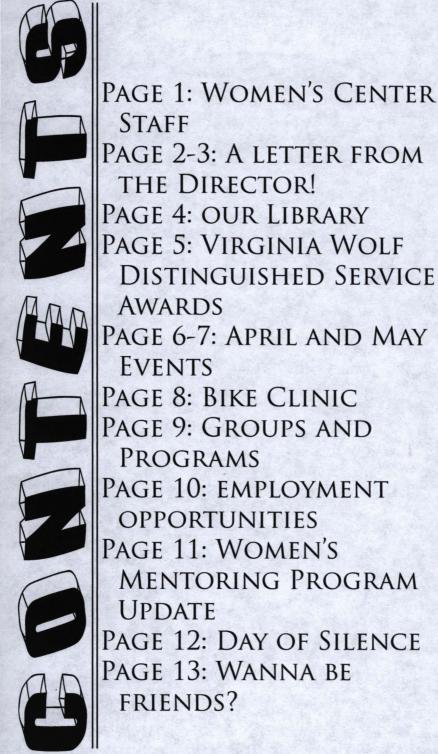


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The Women's Center is also run with the generous assistance of multiple volunteers. If you'd like to get involved, please visit the Women's Center, Memorial Gym room 109.

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Women's Center supports students, faculty, and staff at the University of Idaho in striving for gender equality on campus. Since 1972, the UI Women's Center has offered programs, services, and activities that educate, financially support, and help solve real problems to reach equity. Because equity is about all people, our services are provided for everyone in a safe and supportive environment.

WHY A WOMEN'S CENTER?

Women's Centers exist because gender equity has still not been achieved in any country around the world. Women still earn less than their male peers, and women of color face an even larger pay gap. Women earn fewer graduate degrees than men and hold only about 26% of tenured faculty positions on American campuses. Violence targeted against women is rampant in America, with more than half a million women reporting assaults by intimate partners, and four women dying each day as a result of domestic violence. We still have lots of work to do!

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An Introduction from ...

Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome I've received as I begin my role as the Interim Director of the Women's Center. It's been a great experience so far!

For those of you I haven't met, here's a little about me and my background:

I'll start with college. A native 5th generation Coloradoan, I went to Colorado State University (also a "land grant" institution) where I double-majored in Art (Graphic Design) and Business (Marketing) and minored in Art History. 5 years and 200 credits later, I graduated from CSU in 1998. After having been involved on campus as an RA and then as a Hall Director, I decided go on to immediately pursue my Masters in Student Affairs in Higher Education (also at CSU). While in graduate school, I worked at the GLBT Student Services office for a semester where I advised the student organization, and helped plan a week of events for BGLAD (Bi, Gay, Lesbian Awareness Days). After graduating in 2000, my partner, Ray, and I moved across the country to the Midwest where we both worked at Indiana State University. As the Assistant Director of Student Life Programs at ISU, I advised the Student Government Association (like UI's ASUI), the Panhellenic Council, and oversaw the student organization registration and funding processes. After only a year, (why we left is a long story, but has a great deal to do with the conservative nature of Terre Haute), we left for new positions in Student Affairs at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

At the U of A, I worked first in the Commuter Student Affairs area (a department housed within the Center for Student Involvement & Leadership) and then moved over to an Assistant Director position in Undergraduate Initiatives in Multicultural Affairs and Student Success for the past 2 years. While at Arizona, I served as a commissioner and committee chair on the Commission on the Status of Women, where I advocated to start the "Intersections" professional development conference, a day-long conference for women classified staff on campus. I was trained to be a Safe Zone facilitator in 2002, and then have gone on to "train the trainers" for this important campus program.

... Our New Director! Heather Gasser

I also provided leadership to several campus initiatives that supported student parents, including the development of children's play areas on campus, lactation stations, and housing scholarships for students with dependents. I also served as the Advisor to "Babycats" a student support organization for students navigating campus with the added responsibility of children. In Commuter Student Affairs, I advocated for non-traditional students and created a support group on campus called 25+Cats. I also had the incredible experience of advising the Arizona Collegiate Leadership Conference for 3 years. The first year, I was thrilled to bring Naomi Wolf as the keynote speaker!

After 7 years at Arizona, Ray and I were both looking for a change in scenery (and climate). As I look at the snow piled outside my window, I think we've found that here! The typical average temperature in Tucson right now is around 65-70 degrees...

