Transnational Feminism, Community Activism, and the Politics of Empowerment

The 20th Annual Conference on Women and Gender at the University of Connecticut Friday and Saturday, February 29 and March 1, 2008

Presented by the University of Connecticut Women’s Studies Program

Keynote Address by
Cecilia Fire Thunder

First tribally elected female President of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Nation; one of the original founders of the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and of Cangleska, which provides comprehensive domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy and related services to citizens of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Ms. Fire Thunder, who has worked with indigenous women throughout the Americas, has also been active in the recovery of the Lakota language and in local education and youth empowerment.

And

Dr. Valentine Moghadam

Valentine Moghadam has served as Chief of Gender Equality Development at the United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is currently the Director of the Women’s Studies Program at Purdue University. Her current areas of research include globalization, transnational feminist networks, and civil society and citizenship in the Middle East. She is the author of Women, Work and Economic Reform in the Middle East and North Africa (1998); Modernizing Women: Gender and Social Change in the Middle East (2003); and Globalizing Women: Transnational Feminist Networks (2005).

Call for Sessions

The Conference Committee is seeking proposals for papers, workshops, artwork, performances, poster sessions, and other contributions that speak to this year’s conference theme. Sessions will be held Friday and Saturday and are between 60 and 75 minutes long; individual papers will be held to a 15 minute time limit.

For complete Panels: please submit a 1 page proposal for each paper as well as a paragraph describing the panel as a whole, contact information for each member of the panel (including standard mail and email), each member’s full name and affiliation, and a designated moderator. All other submissions: including single papers, poster sessions, performances, etc: please submit a 1 page proposal complete with standard mail and email contact information, full name, and affiliation.

Please include a title for all submissions as well as any anticipated special needs (such as Powerpoint, DVD player, etc).

All presenters are required to register at the conference pre-registration fee, not to exceed $50.00 for one day, $90.00 for two days. On Friday, February 29, there is a small additional fee for parking. Student and Limited Means rates will be available. Please note if you are not available for both days.

Submission Deadline: November December 1, 2007   Presenter Notification: December 26, 2007

Please send all submission materials or questions electronically to: Barbara Gurr, Conference Coordinator: Barbara.gurr@uconn.edu

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