



# University of Idaho Women's Center

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The Women's Center Newsletter is published six times during the academic year. It includes announcements and information about the many services and programs offered by the Center to the University and Moscow communities, as well as items of general interest about women's issues. If you have announcements or information you would like included in subsequent issues, please let us know. Suggestions for changes, improvements, or additional items are welcome.

**Women's Center Hours**  
 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

*To blame victims  
 for crime is like  
 analyzing the  
 cause of World  
 War II and  
 asking, "What  
 was Pearl  
 Harbor doing in  
 the Pacific,  
 anyway?"  
 --a victim*

*Women's Center programs educate, enrich and entertain. Bring your lunch and join us! Programs begin at 12:30 in the Women's Center lounge and are open to the public. If you have any suggestions for future programs, please call or stop by.*

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS 1991

October 1  
 Tuesday

**CLARENCE THOMAS, SUPREME COURT NOMINEE:** ELIZABETH BRANDT, Vice-President of Idaho ACLU and UI Law Professor, will discuss the ramifications of the Clarence Thomas nomination and possible confirmation.

October 2  
 Wednesday

**RACISM AND SEXISM:** ARNOLD SATTERTHWAIT, father, Quaker, retired Linguistics and Anthropology Professor, will share his varied experiences as an incarcerated conscientious objector during World War II, a resident of Saudi Arabia for 10 years and a participant in the Civil Rights Movement. This interactive program emphasizes the need for all of us to openly and carefully discuss racism and sexism.

October 8  
 Tuesday

**BATTERED WOMEN AND LEARNED HELPLESSNESS:** A woman is beaten by her husband and he tells her that he would not have to do this if she was a good wife. A woman stays with a man who is abusive and others think she must just like being abused. The woman herself is blamed for what has been done to her. What happens to her feelings about herself as a result of battering and blame? It is difficult yet possible for a battered woman to grasp the power she has to make a better life for herself. TONI NESLEN, UI student, presents this very important program.

October 16  
 Wednesday

**COWGIRLS: PORTRAITS OF AMERICAN RANCH WOMEN:** An award-winning documentary about four modern women, aged 6 to 60, who ride, rope and tough out the elements just as well as their more famous cowboy counterparts. Spanning three generations, this video presents inspiring, positive role models for women of all ages.

October 23  
 Wednesday

**AN EXPOSURE TO NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE AND CRAFT WORK:** Colville tribe member CAROLINE KUEHNE demonstrates traditional bead work and talks about the value of craft work in traditional culture.

October 29  
 Tuesday

**BEADS: LARGE AND SMALL:** Local artist JEANNE LEFFINGWELL shares slides of her bead work, large and small, and brings examples from architectural commissions, clothing and jewelry.

October 30  
 Wednesday

**IN CELEBRATION OF OUR CYCLES:** Dramatic interpretations of poetry and prose by KIM BOUCHARD and ROZLYN SIMMONS that speaks to the Halloween/Harvest period.

November 5  
 Tuesday

**BECOMING A STRONG PARENT:** How do you define a "strong" parent? What are your goals in parenting and how do you keep them in focus? MARIE GRIFFITHS, a family and children's therapist, leads this interactive discussion on how to become the parent you want to be.

**WE KNOW THE TYPE ON THE NEWSLETTER IS SMALL. WE HAVE RECORDED IT ON AUDIO TAPE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A SIGHT IMPAIRMENT. LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO BORROW THE TAPE AND WE WILL SEND IT TO YOU. WHEEL CHAIR AND BABY STROLLER ACCESS VIA THE TUTORING AND ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE NORTH END OF THE WOMEN'S CENTER BUILDING.**



