

# The 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Ogradnick

University of Manitoba, Canada

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Women Studies Program

**8.30 – 9.00 a.m. Registration** – *2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Noghianian, 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–Nuñez, 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

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**

AAUW, Grand Forks Chapter  
Amazing Grains  
BeadForLife  
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Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC)  
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Emu Oil  
Integrated Living  
Jessica Mongeon  
Kimberly Forness Wilson Fine Art & Design  
Lisa Casvez DBA Casa de Rez  
Pirjo Berg  
Refrain Magazine  
Sarah Heitkamp  
Shaklee Independent Distributors  
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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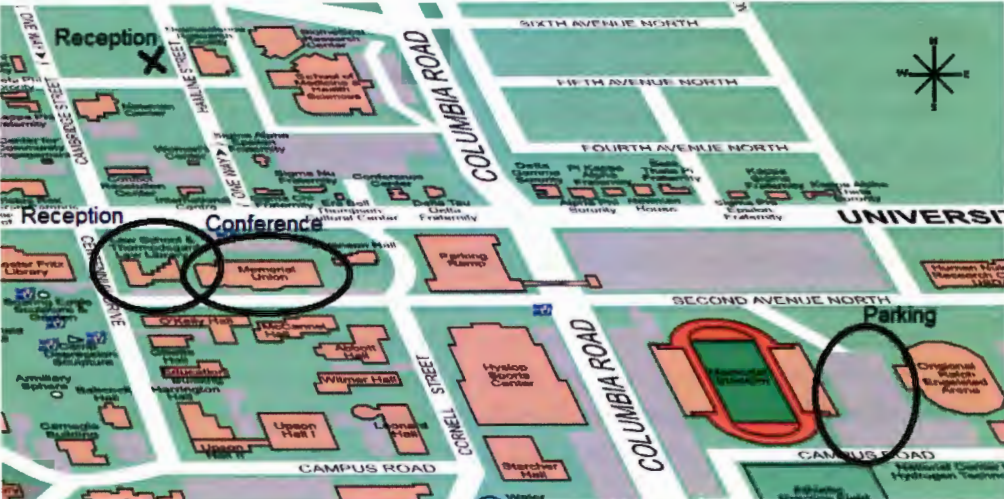
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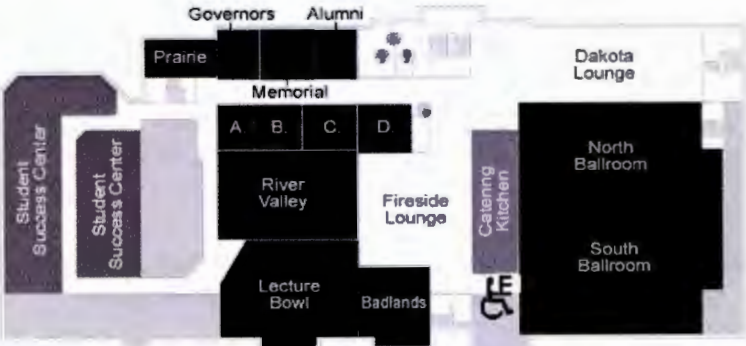
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