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CONNECTIONS:
WOMEN,
COMMUNITIES,
AND THE LAND

22ND ANNUAL STATE WOMEN'S STUDIES CONFERENCE

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WELCOME

We are proud to host the 22nd Annual State Women's Studies Conference here at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Our conference theme "Making Environmental Connections: Women, Communities and the Land," reflects the environmental interests of both the Department of Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the campus in general. The broad range of conference topics hopes to attract and inform elementary and high school teachers, college and university professors, scientists and community activists and everyday folks concerned about living environmentally healthy lives. The intent of the conference is to provoke participants personally and professionally into action. For all our sakes, we hope this conference does just that!

UW-La Crosse is one of 13 four-year institutions in the University of Wisconsin System, nestled between majestic bluffs to the east and the Mississippi River to the west. It serves as a regional center for education, health care, industry, retail and entertainment.

The exhibit area complete with books from our local booksellers will be open from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Friday and from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Judith Kuipers, Chancellor
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



DR. CAROLYN MERCHANT is professor of Environmental history, philosophy, and ethics at the University of California, Berkeley. She is the author of *The Death of Nature: Women, Ecology, and the Scientific Revolution* (1980); *Nature, Gender, and Science in New England* (1989); *Radical Ecology: The Search for a Livable World* (1992); and *Earthcare: Women and the Environment* (1995) as well as numerous articles on the history of science, environmental history, and women and the environment. Merchant is a graduate of Vassar College and received her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the history of science and an honorary doctorate from the Umea University in Sweden. She has been a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford; a fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies; a Guggenheim fellow; a Fulbright senior scholar in Sweden; and the 1991 ecofeminist scholar at Murdoch University in Western Australia. She has been involved with numerous environmental history committees and associations.

SENATOR GWENDOLYNNE MOORE, a single mother and former welfare recipient, was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate in 1992 and re-elected in 1996. Moore is one of the most articulate advocates for minorities and the poor and is actively involved with a variety of political committees and organizations. Moore has used her humor, strength, and intelligence amid dramatic personal chaos and family crisis, and has relied on those same talents to help others in need. Overcoming racial and gender-based stereotypes throughout her career has only strengthened Moore's competence, intelligence and foresight in helping to make needed change to state-level government. Moore graduated from North Division High School in Milwaukee and received her B.A. degree in political science from Marquette University. In 1983, Moore earned her certification in Credit Union Management from Milwaukee Area Technical College.

DR. JONI SEAGER is a feminist geographer who has written and lectured extensively on issues of "making feminist sense of environmental issues," and on militarism and the environment. She is the author of two environmental atlases and, most recently, of *The State of Women in the World Atlas and Earth Follies: Coming to Feminist Terms with the Global Environmental Crisis*. She is a professor of geography and women's studies at the University of Vermont. She writes regularly for both popular and academic audiences, lectures across the country on environmental and feminist topics and has served as a commentator on environmental issues for the BBC, CNN, and National Public Radio.



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"MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTIONS: WOMEN, COMMUNITIES, AND THE LAND"

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM **WOMEN'S STUDIES ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING**

2:00 - 4:00 PM **POETRY WORKSHOP**

"Connecting to the Divine"—Christine Kieltyka, Viterbo College
(limited to 8 people — first come, first serve)

7:00 PM

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

"Building Connections to the Land, Slow Sensitizing"—Nina Leopold Bradley and Tricia Stevenson, The Aldo Leopold Foundation with community response by Bets Reedy, Ilona Hansen, and Deb Hoskins, UW-La Crosse; and Barb Frank, Sierra Club.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1997

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **EXHIBITS OPEN**

8:00 AM **REGISTRATION**

8:30 - 10:00 AM **SESSION I**

LEARNING FROM THE LAND, TEACHING FOR THE LAND—Bets Reedy, Deb Hoskins, and Mitra Emad, UW-La Crosse

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH ISSUES FOR WOMEN

"A New Perspective on Women with ADD : Environmental Contexts- Hunters in a Farmers' World?"—Brenda Shearer and Sarah Klein, UW-River Falls

