

17th Annual Conference - Wisconsin Women's Studies Conference
October 1-3, 1992, Green Bay, WISCONSIN

THEME: "Women's Ways of Knowing and Developing a New Politic"
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Mary Field Belenky

The University of Wisconsin - Green Bay cordially invites faculty, professionals, and students working in women's studies to submit an abstract for participation in the 1992 Annual Statewide conference. Mary Belenky is one of the authors of the 1986 award winning book: Women's Ways of Knowing. The authors explored with a diverse group of over 100 women why they felt "voiceless". The stories told by the women indicate a preference for intuition, personal meanings and self-understanding. Currently, Mary Belenky is interviewing women who have been founders of social movements and programs that empower women and other excluded groups. She will speak about the implications of this research for women.

THURSDAY WORKSHOP: October 1, 8am-3pm, "Ways of Knowing and the Classroom". Masculine approaches to knowing emphasize competition and devalue collaboration and cooperation. Workshop participants will be encouraged to design classroom and school projects that will bring balance to our educational experiences.

CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY: We will explore the ways in which women's models of knowing differ from men's models. We encourage submissions about a range of topics relating to women's ways of being: knowing, relating, creating, and seeing. Students are also encouraged to submit; a poster session will be organized.

ABSTRACTS: The conference will be organized around topics related to Belenky et al.'s work. The sessions will involve papers, discussions, media presentations and displays, and poster sessions. All abstracts will be "reviewed" by a faculty panel. Abstracts should be approximately 1-2 pages in length and in sufficient detail so that reviewers can make decisions about: the originality of ideas, appropriateness of methods, concise presentation of data and interpretations, and lucid theoretical and/or applied implications. A vague list of topics to be covered or a statement that "results will be discussed" is insufficient. The deadline for abstracts is: March 31st; complete works will be due by 9-1-92.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY CONFERENCE - Discussion symposium: Involves the in-depth exploration of issues relevant to women's ways of being. Designed to elicit discussion of recent issues, theories, etc..

Paper: A 15-20 minute verbal report of applied or theoretical research with time for an additional 5-10 minutes of discussion.

Display of Media: Films, music, books, art, experiential pieces.

Media Presentations/Discussion: Poetry Readings, demonstrations of methods, poster session displays of data, discussion of techniques.