



Women's Studies Program 15th Annual Conference

“Asian & Pacific Women: Indigenous and Diasporic”

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The Southern Connecticut State University Women's Studies Program is proud to host its Fifteenth Annual Women's Studies Conference, on October 28, and 29, 2005, in conjunction with the Southern Connecticut State University Women's Center.

This gathering of academic professionals, activists, politicians, artists, students, teachers, and community leaders will provide the opportunity to explore topics regarding women of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in a feminist environment.

Among many other issues, we hope to explore the complex relationships between Indigenous and diasporic populations. Where is “Asia” And where is the “Pacific?” What do postcolonial, transnational and feminist theories offer these conversations about Asian and Pacific identities and locations? What are the gaps in these theories? How else can we examine Asian and Pacific women's histories and practices of crossing borders of nations, cultures, race, gender, and class?

Keynote Speaker: Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Avalon Foundation Professor in the Humanities at Columbia University, teaches English and Cultural Politics. She is also active in rural literacy, the International Women's Movement, and the struggle for Ecological Justice. Among Dr. Spivak's long list of critical works are *In Other Worlds*; *Outside in the Teaching Machine*; *Critique of Postcolonial Reason*; *Imperatives to Reimagine the Planet*; and *Death of a*

Discipline. She is also translator of *Imaginary Maps*; *Breast Stories*; *Old Women*; and *Songs for Kali*.



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2005

1:00pm

Registration Opens

Women's Fair Opens

2:00-3:30pm

Welcome and Featured Panel: "The Politics of Hawaiian Independence: Land, Gender, and Ancestry"

- J. Kehaulani Kauanui, Keala Kelly, Maivân Clech Lâm

3:30-4:00pm

Reception at the Women's Fair

4:00-7:00pm

Film Screenings

- "Between the Lines: Asian American Women's Poetry" (by Yunah Hong, 60 min.)
- "Yuri Kochiyama: Passion for Justice" (by Rea Tajiri, 57 min.)
- Scenes from "Noho Hewa: Wrongful Occupation of Hawai'i (by Keala Kelly, 40 min.)

4:00-5:15pm

Concurrent Session A

A1 Legal and Social Constructions of Asian Identity

- Julian Madison, "The Evolving Relationship between African Americans and Filipinas"
- Dhooleka Sarhadi Raj, "Arranged Marriage and Multiculturalism: Personhood and Citizenship in a Comparative Perspective"
- Janet Bauer, "The Other in Ourselves: Iranian & Indo-Trinidadian Women in the Diaspora"
- Sunita Peacock, "Landscape of Memory: Locating the Anglo-Indian Identity"

A2 Representing Asian and Pacific Material Culture

- ▶ Ping-Ann Addo, “Our Cloth Is Like Your Money: Cloth and Cash as Ritual Exchange Valuables in Tongan Diaspora”
- ▶ Shobha Hamal Gurung, “Women Carpet Weavers in Nepal: Beyond Productive and Reproductive Work”
- ▶ Kristine Larsen, “I Prostrate to the Goddess Foe Destroyer: Tibetan Buddhism and the (mis)Naming of Venusian Features”
- ▶ Christine Wagner, “Muslim Women in Sports”

A3 Documenting Vietnam for American Audiences

- ▶ Ilene Crawford and Jennifer Guarino-Trier, “The Whole Truth and Nothing But the Truth: Challenging Documentary Film Representations of Vietnam”

5:15-5:45pm

Beverage Break at the Women’s Fair (*Fair closes at 5:30pm*)

5:45-7:00pm

Concurrent Session B

B1 On Violence Against Asian/American Women

- ▶ Kelly A. Condit & Thomas Chen, “Cultural Violence: Transnational Adoption and Asian American Identity”
- ▶ Paul Niwa, “Rising from the Ashes: Journalistic Issues in the Production of a Video Portrayal of Asian American Domestic Violence”
- ▶ Bandana Purkaystha & Bidya Ranjeet, “Domestic Violence against Nepali Women in the U.S.”

