, Student Center East**

Contact the Wellness Center for more information at (312) 413-2120 or visit [www.wellctr.uic.edu](http://www.wellctr.uic.edu).

*Lunch n' Learn Series*

### ***Beyond Skin Deep***

**Thursday, March 3**

**12:30 - 2:00 p.m., Levine Hillel Center**

*Beyond Skin Deep* is an intense look at some of the complex health and wellness issues facing the next generation of women leaders and how these issues affect different ethnic communities. This program will also explore how medical ethics, business, technology, politics and genetics overlap in today's world and affect women's health. Presented by the Chicago Center for Jewish Genetic Disorders. Contact (312) 829-1466 for more information.

*Workshop*

### ***Relocation: Finding a Job in Another State***

**Corinne Kodama, Asian American Resource  
and Cultural Center**

**Thursday, March 3**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Meeting Room B, SSB**

Finding a job out of state requires more than just locating postings on the Internet! By attending this workshop you will learn: 1) specific strategies to use when searching for a job outside of Illinois; 2) issues to consider when planning a big move; and 3) how to make the most of a

visit to a prospective city, including potential use of other universities' Career Services Offices. Sponsored by the UIC Office of Career Services. Contact Corinne Kodama at 312-996-2300 for more information.

*Performance*

### ***5th Annual Production of the Vagina Monologues***

**Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5**

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Illinois Room, Student Center East**

Student Outreach Services is proud to present the V-week performance of *The Vagina Monologues*. The *Vagina Monologues* is more than just a show; it's part of a worldwide movement to eradicate violence against women. During the months of February & March, UIC joins thousands of other productions worldwide to raise money to donate to area rape crisis centers as well as other women's empowerment groups. Call 312-996-5426 for more information on tickets or how you can get involved.

*Writing Seminar*

### ***Writing Women's Lives: Translating Experience into Language***

**Instructor: Jennifer Langdon-Teclaw, Ph.D.**

**Mondays, March 7 - March 28**

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m., 1333 S. Halsted Building, Suite 205**

This memoir writing seminar introduces tools and techniques to help the writer explore past experiences imaginatively and meaningfully. Participants will identify a memory-driven writing project, experiment with different forms of voice and style, shape memory and experience into narrative, and practice the art of revision. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their work with the instructor and classmates, and constructive feedback will be provided in order to improve writing and refine creative processes. To register or for more information, call (312) 355-0423. UIC employees save 20% off the seminar fee.

*Art Exhibit*

### ***Women's Liberation Posters of the 1970's***

**Chicago Women's Graphics Collective**

**March 7 - April 8**

**Exhibit Reception: Friday, March 11, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**A. Montgomery Ward Gallery, Student Center East**

**Hours: Monday-Thursday, 12-9 p.m.; Friday, 12-5 p.m.**

The Women's Graphics Collective (1970 - 1983) produced over 50 silk-screened posters that explored social and political issues from a feminist viewpoint. These large colorful posters decorated the offices and homes of feminists across North America. They were printed by hand and sold for a few dollars by the tens of thousands during the rise of the Women's Liberation Movement in the 70's and 80's. This collection was assembled by the Chicago Women's Liberation Union Herstory Project.

Lecture

**Service to the Community: Chicago Woman's Aid 1920-1960**

Adele Hast, *The Newberry Library*  
Tuesday, March 8

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*Institute for the Humanities, Stevenson Hall, Lower Level*

Chicago Woman's Aid was an active women's organization for 106 years, from 1882 to 1988. Members saw themselves as a civic organization that worked to fill various needs in the larger Chicago community as well as in the Chicago Jewish community. Dr. Hast's lecture will focus on several of the club's long-range projects between 1920 and 1960. Sponsored by the University Library.

International Women's Day

**Tehran, March 8, 1979: What Iranian Women Learned from the Revolution**

Roya Hakakian

Tuesday, March 8

3:00 – 5:00 p.m., *Cardinal Room, Student Center East*

In *Journey from the Land of No* Roya Hakakian recalls her childhood and adolescence in pre-revolutionary Iran, a coming-of-age story about a girl's attempt to find an authentic voice of her own at a time of cultural closing and repression. Hakakian will read from her work and discuss what life was like for women in post-revolutionary Iran, relating her own experience to women in an international perspective. Book signing to follow. Refreshments will be provided.

