**FIVE COLLEGE’S WOMEN’S STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER**

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**SPRING 2012 TALKS**

Please note that our talks will take place at a variety of Five College locations

Friday, February 3 at 1:00pm
Music Recital Hall, Music & Dance Building
Hampshire College

Portraits of Exile: Belonging and the British Empire in the Early Nineteenth Century
Onni Gust
University of East London (History)

Friday, February 24 at 1:00pm
FCWSRC, 83 College Street, South Hadley

Five College Faculty Talk
Creating Dangerously: The Female Artist at Work
Alicia Ellis
Hampshire College (German and Comparative Literature)

Tuesday, February 28 at 4:30pm
FCWSRC, 83 College Street, South Hadley

Women Reflect on Aging, Death and Care-giving
Elizabeth Sharpe
Independent Scholar

Friday, March 2 at 1:00pm
FCWSRC, 83 College Street, South Hadley

To Have and To Hold: Courting Property in Marriage
Abigail Dallmann
University of Massachusetts Amherst (Legal Studies)

Tuesday, April 3 at 12 noon* (*note special time)
Ainsworth Classroom, Ainsworth Gym
Smith College

Imagining Female Sports Fans
Kim Toffoletti
Deakin University (Sociology and Gender Studies)

Friday, April 6 at 1:00pm
New York Room, Mary Woolley Hall
Mount Holyoke College

The Politics of Appearance: Black Women Legislators Discuss Hair, Skin Color, and Body Image
Nadia Brown
St. Louis University (Political Science and African American Studies)

Tuesday, April 17 at 4:30pm
Paino Lecture Hall, Beneski Hall
Amherst College

Shi’i Islamism and Gender in Iraq: The Life and Work of Bint al-Huda in the Memory and Agenda of Shi’i Women's Activism in Iraq Since 2003
Anwar Alkhallal
Free University Berlin (Political Science)

**Special Events**

- Celebrating International Women’s Day: Writing, The Public Sphere and Gender
  Thursday, March 8 at 6pm
  Women & Gender Studies Book Event
  with University of Massachusetts Amherst faculty Dayo Gore, Milann Kang and Laura Briggs
  Food for Thought Books
  106 N. Pleasant Street, Amherst
  www.foodforthoughtbooks.com

Friday, March 9 at 4pm
A conversation between Mount Holyoke College President Lynn Pasquarella and Amherst College President Biddy Martin about writing and the public sphere followed by presentations of recent publications in Gender Studies by Five College faculty and FCWSRC Research Associates.

New York Room, Mary Woolley Hall, MHC
Reception follows at the FCWSRC, 6pm

Saturday, March 31 at 7pm
An Evening with Rachel Maddow reading from her new book Drift
Chapin Auditorium, Mary Woolley Hall, MHC
Co-sponsored with the Odyssey Bookshop and Mount Holyoke College Gender Studies.

Tickets required. Please contact the Odyssey Bookshop at 413-534-7307 or on-line at www.odysseybks.com on or after March 1.

Thursday, April 5 at 7pm
A reading by Carole DeSanti (FCWSRC Research Associate 1998-1999) from her debut novel The Unruly Passions of Eugenie R.
Odyssey Bookshop
9 College Street, South Hadley, MA
Reception follows at the FCWSRC, 9pm

Friday, April 13 from 10:30am-4:30pm
Intersections of Class, Race and Gender
Sponsored by MHC Gender Studies
Keynote address by Kimberlé W. Crenshaw, Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law, 2:30pm.
Other details to be announced.
Reception follows at the FCWSRC, 5pm

**March 31 and April 1, 2012**

Symposium: Women, Social Justice, Documentary
Co-sponsored with the Film Studies Program at Smith College. Panel discussions, talks, and screenings with major women practitioners of documentaries. Keynote speaker Lourdes Portillo. For more information, contact Bernadine Mellis at bmellis@smith.edu

Unless otherwise noted, all events are free and open to the public. No pre-registration required.

For full descriptions of our events, news of other FCWSRC spring activities and links to other Five College area events on women and gender please visit http://www.fivecolleges.edu/sites/fcwsrc/news/