The 10th Annual

Red River Women's Studies Conference

Feminism, Politics, and the Limits of Diversity

Friday, October 1, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Memorial Union
University of North Dakota

Keynote Speaker
Magda Michielsens
University of Antwerp, Belgium

Featured Speaker
Margaret Ogrodnick
University of Manitoba, Canada

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UND Women Studies Program
8.30 – 9.00 a.m. Registration – 2nd Floor, Memorial Union, Fireside Lounge
Coffee and breakfast served

9.00 – 9.15 a.m. Welcome - Memorial Union Ballroom
Kathleen Dixon, Director of Women Studies, University of North Dakota
Welcome & Introduction of Invited Lecture by
Robert Kelley, President of the University of North Dakota

9.15 – 10.00 a.m. Invited Lecture – Memorial Union Ballroom
"Feminism, Democratic Theory, and the Limits of Diversity"
Margaret Ogrodnick, Associate Professor of Political Studies, University of Manitoba

10.00 – 10.15 a.m. Break

10.15 – 11.30 a.m. Break-out Session I

Panel 1.1 Diversity in Cyberspace - Medora Room
Chair, Slavka Antonova
"Contextualizing Diversity in Cyberspace: Social, Economic, & Political Factors for Women’s Use of the Internet," Slavka Antonova, Associate Professor of Communication, University of North Dakota
"Claiming Voice: The New Media Era and Feminist Websites," Peter Koprince, Graduate Student in Communication, University of North Dakota
"Maintaining Community: Blogging, Difference, and Group Membership," Eric Netterlund, Graduate Student in Communication, University of North Dakota
"Frag Dolls: A Case Study in Gender, Representation & Video Games," Jason Tibor, Graduate Student in Communication, University of North Dakota

Panel 1.2 Strange Changes - Presidents Room
Chair, Christopher Stoner
"Does This Apocalypse Make Me Look Fat?"
Christopher Stoner, Lecturer in Women Studies,
University of North Dakota

"The Vampire Lover: A Feminist Engagement of the
Fang Phenomena," Heather Ehrichs Angell,
Adjunct Lecturer in Women’s Studies,
Minnesota State University, Moorhead

"Excerpt from a Science Fiction Novel," Margaret Bail,
Adjunct Lecturer in English, Minot State
University

Panel 1.3 Technologies & Subjects in Gendered & Rural Settings
Memorial Room
Chair, Joseph C. Miller

"The Role of Gender in Psychological Testing."
Joseph C. Miller, Assistant Professor of
Psychology; Vicki Klophaus; Jo Ellison; Colleen
Kagan, Graduate Students in Psychology, University
of North Dakota

"Twitter and the U. Is Using Social Media Tools to
Communicate Rural Health Research ‘Worth
It’?" Wendy A. Opsahl, Graduate Student in
Educational Leadership, University of North Dakota

Panel 1.4 Women & Work – Governors Room
Chair, Krista Lynn Minnotte

"Predictors of Family-to-Work Conflict among
Working Mothers," Krista Lynn Minnotte,
Assistant Professor of Sociology, and
Ashley Leschyshyn, Undergraduate Student in
Sociology, University of North Dakota

"Predictors of Job Satisfaction among Working
Mothers," Krista Lynn Minnotte and
Marissa Gravelle, Undergraduate Student in
Sociology, University of North Dakota

"The Dichotomy of Working and Stay-at-Home
Mothers and How to Choose," Kaleen Peterson, Doctoral Student in Law, University of North Dakota

**Panel 1.5 The Realities of Gender & Violence – Badlands Room**

Chair, Wendelin Hume

“Community Circles. Unveiling the Gap between the Realities of Domestic Violence and the Paternalistic Assumptions of the Adversarial Process," Wendelin Hume, Chair & Associate Professor of Criminal Justice; Keith McCormick, Undergraduate Student in Criminal Justice, University of North Dakota

“Historical Developments in Female Incarceration Practices. Driving Theories, Goals, & Unintended Consequences," Courtney Waid, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice & Political Science, North Dakota State University; Katie Richardson, Valdosta State University; Rhonda Dobbs, University of Texas at Arlington

**Workshop 1.6 NegoSHEations – Alumni Room**

“AAUW NegoSHEations. Achieving Your Personal Pay Equity!”, AAUW, Grand Forks Chapter

**Roundtable 1.7 Diversity in Education & Human Development**

*Lecture Bowl*

Co-chair, Magda Michielsens, Professor Emerita of Women Studies, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Co-chair, Steven Light, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, University of North Dakota

Recorder, Azizah Alogali, Graduate Student in Educational Leadership & Women Studies Intern, University of North Dakota

David Whitcomb, Assistant Professor of Counseling
Psychology, University of North Dakota
Dena Wyum, Lecturer in Couple & Family Therapy, North Dakota State University
Deeshana Jayasundara, Assistant Professor of Social Work, University of North Dakota
Jill Shafer, Assistant Professor of English Language Learning, University of North Dakota
Cheryl Terrance, Associate Professor of Psychology, University of North Dakota
Bo Chung, President of the Ten Percent Society, University of North Dakota
Amoussa Koriko, Writer & Consultant, Grand Forks
Kathleen Gershman, Professor of Educational Foundations & Research, University of North Dakota
Gregory Gagnon, Associate Professor of Indian Studies, University of North Dakota