B2 Quinebaug Valley Community College Women’s Studies Scholars Research Collective

Moderators: Nan Hirst and Sharon Moore

- ▶ Patrisha Baker, “Views of Asian Women in Society vs. the Depiction of Asian Women in Art”
- ▶ John Demmer, “Japanese Women and Mythology”
- ▶ Jullie Patterson, “Can China’s ‘One Child Policy Act’ Mean Hope for the Women of China?”
- ▶ Johnathan Tufano, “When I grow up I want to be...What I Learned from Chinese Girls about Their Views of Their Futures”
- ▶ Jillian Christine Maris, “The Effects of China’s One Child Policy on Women and their Female Children”

B3 Ethnic and Diasporic Circuits: Filipinas in the Age of Transnationalism

- ▶ Nerissa Balce, “Fascism’s Filipina Face: Viewing Imelda: Power, Myth, Illusion”
- ▶ Richard Chu, “The Chinese Diaspora in the Philippines: Reconfiguring Gender and Racial Identities”
- ▶ Vernadette Vicuna Gonzalez, “Piecework: Producing and Consuming Transnational Domesticities in the Pacific”

Discussant: Allan Isaac

7:00-8:00pm

Dinner

Def Poetry Jam by Ishle Yi Park

8:00pm

Keynote Session with Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak

Participants: Meena Alexander, J. Kehaulani Kauanui, and Lisa Kahaleole Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2005

9:00am

**Registration Opens
Women's Fair Opens**

Continental Breakfast

9:45am-12:45pm

Film Screenings

- ▶ "Heaven's Crossroad" (by Kimi Takesue, 35 min.)
- ▶ "History and Memory" (by Rea Tajiri, 30 min.)
- ▶ "Memory/All Echo" (by Yunah Hong, 27 min.)
- ▶ Scenes from "Noho Hewa: Wrongful Occupation of Hawai'i (by Keala Kelly, 40 min.)

9:45am-11:00am

Concurrent Session C

C1 Teaching and Learning Hawai'i (I)

- ▶ Carol Austad, Tuti Kanahale, Virginia Metaxas, Jennifer Cutrali, Alana McAlavey, & Mary Alice Crim

C2 Asian American Women's Experience

- ▶ Hwa Young Caruso, "Expression of Gender and Cultural Identity by Korean/Korean American Women Artists"
- ▶ Leah Stambler, "Give Us Your Tired, Your Hungry, Your Poor. . . As Long As They Are Not Asian Women"

C3 Azar Nafisi's Reading Lolita in Teheran: Sycophany at its Finest

Moderator: Gita Rajan

- Emily Tobin, “Nafisi’s Rape of Nabokov’s Lolita”
- Sarah Steele, “Women as Trophies in the National Imaginary in Nafisi’s Race to the Top”
- Renny Usbay, “Nafisi’s Traffic of Women: Marketing Islan via an Economics of Gender”

11:00am-11:30am

Beverage Break at the Women’s Fair

11:30am-12:45pm

Concurrent Session D

D1 Teaching and Learning Hawai’i (II)

- Carol Austad, Tuti Kanahale, Virginia Metaxas, Jennifer Cutrali, Alana McAleavey, & Mary Alice Crim

D2 Asian & Pacific Women’s Subjectivity in Colonial and Post Colonial Contexts

- Mandy Treagus, “Maggie Papakura and the Limits of Hybridity”
- Patty O’Brien, “Queen Pomare and Anglo-French Imperial Contest in the 1840s Pacific”
- Susan Yukie Najita, “Genealogy, Sexual Politics, and Decolonization”
- Radha Chandrasekaran, “Displacements, Transitions, and Diasporas: Crossing Contemporary Cultures through Women’s Ritual Art”

D3 Women’s Activism and Resistance in Asia

- Mai Moua, “Hmong Women Leadership: An Emerging Model of Leadership for Indigenous Women”
- Nastaran Moossavi, “Women Commune Councilors in Cambodia”

12:45-2:15pm

Luncheon
Reading by Juliet Kono

2:15-3:30pm

Plenary Session with Asian American Women Filmmakers:

Moderator: Peter X. Feng

- “Unreal Voices: A Filmmakers’ Roundtable”
With Yunah Hong, Rea Tajiri, & Kimi Takesue

3:30-5:30pm

Film Screenings

- “Surname Viet Given Name Nam” (by Trinh T. Minh-ha, 108 min.)