"Women's Health in the Great Lakes: The Role of Hormone Imposters"—Emily Green and Brett Hulsey, Sierra Club

"Making Environmental Connections: Women and Population Literacy"—Wendel Johnson, UW-Marinette

Moderator: Susannah Lloyd, UW-La Crosse

EXPRESSING REACTIONS TO SPECIFIC SITUATIONS

"Conflict in Utopia: Power Dynamics at Dancing Waters Permaculture Co-op"—Kathleen Tigerman, UW-Platteville

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"Of Body and Soil: An Activist's Cookbook"—Denise Brennan Watson,
Mankato, Minnesota

Moderator: Lucille Slinger, UW-La Crosse

10:15 - 11:30 AM **SESSION II**

WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES

"Women's Health and the Environment - What's the Connection?"
—Maria Powell, Women's Health and the Environment (WHEN)

*"Women's Health Survey: A Comparison Study of Heterosexual
Women's and Lesbians' Health Practices and Concerns in Three U.S.
Cities"*—Ellen Emanuel, UW-Stout

Moderator: Wendel Johnson, UW-Marinette

PANEL ON THE KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Unique Partnerships Protecting the Kickapoo Reserve—Marcy West,
Wisconsin Dept. of Tourism; Becky Zahm and Sandy Heidel, Kickapoo
Reserve Management Board; Craig Thompson, Wisconsin Dept. of
Natural Resources

EXPRESSIONS OF WOMEN'S CONNECTION TO LAND AND EARTH

*"Survival of the Fittest: Conflict and Coherence in
Ecofeminist Philosophy"*—Cynthia Belmont, Northland College

*"Native American Women & Immigrant Women" Approaches to Land
Use*—Betty Bergland, UW-River Falls

Moderator: Korelle Hendee, Rushford, Minnesota

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN K12 AND UNIVERSITY

*"Teaching Environmental Studies: Experiential, Case-Based,
Interdisciplinary"*—Kenneth Maly, UW-La Crosse

*"Curriculum Standards and Resources for K-12 Environmental
Education"*—Lucille Slinger and Judy Beck, UW-La Crosse

Moderator: Kenneth Maly, UW-La Crosse



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WOMEN AND ANIMALS: THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTION

"Deadly Feasts: Vegetarianism and Women's Health"—Marian Bean, UW-Madison

"'She Got Herself Shot': Is There a Feminist Perspective on Hunting?"—Julie Smith, UW-Whitewater

"Women and Compassion for Wildlife: Challenging Government-Sponsored Slaughter of Canada Geese"—Ann Frisch, UW-Oshkosh; Joan Heezen, UW-Green Bay

"Deep Ecology: The 'Hole' in the 'Wholism'"—Helene Dwyer, UW-Baraboo

Moderator: Helene Dwyer

11:30 - 1:00 PM LUNCH - KEYNOTE: WOMEN, NATURE, AND NARRATIVE
—Carolyn Merchant

Merchant investigates Western history conceptualized as a recovery of the Garden of Eden. Nature (as fallen Eve) has been plowed, improved, and developed to transform it into a reclaimed garden with male labor (fallen Adam) providing the tools. Merchant proposes a new narrative and new ethic of sustainable partnership between humans and nature.

1:15 - 2:45 PM SESSION III

WOMEN WRITING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

"Women's Pre-Ecofeminist Vision in the Mid-Nineteenth Century"—Catherine Henze, UW-Green Bay

"Women Connect to the Land in Fiction, Philosophy and Reality"—Janet LaBrie, UW-Rock County

Moderator: Joyce Kirk, UW-Milwaukee

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WOMEN, COMMUNITIES AND THE LAND

"Idaho Women and the Land or Women and the Land: The Idaho Experience"—Lauren Fins, University of Idaho

EXPLORING ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVES

"Clarifying Environmental Perspectives"—Steven Simpson, UW-La Crosse; Kelly Cain, UW-River Falls

Exploring Ecopsychology—Korelle Hendee, Rushford, Minnesota

Moderator: Steven Simpson, UW-La Crosse

LEADERSHIP, GENDER, PROGRESS

"Leadership Development Connection"—Lynnette Brouwer, Sheryl Johnson, Mary McManus, and Janet Polansky, UW-Stout