Workshop

**How to Negotiate Your Salary**

Jaime Velasquez, *Office of Career Services*

Tuesday, March 8

4:00 – 5:00 p.m., *White Oak Room, Student Center East*

Women and less experienced workers tend to shy away from negotiating their salary. This workshop will help you feel more confident in being able to negotiate your salary. Learn how to determine if the offer is competitive, how to approach negotiations, other non-monetary options to consider, and how to professionally decline an offer. Sponsored by the UIC Office of Career Services. Contact Jaime Velasquez at 312-996-2300 for more information.

Workshop

**Dress for Success for Women**

Tuesday, March 8

4:00 – 6:00 p.m., *Room 613, Student Center East*

Learn how to choose the right clothes for a job interview, dress appropriately for the workplace, put together a variety of outfits on a budget, and more. Sponsored by the UIC Office of Career Services and the UI Alumni Association. Contact 312-996-2300 for more information.

Informal Discussion

**Lunch with Author Roya Hakakian**

Wednesday, March 9

12:00 – 1:30 p.m., *Levine Hillel Center*

Join us for lunch with Roya Hakakian, author of *Journey from the Land of No*. An informal discussion and Q & A session about her work will follow. Contact Marla Baker at (312) 357-6520 for more information.

Job Fair

**Education Career Day**

Wednesday, March 9

1:00 – 5:00 p.m., *Illinois Room, Student Center East*

UIC Office of Career Services will be holding a job fair for teaching candidates. Representatives from school districts will be available to receive resumes and conduct mini interviews. Contact Michael Hatcher at 312-996-2300 for more information.

Open House

**Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women (CCSW)**

**Minority Women Concerns Subcommittee**

Wednesday, March 9

4:30 – 6:00 p.m., *Suite 3050, SSB*

The mission of the CCSW Minority Women Concerns subcommittee is to address issues of particular concern to women of color. Come together at this open house to enjoy good food and music, learn about the subcommittee's previous activities, and share your suggestion for future activities. This is a great opportunity for networking and socializing in a relaxed atmosphere. RSVP required for food reservations. Contact Katherine Battee-Freeman at 312-413-5309 to register or for more information.

**Reading Series**

Roya Hakakian

Wednesday, March 9

4:00 – 6:00 p.m., *Cardinal Room, Student Center East*

Author Roya Hakakian will read from her various works including her most recent book, *Journey from the Land of No*.

Performance

**Always the Women**

Nina Thiel

Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 10th: *Theatre Room L285, EPASW*

March 11th: *Illinois Room, Student Center East*

This one-woman play presents stories of women from the Gospels. Through the presentation of twenty-four interactions between Jesus and women, the play brings light to the women from the Bible who are often overlooked. The performance also demonstrates how these women's stories are both compelling and significant in their relevance to today's society. Sponsored by Asian American InterVarsity and Multi-Ethnic InterVarsity. Contact 312-933-8818 for more information.

Performance

## **Women Speak Out**

Thursday, March 10

5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Illinois Room, Student Center East

This is a production of UIC women's art groups and individual performers who will express their experiences through dance, song, spoken word, and other art mediums. This program will provide participants and performers alike an opportunity to explore diverse identities and experiences as women.

Performance

## **For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is E'nuf**

Saturday, March 12

7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Illinois Room, Student Center East

Student Outreach Services is proud to present the V-week performance of Ntozake Shange's highly acclaimed play. Student Ashley Stone produces and directs the all-student cast in this moving and empowering piece. Funds raised during this performance will be donated to area rape crisis centers as well as other women's empowerment groups. Call 312-996-5426 for information on tickets or how to get involved.