**WHAT IS HOMOPHOBIA?:** Expecting a lesbian to change her public identity or affectional habits or mode of dress to work on "feminist" issues. Not asking about a woman's female lover, although you regularly ask, "How is your husband (or boyfriend)?" when you run into a heterosexual friend. Thinking that if a lesbian touches you, she is making sexual advances. Stereotyping lesbians as "man-haters," separatists or radicals. Using those terms accusingly. Feeling repulsed by public displays of affection between lesbians, but accepting the same affectionate displays between heterosexuals as nice. Wondering which one is the "man/mother" in a lesbian couple. Feeling that gay people are too outspoken about gay rights. Assuming that everyone you meet is probably heterosexual. (Adapted from *LESBIANS: A CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING KIT*, by the Boston Now Lesbian Task Force)

**RACE AND GENDER:** "Race and gender remain the two immutable facts of identity. One of the most alarming veracities of human life derives from the persecution of people on the basis of attributes over which we have no control. I think they're neck-and-neck as far as disastrous consequences go for those of us who embody the "wrong" race and gender. It seems to me that persecution of "wrong" gender antedates racial persecution, but the predictable meaning of "wrong" racial or gender identity means that if you hope to eliminate either of those evils you have to attack the other one as well." June Jordan, Author; Berkeley, Calif. (*MS Magazine*, Vol. 2, No. 1)

**AAUW BOOK SALE:** The American Association of University Women will hold their annual BOOK SALE October 19, 1991, at the Latah County Fairgrounds.

**A LISTING OF PERIODICALS BY AND ABOUT WOMEN OF COLOR:** The spring 1990 issue of *Feminist Teacher* includes "A Bibliography of Periodicals By and About Women of Color." Kimberly Kranich, a self-described white, feminist journalist and lesbian who works in television news, compiled the bibliography to "increase white women's knowledge of the issues facing women of color, validate and celebrate the achievements of women of color, and serve as a working resource for journalists, specifically, and all women, generally."

The fifteen-page bibliography includes sections on special issues of periodicals by and about women of color - Black women, Hispanic women, Native American women, and Asian women. *Feminist Teacher* is published three times a year by the Feminist Teacher Network, 442 Ballantine Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405. Single issues are \$8 from the address above. (*On Campus With Women*, Vol. 20, No. 4, Spring 1991)

**WOMEN AND HIV/AIDS:** The current picture of women and HIV/AIDS is one of emerging and increasing risk. Of the six million people currently

estimated to be infected with the HIV virus worldwide, nearly two million are women. In New York City, the leading cause of death for women between the ages of 25 to 34 is AIDS. Nationwide, AIDS is becoming one of the leading causes of death for women in their childbearing years.

*Women must act proactively.* HIV is often acquired by women at a vulnerable time when they are young and sexually active. Projections that 100% of street kids turn to prostitution within one month of their arrival "on the street" are staggering. The risk of acquiring HIV for that female population is menacingly real. Many of those will not know that they are infected until they have reentered society, married and started a family. Therefore, women can no longer defer the responsibility of protecting themselves to their partner; they must act proactively and protectively.

*Issues surrounding women and AIDS.* In the US, 17,730 of the diagnosed cases of AIDS are women. The proportion of female minorities who are HIV infected is totally disproportionate: minorities represented 75% of all diagnosed US female cases as of May 1991. There are issues surrounding women and AIDS that require attention now - earlier diagnosis, the disproportion of HIV+ female minorities, treatment protocols for pregnant women, a revised case definition that includes female-related conditions, research on women and AIDS, and issues surrounding the infected family.

*The Global Problem.* The World Health Organization predicts that by the year 2000 there may be as many as 30 million cases of AIDS worldwide, up from 1.3 million cases now. The incidence of infected women is rising, and far higher in Africa than here in the US. It is predicted that there will be 10 million African children under 10 orphaned by mothers who will die due to AIDS. The next year alone is expected to see a rise of over 15% of diagnosed cases of AIDS. The problem of women and AIDS can no longer be ignored with two of six million estimated cases being women. Let us all seek to become part of the solution. If each of us would identify how we can begin to help move this process along to encompass and reach women more effectively, we would move toward a satisfactory resolution. Each new statistic is a loss to us all, and tragedy to that woman's family and loved ones. (*HIV Hotline*, Vol. 1, Number 1, August 1991)

**LET'S NOT BECOME CARELESS ABOUT UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS:** Some health care workers are somewhat careless about universal precautions. The key word here is universal. When a person with known HIV infection is being cared for, blood and body fluid precautions are usually meticulously observed. When the HIV status is unknown, or the patient "doesn't seem to be the type to be infected," some health care workers are careless. Surely, gloves and other protective barriers incur extra expense and extra time, but what a bargain! Life is priceless!