On the personal side, Ray and I have two boys: Elias (Eli) Lennon is 3 years old, and Dylan Sawyer is 7 months. Balancing the roles of professional, partner, and mother has helped me understand how far we still have to go in helping society understand the challenges women with children face every day, compared to their childless counterparts or to men. I don't fully understand why some mother's rights activists haven't embraced feminism and the community of feminists in order to further their agenda. Isn't it obvious that mothers' issues are intrinsically intertwined with feminist issues? Somehow the gap between the two must be reconciled. I hope to assist the Women's Center in developing outreach programs to women with children, or at least bring their issues into the conversations as we discuss equity and inclusion for female students on campus.

As a feminist, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to put my practical student affairs skills to use in a department that is so aligned with my own personal values and beliefs. As the interim director, I plan to make my mark and further the interests of the Women's Center by being a loud advocate and leader. My door is always open (unless I'm pumping). Please stop by and introduce yourself!

Spotlight on... The Women's Center Library

"Life-transforming ideas have always come to me through books..." -bell hooks

Tucked away in the back of the Women's Center, a little-known treasure trove of literary and popular media resources awaits your browsing pleasure.... We have over 3,000 volumes, plus a growing collection of VHS tapes and DVDs, dedicated to the vast range of subject matter that falls under "women's issues". Topics include feminism, sexual assault and violence prevention, women's health, novels, family issues, art, women in politics, women's history, LGBT interest, and more! For your check-out convenience, our collection is catalogued in the UI main library system, and items may be checked out on-site with your Vandal card or a UI Library guest card. Our new acquisitions this Spring 2008 semester include:

Three Cups of Tea - Greg Mortensen & David Oliver Relin The Commitment - Dan Savage Wanderlust and Lipstick: The Essential Guide for Women Traveling Solo - Beth Whitman Moving the Mountain: The Women's Movement in America since 1960 - Flora Davis Power of the Weak: Studies on Medieval Women - Jennifer Carpenter & Sally-Beth MacLean The Real Anita Hill: The Untold Story - David Brock Failing at Fairness: How Our Schools Cheat Girls - Myra & David Sadker Woman Changing Woman - Virginia Beane Rutter

....and many more!

We also subscribe to a wide variety of alternative magazines and periodicals. Copies are available to read in the Women's Center lounge:

Bitch: Provides commentary on our media-driven world from a feminist perspective.

Bust: For women with something to get off their chests.

Ms.: More than just a magazine - a movement.

The Advocate: The premier source of information for those who want to connect with LGBTQ issues.

Diversity News: Idaho's only LGBT print paper.

Stop by and check us out! It's warm and cozy in here, and we've got free coffee and Girl Scout cookies!

Virginia Wolf Distinguished Service Awards Wednesday, April 9, 2008 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm SUB Silver and Gold Rooms, Reservations Required



Virginia Wolf and the Awards

Virginia (Ginny) Wolf was a Professor of Physical Education at the University of Idaho from 1964-1982. Ginny took an active role in addressing issues affecting women on campus, including chairing the UI Women's Caucus and helping to launch the campaign that brought about establishment of a permanent UI Women's Center. This award was created in 2002, in recognition of others, like Ginny, whose long-term dedication to activism for gender justice brings about lasting change. It is given to individuals who reflect

the same comittment Ginny gave more than 30 years ago. Each year, a student, a faculty or staff member, and a community member receive the awards. The University of Idaho Women's Center woud like to invite you to nominate an outstanding individual whom you feel has demonstrated a long-term commitment to activism for gender justice. We feel it is important to recognize these contributions to advancing gender equity and to continuing the groundbreaking efforts of Ginny Wolf. You can download a nomination form at www.uidaho.edu/womenscenter.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Susan Rae Banks-Joseph

Dr. Susan Rae Banks-Joseph is an Associate Professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning at Washington State University. She conducts research on indigenous family



involvement in education, early childhood special education, culturally responsive curriculum develpment and delivery, culturally responsive assessment, and Native teacher preparation and retention. She has received numerous awards and recognitions, most notably an Indigenous Honoring at the 2005 Pah-Loots-Pu celebration, being named the 2005 Mortor Board Distinguished Professor, and receiving the 2003 Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Faculty Award.

