Telling Our Stories, Transforming Our Worlds: A Celebration of 30 Years of Women and Gender Studies at Smith

On this 30th anniversary of women and gender studies at Smith, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our past and imagine our future, both as individuals and as a program. What are your memories of women and gender studies at Smith—the firsts, the challenges, the successes? What were your transformative moments...your click moments, both in and out of the classroom and since you’ve graduated? How have you used the knowledge you gained in the program to transform the world? How have you expanded upon this knowledge since graduating? What advice would you give current students? What should we do in the future? We invite you to help us write our history and envision our future. Please join us.

Friday, October 28th

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Welcome reception for alums and faculty
Wien Atrium
Ford Hall
Green Street
Registration for weekend

Saturday, October 29th All panels and sessions will take place in Seelye Hall

9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and registration Seelye 207

9:30 a.m. Welcome: Marilyn Schuster, Provost of Smith College
Founding faculty member of SWG.

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Opening Plenary: How we came to be bad; How we came to be SWG
Faculty stories about turning points we’ve noticed in the last 3 decades
We’re counting on you to help enrich and expand this history of your time at Smith

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Please choose from the following:

What does activism look like in your workplace or community?
What are the challenges (rewards) of queer life and work?
What did you carry forward from women’s studies that still matters to you?

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Visit archives exhibit on queer life at Smith since 1970s or
Contribute to WST/SWG timeline
12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.  LUNCH  Networking, mentoring lunch with alums and student majors (what you CAN do with a women’s studies major)

1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  Timeline:  Help us map the history of WST/SWG by filling in the timeline of WST/SWG with your timepoints: student orgs, protests, social movements, campus responses to national or world events

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  Closing Alumnae Panel: Found in Translation, Moderator: Carrie Baker, Faculty member Study of Women and Gender Program  Found in translation: how do we bring women’s studies into the real world? What acts of translation have we learned to communicate our core insights (principles?) to different audiences? What acts of translation help us to build communities? What ways do these translations allow us to work for social justice? What wisdom would you like most to give to our students now?