**OCTOBER 1991 NETWORKING CALENDAR  
(October is AIDS Awareness Month)**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Women's Center Program 12:30 * Global	2 Women's Center Program 12:30 ATHENA 6pm	3  IPEA 7:00 EEDAHO-SUB	4 NTS Brown Bag 11:30-1:30	5
6	7	8 Women's Center Program 12:30  * Global Issues	9  AAUW 6:30/7:30	10	11 NTS Brown Bag 11:30-1:30 8-4:00 Women's Forum Workshop Post Falls	12 8-4:00 Women's Forum Workshop Post Falls
13	14	15	16 Women's Center Program 12:30	17	18 NTS Brown Bag 11:30 to 1:30	19 AAUW Booksale
20	21	22	23 Women's Center Program 12:30	24	25 NTS Brown Bag 11:30 to 1:30	26
27	28	29 Women's Center Program 12:30	30 Women's Center Program 12:30	31  Samhain Halloween	NOVEMBER 1 NTS Brown Bag 11:30 to 1:30	2 9:00-3:30 All-Day Conf. on AIDS K-House Pullman

For more information about these events, see this newsletter or call the Women's Center, 885-6616

**\*NOTE**

October 1, 1991 - EXPLORING GLOBAL ISSUES: DEFORESTATION, UI SUB Gold Room, Tuesday, 7:30.

October 8, 1991 - EXPLORING GLOBAL ISSUES: WOMEN AND TRADITIONAL CULTURE, UI SUB Gold Room, Tuesday, 7:30.

October 15, 1991 - EXPLORING GLOBAL ISSUES: GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA, UI SUB Borah Theatre, Tuesday, 7:30.



Universal precautions must be used when in contact with blood or body fluids, no matter what the circumstances. All health care workers, technicians, housekeepers, laundry workers, fire fighters, police - all whose work would expose them to blood and body fluids - must carefully use universal precautions. We can not reliably identify people who are infected with HIV, so we must consistently use universal precautions if our work or daily life puts us in contact with blood or body fluids. (*MS Magazine, Vol. 2, No. 1*)

## OCTOBER IS AIDS AWARENESS MONTH

**WOMEN'S FORUM, INC.:** Intended to address the concerns of all women at various stages of personal and professional growth, The Women's Forum is designed to provide a quality educational experience. Workshops for Personal and Professional Growth are offered October 11th and 12th at Templin's Resort in Post Falls. Partial and full scholarships are available; for applications call (208) 769-3445 or write Carol Haught, Women's Forum Scholarship Committee Chair, North Idaho College, 1000 W. Garden, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho 83814. For Registration information call (208) 769-6893.

**PARENTAL LEAVE MUST BE EQUAL FOR MEN AND WOMEN:** The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, in an August 27, 1990, policy statement, has said that employers who allow women workers to take more time off than men to care for children have intentionally discriminated against men because of their sex. "When an employer assumes that only female employees should have the opportunity to participate in the child-rearing process, it discriminates against male employees who want or need to take a more active child-rearing role," said the EEOC's statement. "To base a policy on an assumption or stereotype about gender roles - even if the stereotype is statistically accurate - is to violate Title VII's fundamental precept: that employees are to be treated as individuals."

The commission commented, "Whatever the current or future truth of the employer's observations about typical child care practices, employers are not permitted to assume that any individual employee can or will make the same choices as does the majority with regard to the critical functions of a household...." The commission also noted that while Title VII does not require companies to provide parental leave benefits, employers who have these policies must offer equivalent benefits to their male and female workers. (*On Campus With Women, Vol. 20, No. 4, Spring 1991*)

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