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Women's Power, Women's Justice, courses and events

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Annual Theme Update

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Colleagues,

Thank you for your energy and ideas about this year's annual theme Women's Power, Women's Justice. The collaboration has been amazing and the sponsored programs outstanding. As we begin turning some attention toward the Spring semester, I would like to invite you to continue to participate in dynamic theme activities.

1. Please share any programs you plan to sponsor in the Spring related to the theme so we can include them on the events list. Email koarneyh@iwu.edu for inclusion on the web and other promotion materials.
2. Please plan to attend and promote the events listed below by including them in your courses in whatever ways are most meaningful to your learning outcomes.
3. Help support the 2017-2018 theme, the Evolution of Revolution (see announcement below), by attending a brainstorming/idea-sharing meeting on **Wednesday, November 2, noon, SFH 102**. Scott Sheridan, Kristine Nielsen and Adriana Ponce will be providing outstanding leadership for this theme and are looking for collaborators! We'd love your ideas about programs, lecturers, activities, and more. The draft narrative is below also to give you an idea of the direction of this theme.

Women's Power, Women's Justice:

Spring events (as of 10/18):

- January 16 – MLK Teach-In (ARC/ODI)
- January 26 – Film “Pray the Devil Back to Hell”, 7pm, Ames/Beckman (IFS/Poli Sci)
- February 7, 7pm – Personal Branding – Jessica Schull/Melinda Magerkurth (HCS)
- February 8 – Eckley Lecture in Economics - Yana Van der Meulen Rodgers
- February 9 – Film “Mustang”, Ames/Beckman, 7pm (IFS/Poli Sci)
- February 9-10 – Phi Beta Kappa lecture – Laura Wexler, Yale
- February 13 – Diversity committee of the Board of Trustees, present the IWU women student data
- February 15 – Founder's Day Convocation – Dr. Hannah Attisha
- February 23 – Stevenson lecture – Gro Harlem Brundtland, first woman Prime Minister of Norway; Director General of the WHO; Chaired the UN World Commission on Environment and Development
- February 24-26 – 5th Annual Human Rights Undergraduate Research Workshop
- March 2, 4:00 – Rafia Zhakaria, first woman director of Amnesty International, “Honor Killing: How Telling the Stories Does Not End the Crimes”

- March 3 – She Speaks (part of the Summit)
- March 3-4 – Women’s Council Summit
- March 23/24 – Stevenson lecture (tentative)
- March 29 - Roberta Trites, 4:00pm, Hansen, “Embodied Women, Power, and Dystopias” (History)
- March 29 – Film “Trials of Spring”, Normal Theatre -
- April 8 - Tara Yosso, John Wesley Powell research conference
- April 10 – Kemp Women’s mentoring lunch – tentative
- April 12 – Honors Convocation
- April 25 – Illinois Heart and Lung Foundation, Women’s Health Night, 3:00-8:00pm. Shirk; Jackie Joyner Kersee is the keynote -<http://ihlf.org/events/womens-health-night-2017/>
- May 7 – Commencement – Kathleen Murray, Whitman College President

The Evolution of Revolution

Illinois Wesleyan University is proud to announce the dynamic and exciting annual intellectual theme for 2017-2018, “The Evolution of Revolution.” Thomas Jefferson is credited with the following quote: “*Every generation needs a new revolution.*” As we prepare for our fourth campus-wide theme, we invite students, faculty, and staff to explore the many ways in which concepts of change have influenced and continue to affect our daily lives.

As 2017 marks the anniversary of one of the most significant revolutions in history—the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia—we reflect as a campus community on the revolutionary forces of change that have shaped and continue to shape our world. Whether political, social, scientific, industrial, or even aesthetic, revolutions have deeply affected the lived human experience as they challenge traditions of the past in favor of future possibilities. Even artist Paul Gauguin said, “*Art is either plagiarism or revolution.*” Accordingly, revolutions necessarily espouse the goal of bringing about change—sometimes radical and violent change, while at other times subtle and peaceful change.

Change is a normal part of life and a part of growth, since things evolve. A hallmark of Western learning has often been to study forces of change, as those factors that question tradition are those that are the most significant. Students often claim that they want to “make a difference in the world.” Gandhi’s most famous quote is, “Be the change that you wish to see in the world.” When change is sudden and subversive, however, we experience a complete shift in our conception of life, and we call it revolution. How have our ideas of revolution changed over time? How has our way of questioning the status quo evolved?

Any curricular or co-curricular programs that your department, class, or student organization may be sponsoring that fall into this theme are encouraged. We are happy to include additional programs in the list of activities.

“You say you want a revolution / Well, you know we all want to change the world / You tell me that it's evolution...” —John Lennon (1940-1980) and Paul McCartney (1942-)

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