"Women as Leaders in Aviation"—Sandra Stokes, UW-Green Bay

Moderator: Lynette Brouwer, UW-Stout

HOLISTIC HEALTH PRACTICE

"High Level Wellness: An Alternative to Doctors, Drugs, and Disease"—Janice Gehrke, UW-Stout

"Health: A Holistic Approach"—Mary Graziano, Galesville, Wisconsin

"Ways to Walk in Balance-American Indian Woman's Way"—Gladyce Nahbenayash, UW-Superior

Moderator: Ellen Emanuel, UW-Stout

2:45 - 4:15 PM

KEYNOTE: TOWARDS A FEMINIST FIELDGUIDE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS—Joni Seager

Who is doing what damage to the environment and why? Seager explores the myriad of ways in which feminist analysis exposes important dimensions of environmental issues left unexamined by other perspectives.



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FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPENINGS:

WOMEN OF COLOR RECEPTION AND BUFFET 5:30 P.M.

The UW System Office of Multicultural Affairs and the UW System Women's Studies Consortium wish to honor Women of Color from UW campuses for the fifth year. Honorees are those who have historically advocated for women, particularly Women of Color, consistently demonstrated the ability to rally diverse forces together to advance the Women of Color Agenda, created positive changes at the institutional level, and demonstrated an understanding of the interplay of family and community and culture in the lives of Women of Color

CLAUDIA SCHMIDT CONCERT 8 P.M.

Folksinger Claudia Schmidt returns to sing songs about social and environmental activism.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1997

7:00 - 8:00 AM MARSH WALK, LED BY STEVEN SIMPSON, UW-LA CROSSE
8:30 - 1:00 PM EXHIBITS OPEN
8:30 AM - 10:15 AM SESSION IV

EXPLORING THE POLITICS OF BREAST CANCER

"The Politics of Breast Cancer"—Paula Inger, UW-Marathon County

"Demystifying the Politics of Breast Cancer"—Nancy Worcester and
Mariamne Whatley, UW-Madison

Moderator: Nancy Worcester

**BUILDING CONNECTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT IN AND OUT OF
THE CLASSROOM**—Deborah Seitz, Kristine Hansen, Betty Nelson,
UW-Parkside; Betty Statham, Evansville, Indiana

Moderator: Anne Statham, UW-Parkside

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1997 (CONT.)

WOMEN AND FOOD

"Women and Food: Tracing the Cycle of Food From the Seed to Our Bodies"—Deanna Notaro, Mounds View, Minnesota

"Dirty Business"—Lois Swenson, Minneapolis farmer

Moderator: Sandra Stokes, UW-Green Bay

WOMEN WRITING ABOUT CONNECTIONS TO THE LAND

"Literature by American Indian Women Writers Show Their Connection to the Land Which is Reflected in Their Works"
—Gladyce Nahbenayash, UW-Superior

"Sarah Orne Jewett and the Sustainable Community"—Deborah Davis Schlacks, UW-Superior

"Everything We Need to Know About God and Ourselves We Can Learn from Nature"—Christine Kieltyka, Viterbo College

Moderator: Janet LaBrie, UW-Rock County

INTERNET RESOURCES

"The Web Women Weave in Third World Environmental Politics"—
Cecilia Manrique, UW-La Crosse; assisted by Phyllis Holman
Weisbard, UW-System Women's Studies Librarian

10:30 AM BRUNCH - KEYNOTE: GWENDOLYNN MOORE (and reactions of Merchant and Seager)

12:30 - 2:00 PM CLOSING SESSIONS

GLOBAL ECOFEMINISM: WOMAN AND EARTH—Tatyana Mamonova
and Carmella Didio, Woman & Earth Global Eco-Network

TEACHING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TOGETHER: SHARING IDEAS
ON INTERDISCIPLINARY CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES—Jane Oitzinger
and Katherine Holman, UW-Marinette

ANIMAL SPIRITS Art /Slide Presentation—Joyce Koskenmaki,
UW-La Crosse



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