3:30-3:45pm

Beverage Break at the Women's Fair

3:45-5:00pm

Concurrent Sessions E

E1 Teaching Asian and Asian American Literature

- Dolores de Manuel, "Invisible Threads: Asian American Women's Role Formation in Young Adult Literature"
- Irma Maini, "Literature of Resistance and Activism: Teaching Mahasweta Devi"
- Dawn An, "Re-defining Asian American Women's Literature"

E2 Complicity and Counterhegemony: Locating Asian Settler Women in a U.S. Colonial Context

- Eiko Kosasa, "Local Japanese Women for Justice (LJWJ) Speak Out Against Japanese American Hegemony"
- Candace Fujikane, "Asian Settler Feminism: The Contradictions of Colonial Rhetoric and Possibilities for Intervention"
- Bianca Isaki, "A Time for Feminist Excavations: Theorizing Asian Settler Colonialism in Hawai'i"

E3 Politics of Nation in the Literatures of India, Indonesia and Nepal

- Ray Chandrasekara, "Borders, Boundaries, Bodies: Caliban Remembered"
- Tina Shrestha, "The Life and Work of Yogmaya Neupane (1880-1940): A Representation of a Historical, Non-Secular, and Political Subject"
- Renee Schatteman and Maureen Fielding, "Family Matters and the Post Colonial Indian Nation: Clear Light of Day and Family Matters"

5:00-5:30pm

Beverage Break at the Women's Fair (*Fair closes at 5:30pm*)

5:30-6:45pm

Plenary Session: Asian & Pacific American Women Artists

Chair: Margo Machida

- Tomie Arai, Genara Banzon, Siona Benjamin, and Jewel Castro

Discussant: Thuan Vu

6:45-8:15pm

Plenary Session with Feminists of Taiwan:

▸ Ching Fan & Shumei Shih

8:15pm

Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa Service Award Ceremony



Closing Reception

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S FAIR

The Fourteenth Annual Women's Fair will offer conference registrants and other interested members of the community access to books, women-crafted products, women-oriented services, and women's political action groups. This event will only feature animal-friendly and cruelty-free products. For vending information, contact Kristen Pavlik pavlikk1@southernct.edu or Nathalie Vaughn vaughnn1@southernct.edu or 203-392-6133.

ALTERNATE FORMATS

Information on the conference is available in alternate formats. If you require an alternate format for the conference registration, please contact the Women's Studies Program at 203-392-6133 (voice), 203-392-6131 (TTY), or email: Andrea-Lynne DeCrosta at decrostaal@southernct.edu. Information can also be found on our website:

www.southernct.edu/departments/womensstudies/.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

For your convenience, we have blocked a number of rooms at area hotels:

The Colony Hotel, 1157 Chapel Street, New Haven, 800-458-8810. Single rooms are reserved at \$94 plus tax, double rooms at \$99, plus tax. Rooms will be held at the conference rate until September 27, 2005. A van is available for pick-up at the train station or from Tweed New Haven airport. You need to arrange this in advance with the hotel. Please make reservations or direct any inquiries on accommodations to the hotel and specify if you need van service. Email: info@colonyat Yale.com

Omni Hotel, 155 Temple Street, New Haven, 203-772-6664 or 800-THE-OMNI. Single and double rooms are reserved at \$119, plus tax. Rooms will be held at the conference rate until October 3, 2005. Email: www.omnihotels.com

Courtyard by Marriott at Yale, 30 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, 203-777-6221. Single and double rooms are reserved at \$109, plus tax. Rooms will be held at the conference rate until October 4, 2005. Email: lloneill@courtyardmarriotyale.com

Residence Inn, 3 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, 203-777-5337. Single and double rooms are reserved at \$105, plus tax. Rooms will be held at the conference rate until October 1, 2005.

