

2012 WS Graduate & Undergraduate Awards Call for Nominations Descriptions and Application Criteria

Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Undergraduate Awards

Chase Going Woodhouse Prize:

Awarded to an undergraduate for an academic project that focuses on feminist concerns. This prize is named in honor of former Congresswoman and Director of the Women's Service Bureau. An activist and leader among the first generation of post-suffrage women in Connecticut, Chase Going Woodhouse provided an example of commitment to women's interests and to realizing feminist goals in practical politics.

- 1) To be considered, please submit either the original or a copy of the academic project as described above
- 2) Please indicate whether or not the nominee is a current WS major or minor

Gladys Tantaquidgeon Award:

Presented to an undergraduate student whose academic and/or community work reflects a dedication to the understanding and advancement of women of color in the U.S. The award is named in honor of the Mohegan Indian medicine woman, anthropologist and community educator. Gladys Tantaquidgeon featured original scholarship on Eastern Native American culture through the Tantaquidgeon Indian Museum. In her leadership role and scholarly research she has highlighted the significance of Native American women's culture.

- 1) To be considered, please submit an essay or recommendation letter that describes the nominee's work as described above
- 2) Please indicate whether or not the nominee is a current WS major or minor

Feminist Arts Award:

Given for the first time in 2002, it was established to recognize feminist visual, music, poetry, fiction, or film created by an undergraduate. This award was established to honor the wonderful outburst of feminist arts activity at UConn.

- 1) To be considered, please submit the original piece of art - if necessary also include a short essay explaining the feminist intent of the piece
- 2) Please indicate whether or not the nominee is a current WS major or minor

Jacqueline Brown-Dickstein Scholarship

To be eligible for the scholarship, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be an incoming or continuing undergraduate student enrolled full-time in the School
- b) Demonstrate academic achievement
- c) Demonstrate financial need
- d) Be a legal resident of the State of Connecticut
- e) Declare a major or minor in Women's Studies or demonstrate the intent to declare a major or minor in Women's Studies
- f) Eligible students must currently be a sophomore or junior who will be returning students for the next academic year.

To be considered, please submit an essay that describes how the nominee meets the five criteria listed above.

Graduate Awards

Susan Porter Benson Graduate Research Paper Award

This award recognizes cutting edge research in the field of feminist studies that takes an interdisciplinary and intersectional approach and provides an innovative articulation of theory and practice.

- 1) All nominees must either hold or be actively pursuing a WS Graduate Certificate.
- 2) To be considered for this award, the nominee will need to submit a 25-30 page paper.

Excellence in Graduate Teaching in Women's Studies Award

This award recognizes excellence in teaching by graduate students in the Women's Studies Program. It is awarded annually to a graduate student who exemplifies feminist pedagogy in the classroom and brings a passion and commitment to women's issues to teaching.

- 1) All nominees must have taught for WS during AY 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 and either hold or be actively pursuing a WS Graduate Certificate.
- 2) To be considered for this award, the nominee will need to submit a 1-2 page narrative about their pedagogy, as well as WS syllabi, and teaching evaluations.

Marita McComiskey Distinguished Graduate Career Award for Feminist Praxis

This award honors contributions by a current Women's Studies graduate student who, over the course of their graduate career, has provided distinguished service to the Women's Studies Program and modeled feminist praxis in their career as a graduate student.

- 1) The recipient of this award demonstrates the value of feminist praxis through their teaching, mentoring, scholarship, and community building. The award recognizes the recipient's ongoing and multi-year commitment to feminist praxis as exemplified in the student's contributions to all aspects of Women's Studies and feminist praxis.
- 2) All nominees must have taught for WS during AY 2009-2010 and either hold or be actively pursuing a WS Graduate Certificate.
- 3) To be considered for this award, nominators should submit a 1-2 page narrative about why the nominee should get this achievement award. Nominations from faculty members only, please.

Nomination Procedure

- 1) Self nominations are welcome, unless otherwise indicated
- 2) You may submit the required documentation to the Women's Studies Program Office in Beach Hall Room 421
- 3) Or mail it to us at UConn-Women's Studies, 354 Mansfield Road Unit 2181, Storrs, CT 06269-2181
- 4) Or email it to wsinfo@uconn.edu

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If you have any questions, please email the committee at wsinfo@uconn.edu or call at 860-486-2186.