WHAT'S HAPPE

Thursday, April 3, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm – Idaho Commons USED BOOK SALE (RESCHEDULED)

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. will be holding a sale of used books purged from the Women's Center library. Proceeds will benefit FANM KOURAJ, a Haitian women's advocacy group. The group uses popular theater to provide community education programs on topics such as HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention. Lots of titles! Tons of great deals! Paperbacks - \$1, hardcovers and VHS tapes/DVDs - \$2. For more information, please e-mail wcenter@uidaho.edu or call 885-6616.

Thursday, April 3, 7:30 pm – Clearwater Room, Idaho Commons SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATIONS BY VISITING ENGLISH PROFESSORS

Dr. Renee Bergland (Simmons College) and Dr. Priscilla Wald (Duke University) will each be talking about their new books. Bergland is the author of Maria Mitchell and the Sexing of Science: An Astronomer among the American Romantics (2008), a study of how science closed its doors to women in the nineteenth century, told through the story of an American astronomer who achieved international fame . Wald's work, Contagious: Cultures, Carriers, and the Outbreak Narrative (2008), examines how we understand the fear and fascination elicited by accounts of communicable disease outbreaks. Wald is the editor of American Literature, the field's premier journal. This presentation is sponsored by the Department of English, and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Professor Gary Williams, e-mail jgw@uidaho.edu.

Friday, April 4, 5:00-8:00 pm – St. Augustine's function hall **ENCHILADA SALE**

Join the Women's Center in supporting Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. at their 3rd annual enchilada sale! Pre-sale tickets are \$5 (\$6 at the door) and include 3 enchiladas (ground beef, chicken or cheese), rice, beans and a beverage. Eat in or carry out.

Tuesday, April 8, 12:30 pm – Women's Center Lounge BROWN BAG SERIES: NATIONAL STUDENT ATHLETE DAY CELEBRATION

Join us to meet and celebrate the accomplishments of some of UI's own female student athletes, who will be discussing their own experiences of balancing their athletic and academic careers. Free! Snacks provided.

Wednesday, April 9, 12:00-2:00 pm - SUB Silver/Gold Rooms

VIRGINIA WOLF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

A banquet and awards ceremony in honor of women and men who have demonstrated outstanding service towards advancing the cause of gender equity on campus and in the community. Keynote speaker Dr. Susan Rae Banks-Joseph. To nominate an individual or to register for the luncheon, please e-mail wcenter@uidaho.edu or call 885-6616.

Wednesday, April 16, 12:30 pm – Women's Center Lounge BROWN BAG SERIES: AFELENE ROSEMOND OF FANM KOURAJ

Fanm Kouraj is a group of women activists from the Haitian island of La Gonâve, dedicated to improving the situation of women and children in Haitian culture. Please join us as special guest Afelene Rosemond, a leader and activist with Fanm Kouraj, gives an informative slide show and discusses her experience with the group. The presentation will be given in Afelene's native language, Haitain Kreyol. English interpretation will be provided. Free! Snacks provided.

NING IN APRIL

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30-8:30 pm – Poultry Hill Warehouse on UI Campus

The Women's Center, the International Friendship Association, and the Village Bicycle Project will host an all women's bike repair and safety clinic. The clinic will be conducted by Elizabeth Bageant and will cover basic bike repair, operation and safety in an accepting, encouraging, all-female setting. Tools will be available to the first 30 registrants. Women are encouraged to bring their own bikes to repair. Bicycles needing minor repairs will be available for participants who do not own bikes to practice and learn on. The free clinic will also feature a short documentary film and snacks. To register, please call 885-6616 or e-mail wcenter@uidaho.edu.

Thursday, April 24, Time and Location TBA

SEX ON THE SIDEWALK

Join UI VOX for their signature annual event designed to raise awareness of and provide education on safer sex and healthy attitudes to sexual relationships. Prizes, games, raffles, and fun! Please call 885-6616 or e-mail wcenter@uidaho.edu for an update on location and times.

Thursday, April 24, 3:00-4:00 pm – Kibbie Dome RECEPTION FOR DR. MAE JEMISON

The UI chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers is proud to present a talk by visiting scientist Dr. Mae Jemison. Dr. Jemison is the first African-American woman in space, and is the founder and president of Two Medical Technology Companies. Please join the Women's Center, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the International Programs Office for an open reception in her honor. Free! Refreshments provided.