Roundtable 1.8 Diversity in Science, Technology & the Media
River Valley Room

Co-chair, Martha Potvin, Dean of Arts and Sciences, University of North Dakota
Co-chair, Lynda Kenney, Assistant Professor of Technology, University of North Dakota
Recorder, Beth Schoborg, GTA in English, University of North Dakota
Phyllis Johnson, Vice President for Research & Economic Development, University of North Dakota
Naima Kaabouch, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of North Dakota
Sima Noghanian, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of North Dakota
Xiaojun (Julia) Zhao, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, University of North Dakota
Rebecca Simmons, Assistant Professor of Biology, University of North Dakota
Roundtable 2.6 Diversity Among Religions – Lecture Bowl

Chair. Brett Ommen, Assistant Professor of English, University of North Dakota
Recorder, Steven Hammer, GTA in English, North Dakota State University
Recorder, Charity Erickson, GTA in English, University of North Dakota
Rev. Keith Mills, United Church of Christ, Grand Forks
Gayle Baldwin, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of North Dakota
Rev. Kathy Fick, Christus Rex Lutheran Campus Center, Grand Forks
Janet Rex, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Grand Forks
Rev. Keith Becker, Hope Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Forks
Mosab Bajaber, GTA in English, University of North Dakota
Mojdeh Mardani, Lecturer in Electrical Engineering, University of North Dakota
Naima Kaabouch, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of North Dakota
Carenlee Barkdull, Assistant Professor of Social Work, University of North Dakota
Patrick Anderson, Former Buddhist priest, Grand Forks
Tamar Read, Buddhist practitioner, Grand Forks
Victor Lieberman, Member of Synagogue B’Nai Israel, Grand Forks
David Spinrad, Student Rabbi at Synagogue B’Nai Israel, Grand Forks
Janie Franz, Shamanic Wiccan practitioner

2.00 – 2.15 p.m. Break – Dakota Lounge
2.15 – 3.45 p.m. Break-out Session III

Panel 3.1 Gender in Medieval & Renaissance Texts – Badlands Room

Chair, Michelle M. Sauer
“Til that thy lippes be maad like to a reed scarlet
hood...': Lesbian Encounters With Christ,”
Michelle M. Sauer, Associate Professor of
English, University of North Dakota

“Right Swete Louers? Exploring Gender and Sexuality
in Yde et Olive,” Madisson Whitman,
Undergraduate Student in Anthropology, University of North Dakota

“Catherine & Raymond. Exploring the Idea of a
Penitent-Confessor Spiritual Marriage,”
Michele L. Eifert, Graduate Student in English,
University of North Dakota

“Gloucester’s Struggle, Freud & Ours,” Alexandra Glynn,
GTA in English, North Dakota State University

Panel 3.2 Construing Imperialism – Memorial Room

Chair, Kyle Conway

“The Veil That Is Not a Veil: Religion, Gender, and
Québec’s Bill 94,” Kyle Conway,
Assistant Professor of English, University Of North Dakota

“On Writing as a Western Feminist About Turkey.”
Christine Stewart-Núñez, Assistant Professor of
English, Coordinator of Creative Writing, South Dakota State University

“Tales of Two Sisters: Imperial Relocation and Cultural
Difference,” Elizabeth Mjelde, Graduate Student in History, University of North Dakota

“The ‘Lost’ Child in Canadian and Australian Women’s
Settler Tales,” Rebecca Weaver-Hightower,
Associate Professor of English, University of North Dakota

Panel 3.3 Women & Gender in American History – Medora Room

Chair, Cynthia Culver Prescott

“Building a Monolithic Pioneer Mother,” Cynthia Culver Prescott, Assistant Professor of History,
University of North Dakota

“Adoption and Families: The Codes of Silence in the 1950s and 1960s,” Sarah Estep, Doctoral Student in Law, University of North Dakota

“The Civil War: Stories We Never Hear and the Women Who Dared to Live Them,” Amanda Lee, Doctoral Student in Law, University of North Dakota

Panel 3.4 Freedom & Constraint in Queer Worlds—Presidents Room

Chair, Jeffrey A. Langstraat

“Marriage, Consumption, and the Lesbian Citizen,” Jeffrey A. Langstraat, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of North Dakota

“Gus Van Sant’s Film Last Days and the Limits of ‘Obscenity’,” Kathleen Dixon, Professor of English & Director of Women Studies, University of North Dakota

“Heteronormative Recovery in Sylvia Path’s The Bell Jar,” Gretchen Junglas, Graduate Student in English, North Dakota State University

Panel 3.5 Research into Everyday Lives—Governors Room

Chair, Natalie Smith Carlson

“The Feminist Cure: Feminist Identity As a Shield from Hyper-Sexualized Media Induced Self-Objectification in College Women,” Natalie Smith Carlson, English, North Dakota State University