Festival Performance

## **Women's Choir Celebration**

Tuesday, March 15

1:00 - 2:15 p.m., EPASW, Lower Level

The UIC Department of Performing Arts announces the UIC Women's Choral Festival, celebrating women's choirs during Women's History Month. High school women's choirs are invited to UIC to participate in workshops, clinics, and performances on any Tuesday in March (1, 8, 15, 29). Activities will include the UIC Women's Choral Ensemble on March 15 as part of the Department's "Tuesdays-at-One" concert series. For further information, contact Mary Ellen Pinzino at (312) 413-2113.

## **Women's History Bus Tour**

Tuesday, March 15

3:30 - 5:00 p.m., Jane Addams Hull-House Museum

Visit women's history sites in the UIC neighborhood, Pilsen, and the Near West Side. The starting point for this bus tour will be the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum where Addams and other feminist reformers provided a wide range of social services and cultural opportunities for immigrants entering Chicago through the Near West Side. Tickets: \$3 for UIC students, \$8 for non-UIC students. Limited space available! To RSVP and for more information, call (312) 413-5355.

## **Biology Forum**

Wednesday, March 16

12:00 - 1:30 p.m., Cardinal Room, Student Center East

More and more women are entering nontraditional fields such as science and engineering. This forum is an opportunity to learn about various careers that make use of a Biology or Biochemistry background. Meet and discuss your options with company representatives, alumni, and graduate/professional school representatives. Sponsored by the Office of Career Services and Department of Biological Sciences. Call

312-996-2300 for more information.

Film Screening and Panel Discussion

## **Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness**

Wednesday, March 16

3:00 - 4:30 p.m., Room 605, Student Center East

Please join us for a short film and panel discussion about reproductive rights here in Illinois and across the country. The film, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" playfully explores the absurdities and ironies of the reproductive rights issue in the United States. Panelists include: Courtney Bell, Chicago Women's Health Center; Lorie Chaiten, ACLU of Illinois; Claudia Morrissey, UIC Center for Research on Women and Gender; Robyn Nardone, Planned Parenthood. Refreshments will be provided.

## **World of WISE Choices**

Wednesday, March 16

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Fort Dearborn Rm B, Student Center East

Come talk with women from the health care, engineering, and public health industries about their careers, education and how you can end up a successful scientist one day. Ever wonder which major to pick? Which graduate program to apply to? How to pick a graduate school? Bring a friend and your questions! Presenters include Carmen Lilley, College of Engineering, plus additional speakers. RSVP required. Please contact [wiseuic@uic.edu](mailto:wiseuic@uic.edu).

## **First Annual Gender and Women's Issues Research Symposium**

Presented by Feminists United

Thursday, March 17

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Institute for the Humanities, Stevenson Hall, Lower Level

Feminists United hopes to encourage campus-wide discussion of gender and women's issues, as well as provide a feminist community. Various campus groups, from undergraduates and graduate students to professors and researchers, will present papers relating to women and gender followed by discussion. There will then be a competition and awards ceremony for the top five undergraduates. E-mail [cnorto1@uic.edu](mailto:cnorto1@uic.edu) or [lskous1@uic.edu](mailto:lskous1@uic.edu) for more information.

Preview of Asian American Awareness Month

## **Free?**

Kristina Wong

Tuesday, March 29

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Illinois Room, Student Center East

Renegade solo artist Kristina Wong subverts your typical notions of pretentious performance art with a dash of arty, farty and downright smartass — giving a fresh perspective on identity politics, culture, war, sexuality, memory, family and guilt in "Free?" Noted for her quirky, culture-jamming, subversive style, Kristina takes an offbeat artistic approach to political activism that upstages the strangeness of our times. Discussion to follow. Refreshments will be provided.

Workshop

## **Women's Body Images in**

## ***the Age of the Extreme Makeover*** ***Karen Maddi, Ph.D. and Cynthia Boyd, Ph.D.*** ***Wednesday, March 30***

*1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Room 605, Student Center East*

Have you ever thought, “My life would be perfect if I looked like Angelina Jolie or Beyonce?” Or, “My life would be so much better if I wore a D-cup?” Drs. Karen Maddi and Cynthia Boyd of the Counseling Center will explore the extreme makeover phenomenon, recent trends in body augmentation and the overall impact on women’s self image.