Thursday, April 24, 7:00 pm – Starting location TBA TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

A night of testimony, marching, interaction, speak-outs, awareness and dialogue! Take Back the Night is an annual event put on this year by UI VOX (Voices of Planned Parenthood), F.L.A.M.E (Feminist Led Activist Movement to Empower), the UI Women's Center, and the Violence Prevention Programs in solidarity with national feminist movements to end men's violence against women. Join us in peaceful protest of acts of violence committed anywhere against women. The event is open to all!

Friday, April 25 NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE FOR GLBT RIGHTS

This day of recognition is designed to raise awareness and discourse around the persecution imposed upon gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender individuals. The event typically features speakers, educational tabling, and a candlelight vigil or march/rally. Please call us at 885-6616 or e-mail wcenter@uidaho.edu for a schedule of events and initiatives.

Friday, May 2, 12:30 pm – Women's Center lounge "THREE POETS" READING

Relax before finals week with a special reading of poetry by literary guests Liz Bradfield, Sean Hill and Jasmine Dreame Wagner. Bradfield's latest book, Interpretive Work, is about being a naturalist interpreting the world and the strangeness of being interpreted by the world (and by family) as a lesbian. Sean Hill's poems engage with the history of the black community in his Georgia hometown. You can read reviews and samples of their work at: www.ebradfield.com and www.seanhill.org. This event is free and open to all, and refreshments will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR RECENT PROGRAM UPDATES/CHANGES, PLEASE CHECK WWW.UIDAHO.EDU/WOMENSCENTER OR CALL US AT 885-666.

Wednesday, April 23, 2008 6:30-8:30 pm

Poultry Hill Warehouse on the UI campus

Free all-women's bicycle repair and safety clinic.

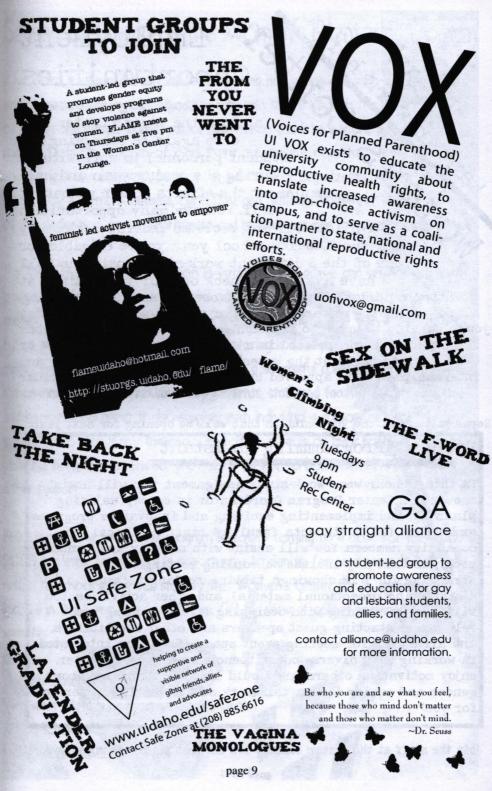
Bring your bike and learn basic bike repair, operation and safety in an accepting, encouraging, all-female setting.

Tools available for the first 20 registrants.

The free clinic will also feature a short documentary film and snacks.

To register, please call 885-6616 or e-mail wcenter@uidaho.edu.

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Employment pportunities

Watt to work here: te. As this academic year draws to a close, the Women's Center will once again be searching for student personnel to work with us during the coming year, and help complement the efforts of our permanent staff. We have many opportunities available. If you recieved federal work-study for the 2008-2009 school year, you're eligible for one of the 8 different work-study positions we'll have available! Check out our job listings at http://vandalweb.uidaho.edu/PROD/owa/ui_fa_ws.P_WSjoblisting. Do you have a research project or service/social action idea you're burning to bring to fruition? We also welcome applications by students interested in a service-learning experience or internship at the Women's Center. Service-learning and internships must be approved by your academic advisor in order to get credit for hours served.

Here's just one of the job positions that we'll be opening for next year:

Events & Programming Assistant

In this 10-hour/week work-study assignment, you will assist the Women's Center Program Coordinator in conceptualizing, planning, and implementing exciting and innovative programs and events for UI students, faculty & staff, and local community members. You will assist with monthly and annual programs that may include scheduling meetings, arranging for film showings, tabling, selling tickets, distributing promotional material, and other activities. You will also be helping with designing fliers, writing press releases, contacting guest speakers and other facilitators, and arranging for meeting/event space. If you are interested in working with diverse constituencies, are a self-starter, enjoy motivating others, and would like to learn more about gender and equity issues, this work-study position is perfect for you!