New Haven Hotel, 229 George Street, New Haven, 203-498-3100 or 800-NH-HOTEL. Single rooms are reserved at \$99, plus tax, double rooms at \$114, plus tax. Rooms will be held at the conference rate until October 6, 2005. Email: www.newhavenhotel.com

The hotels have a limited number of accessible rooms. Reservations should be made by the dates stated above to ensure conference rates. A credit card or a deposit is required. **Please reference “The Annual Women’s Studies Conference”** when making reservations, so that you receive the discounted rate.

AIR TRAVEL & GROUND TRANSPORTATION

If you are planning to fly to New Haven, contact your travel agent to determine the best prices. The closest airports are: Tweed-New Haven, Bradley International in Hartford, or any of the New York Airports.

LIMO & TAXI SERVICE

Connecticut Limo is one provider of conventional transportation to and from New Haven (approximate fares: \$64 R/T Bradley, \$98 R/T JFK or LaGuardia, \$122 R/T Newark). Connecticut Limo will also provide Handy Van service for chair users if you call at least one week in advance of arrival. Connecticut Limo’s website for scheduling information is www.ctlimo.com, or call 800-472-5466.

Taxi Service is available for pick up from the train station and Tweed-New Haven airport. Call 203-777-7777 for a taxi and ask the dispatcher for the exact fare to the campus or hotel and if the fare is for one person or all passengers in the taxi.

TRAIN SCHEDULES

Union Station in New Haven is an official stop for both Metro-North and Amtrak. For Metro-North schedule information, visit www.mta.nyc.ny.us, or call 800-638-7646. For Amtrak schedule information, go to www.amtrak.com, or call 800-872-7245. Amtrak is offering conference participants a 10% discount off the lowest available fare to New Haven from October 25-November 1, 2005. To book passage on Amtrak, call 1-800-872-7245 or contact your local travel agent. Refer to fare order number **X87H-946** when booking. This offer is not valid on Auto Train. Fare is valid on Metroliner and Acela service for all departures seven days a week, except holiday blackouts. Offer valid with Sleepers, Business Class or First Class seats with payment of full applicable accommodation charges.

BUS SCHEDULES & ROUTES

If you are traveling by city bus to the conference, contact Connecticut Transit at **203-624-0151** during business hours for scheduling and route information.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

If you do not have access to a vehicle and cannot carpool with others, Shuttle Bus Service to and from the campus and the hotels designated in this brochure will be provided for a small fee. Please indicate on the registration form if you will need this service and what hotel you will be staying at so that the appropriate scheduling arrangements can be made. Please note this fee is nonrefundable and must be paid at time of pre-registration. As this service needs to be reserved in advance, we can not provide transportation other than through this pre-reserved service.

SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings and cigarettes are not sold on campus.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SCSU CAMPUS

From New York: I-95, Exit 44 (Kimberly Avenue). Turn right at the end of the exit onto Kimberly Avenue, then left at the stoplight onto Ella Grasso Blvd. (Route 10). Ella Grasso Blvd. ends at Crescent St. Turn left onto Cresecent Street and turn right onto Fitch Street. Continue on Fitch Street through two lights and take a right into parking lot #2. Signs will be posted directing you to registration in Engleman Hall.

From Hartford: Merritt/Wilbur Cross Parkway (Rt. 15), Exit 60 (Dixwell Avenue). Turn right off the exit onto Dixwell Avenue. Continue on Dixwell Avenue for approximately 5 minutes and turn right at a light onto Arch Street (you will see St. Ann's church on your right). Then, at the second light, take a left onto Fitch Street. Proceed through one light and take a left into parking lot #2. Signs will be posted directing you to registration in Engleman Hall.

From New London: I-95, Exit 45 (Boulevard, Route 10 North). Follow Ella Grasso Blvd. north until it ends at Crescent Street. Turn left onto Cresecent Street and turn right onto Fitch Street. Continue on Fitch Street through two lights and take a right into parking lot #2. Signs will be posted directing you to registration in Engleman Hall.

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