*Lunch n’ Learn Series*

## ***Religious Perspectives on Gay Marriage*** ***Thursday, March 31***

*11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Cardinal Room, Student Center East*

Representatives from some of the nation’s major faiths sit down together for an engaging inter-religious discussion on the current hot-button issue of homosexual marriage. Sometimes agreeable, sometimes argumentative, but always captivating, this discussion will bring to the table many ideas and beliefs that practitioners of the major religions hold about this touchy-yet-timely subject. A panel will be moderated by Patrick Finnessy, Director of the Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Concerns. Lunch will be provided. Reservation required. Please visit <http://www.uic.edu/depts/quic/oglbcc/chicken.htm> to RSVP. Call (312) 413-1025 for more information.

*GWS Gender, Health and Empire Lecture Series*

## ***Globalization, Structural Violence, and the Political Economy of HIV and AIDS***

***Richard Parker***

***Monday, April 4***

*3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Meeting Rooms B-C, SSB*

Dr. Parker’s research focuses on the social and cultural construction of gender and sexuality, the social aspects of HIV/AIDS, and the relationship between social inequality, health and disease. His talk will address the feminization of the AIDS pandemic, the relationship between gender and structural violence, and the effects of globalization on sexuality and health. Dr. Parker is Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, as well as Professor of Medical Anthropology and Sexuality in the Institute of Social Medicine (IMS) at the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ). Refreshments will be provided.

*Kick-Off Event and Preview*

## ***Asian American Awareness Month*** ***Featured Performance by Kayhan Irani*** ***Wednesday, April 6***

*4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Cardinal Room, Student Center East*

Join us in kicking off Asian American Awareness Month! This event marks the opening of the Asian American Resource and Cultural Center (AARCC) on campus. See a preview of upcoming shows by various Asian American student organizations followed by a featured excerpt performance of “We’ve Come Undone,” written and performed by activist Kayhan Irani. A series of monologues inspired by stories from Arab American, Muslim, and South Asian communities, this poignant multi-

disciplinary piece explores the impact of post-9/11 legislation on several communities in the U.S. that are experiencing the trauma of detention, disappearance and deportation. Free catered reception to follow. Organized in conjunction with Women’s History Month.

*Reception and Concert*

## ***Naming Jane Addams Hull-House St.*** ***Thursday, April 14***

*3:00 – 4:30 p.m., East Terrace Atrium, Student Center East*

Celebrate the Hull-House legacy as Chancellor Sylvia Manning and Alderman Danny Solis name a section of Halsted Street as Jane Addams Hull-House Street. 3:00 p.m. unveiling on Halsted and Polk near the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum; 3:30 p.m. Women’s Choir concert and reception in the East Terrace Atrium in the Student Center East.

## ***Featuring 30 events*** ***in March and April***

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

***Office of Women’s Affairs Web site:*** [www.uic.edu/depts/owa](http://www.uic.edu/depts/owa)

### ***Locations:***

Education, Performing Arts and Social Work (EPASW) – 1040 W. Harrison  
Jane Addams Hull-House Museum – 800 S. Halsted  
Levine Hillel Center – 924 S. Morgan  
Stevenson Hall – 701 S. Morgan  
Student Center East (formerly the Chicago Circle Center) – 750 S. Halsted  
SSB (Student Services Building) – 1200 W. Harrison

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

***Parking*** is available at cash lots. Call Parking at (312) 413-5800.

### ***Committee Members:***

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### ***Co-Sponsors:***

Office of Women’s Affairs, Campus Programs, Student Activities Funding Committee, Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Women, Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Asian Americans, Gender and Women’s Studies, Center for Research on Women and Gender, Asian American Resource and Cultural Center, Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns, Levine Hillel Center, Jane Addams Hull House Museum, Office of Community Relations, Wellness Center, Muslim Women’s Association, Muslim Student Action Network, Feminists United, PRIDE, Panhellenic Council, Student Outreach Services, Resident Housing Association, Asian American Awareness Month Planning Committee, Native American Support Program, and Office of the Provost.

***LaDuke Reception Co-hosts:*** City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Women

***For more information,***  
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