Join the staff at the Women's Center - it's the best place on campus to work!

Season of Service in the Women's Mentoring Program

It has been a long and harsh winter, but spring has sprung and with the change in season comes a change in disposition. The sun shines through the dreary days of winter and people come out of hibernation and into a more active role in society. During the month of April there are multiple opportunities for civic engagement involvement, both on an individual or organizational level. World Health Day, Mom's Weekend, Earth Day, and National Volunteer Week are some of the designated days to participate and provide service to your community.

The Women's Mentoring Program is very much an active and service-oriented program. Because the focus and goal of the program is to provide personal growth and development in participants the program. They with energetic and active members of the community. Mentoring is an imperation of service; it guides individuals and directs them towards a successful college individuals. Mentors and interpersonal areas, it also supplies each individual a support nervork. Mentors and mentees face many challenges in multiple aspects of their professional and personal lives; this experience provides a service to both members be aviving each other support.

Setbany Anderson Women's Mentoring Program Coordinator 208-885-6616 bethanya@uidaho.edu

National Day of Silence - April 25, 2008 Rebecca Rod, LGBTQ Program Advisor

The Silence is growing. Across the nation, more and more people are closing their mouths to call attention to the name-calling, bullying, and persistent harassment of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer students and others in high school halls and on college campuses. The name of this quiet event that has become a cross-country movement is National Day of Silence – sometimes also referred to as LGBT Day of Silence. Participants in support of this event usually spend the day in silence and often hand out "Speaking Cards" which say:

Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies. My deliberate silence echoes that silence which is caused by prejudice, harassment, and discrimination. Think about the voices you are not hearing today. What could you do to help end the silence?

In a Harris Interactive study on schoolyard bullying, students said that "two of the top three reasons students are harassed in school are actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender expression... and four out of five LGBT students experience verbal, sexual or physical harassment at school." (From the 2005 National School Climate Survey conducted by the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network.) National Day of Silence this year will be observed in memory of Lawrence King, a 15-year-old junior high school student who, because of his sexual orientation and gender expression, was shot and killed in February at his school by a 14-year-old classmate. A Los Angeles Times news article reported that King, "an eighth-grader at E.O. Green Junior High School in south Oxnard, had revealed he was gay this school year. In recent weeks, he had begun accessorizing his school uniform with feminine items and was often teased by other students... Another student and friend of the victim, said King had recently told the 14-year-old boy who is alleged to have shot him that he had a crush on him."

The UI Gay-Straight Alliance, our LGBTQ office, and other campus allies are working together to make plans for a University of Idaho observance of the Day of Silence. Please watch for details as these plans unfold over the next couple of weeks and plan to participate as a friend and ally.

Join FRIENDS OF UI WOMEN'S CENTER!

Join others in supporting the UI Women's Center scholarships and programs. The UI Women's Center has a long tradition of supporting women students through scholarships, programs, space for meetings and study, and friendship. Even if you can't make some of the programs or participate in a student group, you can become a friend of the Women's Center through your generous assistance. There are a number of ways you can be a friend.

- O Volunteer. The Women's Center hosts a number of annual events (LunaFest, WomensWorks Holiday Art Fair, and the Virginia Wolf Distinguished Service Awards, which all utilize volunteers. These are fun events, and you get to meet really cool people! We also need contributors for our Zine.
- O Join AmeriCorps. You can serve as an AmeriCorps member and work at the Women's Center.
- Make a donation. You can donate to a variety of programs and projects:
 WomensWorks: This annual art fair raises money to support an equity scholarship.
 LunaFest: A women's film festival benefiting the Breast Cancer Fund.
 Burlison Fund: This fund supports activities for LGBT students and programs.
 Research grants: We award grants to undergraduate students each year to travel to professional and academic conferences and present papers.

Your donations assist students in many ways. With your help, we are able to give students more ways to fund their education, to gain professional experiences, and to be successful. Thank you for your support and for being a good friend.

How to give:

Go to our web site: www.uidaho.edu/womenscenter and under the "Donations" heading, click on the "Here" hyperlink to go to the Give to UI page. Select "other", type in "Women's Center", and specify one of the above programs. This is a secure site.

Send a check, payable to Friends of the Women's Center, to: UI Women's Center, Campus Box 1064, Moscow, ID 83844-1064.

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