“Photojournalist Case Studies of Eight Women,” Jennifer Grandouiller Young, Undergraduate Student in Interdisciplinary Studies, University of North Dakota

“Mother-Daughter Relations: Make Room for the Internet,” Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, Associate Professor of Rhetoric, Writing, & Communications,
University of Winnipeg

**Roundtable 3.6 Diversity in Law, Business, & Politics** – *Lecture Bowl*

Co-chair, Margaret Ogrodnick, Associate Professor of Political Studies, University of Manitoba

Co-chair, Kathryn Rand, Dean of the School of Law, University of North Dakota

Recorder, Christopher Stoner, Lecturer in Women Studies, University of North Dakota

Robin Runge, Assistant Professor of Law, University of North Dakota

Kate Scheurer, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of North Dakota

Ann Burnett, Professor of Women & Gender Studies, North Dakota State University

Colleen Berry, Assistant Professor of Chinese, University of North Dakota

Lana Rakow, Professor of Communication, University of North Dakota

Laura Foley, Undergraduate in Communication, University of North Dakota

Caroline Campbell, Assistant Professor of History, University of North Dakota

Elizabeth Legerski, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of North Dakota

George Kelley, Grand Cities area businessman & activist

Paul Sum, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of North Dakota

Gregory Gagnon, Associate Professor of Indian Studies, University of North Dakota


**Roundtable 3.7 Diversity in Rural Health & Food** – *River Valley Room*

Chair, Sherry O'Donnell, Professor & Chair of English, University of North Dakota

Recorder, Charity Erickson, GTA in English, University of North Dakota
North Dakota
Elizabeth Tyree, Associate Professor & Chair of Family & Community Nursing, University of North Dakota
Amebu Seddoh, Associate Professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders, University of North Dakota
Brad Gibbens, Assistant Professor, Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota
Curt Stofferahn, Professor of Sociology, University of North Dakota
Sarah Wilcox, Manager of Amazing Grains Food Co-op, Grand Forks
Caylan Larson, Organizer of Community Gardens, Amazing Grains, Grand Forks
Don Sens, Professor of Pathology, University of North Dakota
Abby Gold, Assistant Professor of Nutrition & Wellness, North Dakota State University
Dennis Schill, Organic farmer, Hannah, North Dakota
Debra Pflughoeft-Hassett, Energy Sustainability Coordinator, Grand Forks
Jim Whitehead, Associate Professor of Physical Education, Exercise Science, & Wellness, University of North Dakota
Twyla Baker-Demaray, Program Director for National Resource Center on Native American Aging at the Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota

3.45 - 4.00 p.m. Break

4.00 - 5.00 p.m. Town Hall Plenary – Memorial Union Ballroom
Reports from panels, roundtables & invited speakers

5.00 - 6.00 p.m. Reception at UND School of Law
See map (back page)

6.30 - 8.00 p.m. Reception at Cheryl Terrance’s House
503 Hamline Street, Grand Forks, see map (back page)
Community Expo Participants

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UND Honors Program
UND Pro-Choice Voice
UND Ten Percent Society
UND Women’s Center
United Church of Christ (SERRV Sale)
Weight Watchers
Women’s Network
Workwrite

Book Exhibit & Signing – Fireside Lounge

Kathleen Dixon
Steven Light
Magda Michielsens
Christine Stewart-Nuñez
Margaret Ogrodnick
Michelle M. Sauer
Marcus Weaver-Hightower
Rebecca Weaver-Hightower
Sharon Wilsnack
Conference History

The Red River Women's Studies Conference began in 2000 as a result of collaboration between the Women Studies programs at Moorhead State University, the University of North Dakota, and North Dakota State University. We each took a turn hosting the first three conferences at the different campuses in the order listed. The goals were many and included closer networking between the Women Studies programs in the area, a chance to share our scholarship and creativity in a collegial atmosphere, a chance to encourage student involvement and expose them to scholarship and activism in our fields, and a chance to network with the communities in the valley to raise their awareness of us and to raise our appreciation of their efforts and activism.

The conference typically draws participants from the Valley area and beyond; from the south as in South Dakota to the north as in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from the east as in Bismarck to the west as in Minneapolis and places in between. Funding and setting the theme for the conference are the responsibilities of the institution hosting the conference. We do share a set logo and title for the conference as well as an agreement to hold it in the fall semester and to honor the goals originally set for the conference.

Over the years we have had hundreds of panels, play acts, and exhibits and the conference has always been free for students and open to and supportive of members of the community. We have had numerous notable keynote speakers and playwrights including: Brenda Daly, Kathleen King, Winnona LaDuke, Dianna Hatfield, Kathleen Brokke, and others. Based on town hall meetings at the end of each conference and evaluations from conference participants and planners, the plan is to attempt to grow the conference so it can be shared with as many participants and visitors as possible and to continue it into the foreseeable future.

Submitted by Dr. Wendelin Hume, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and past Women Studies Director.
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