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From the Director's Desk

It has been an exciting journey to see the transformation of CGIS with the assistance of a dedicated group of faculty, staff, and students for the past three years. CGIS and Women's Studies organized two major conferences, and a third one is being planned. Due to administrative reasons, the CGIS Board decided to postpone the conference, *Race, Reason, and Resistance*, to October 21-23, 2012. Check out CGIS's website for further updates. Submissions of proposals will be due in Spring 2012.

We welcome Susan Stout as the CGIS office manager and Dr. Gigi Peterson (History) as the Latino and Latin American Studies Coordinator. Many thanks to Corrina Harvey and Susan Peterson (Modern Languages) for their tireless work on behalf of CGIS and LLAS.

This Spring Semester we have set up two new oversight committees: a Budgetary Council co-chaired by Dr. Wendy Hurley (Kinesiology) and Dr. Kathy Russell (Philosophy) and a By-laws & Nominations Committee chaired by Dr. Lynn Couturier (Physical Education). Finally, our newly formed Advisory Board of Cortland alumni and Cortland community residents will meet for the first time, June 23, 2011.

About the Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies

With a board of 27 faculty members and 8 committees drawing about 90 faculty and staff members, CGIS has recast itself with a strong academic and scholarly mission. Within the last year, board members published seven books, received external grants, college research awards and have served as diversity trainers for faculty at SUNY Oneonta and SUNY New Paltz. CGIS is grateful for major financial support from the Office of the Provost, the ASC Corporation, the SUNY Office of Diversity & Educational Equity, as well as individual pledges and contributions through the Cortland Campaign.



Dr. Mechthild Nagel, Director

If you are an alumna or alumnus who would like to join our board, please contact me at Mecke.Nagel@cortland.edu or mgs@cortland.edu. We look forward to have engaged alumni helping us to strengthen our vision and support our diverse projects and programming efforts.

Many thanks to Julie Gorman, our very capable work-study student, and to Susan Stout and Dr. Sheila Cohen (Emerita Associate Professor of Literacy) for assisting with the production of this newsletter.

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Newest CGIS Committee – Environmental Justice

The Environmental Justice Committee of Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies (CGIS/EJC) was organized to fulfill the core mission of the Center, i.e. "... to foster and develop equity and respect for social, ethnic, cultural, economic, gender and environmental justice and diversity within the campus and larger community." Our work intersects with that of the Native American and Women's Studies Committees. The committee is currently examining concerns about shale gas extraction and the ways in which communities across the United States and worldwide are challenging this imposition. For background, readers can examine recent NY Times articles on drilling. Readers may also wish to join the committee. Membership is open to faculty and staff as well as alumni and community members.



During SUNY Cortland's Sustainability Week, CGIS/EJC will host an **Open House on Friday April 22** with Gas Drilling Awareness for Cortland County (GDACC) and NYPIRG from 4:30-7pm at Main Street SUNY Cortland, 9 Main Street. This event will highlight the need for greater community activism to confront the current mandate for drilling imposed on communities as well as initiatives to promote the use of clean, safe, and affordable energy.

To that end, we will host a screening of *My Name is Allegany County*, a film that chronicles how residents confronted the siting of a low level radioactive waste dump in that county. Two Cortland residents who participated in Cortland's resistance will provide background. Information will be available about how residents are currently confronting concerns about gas drilling. There will also be a demonstration from *Sustainable Tompkins* on how to take the *Finger Lakes Energy Challenge*.

-Dr. Sheila Cohen, Chair,
Environmental Justice
Committee

LGBTQ Committee – I Don't Tolerate Hate!

"We all know this is a problem; but what can each of us do about it?"

Upcoming Events

LGBTQ & Allies Mixer

April 29: Interfaith

Center

7 Calvert St.

Meet at 6pm,

Dinner at 7pm

FREE

For more info:

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Gospel Choir 25th

Anniversary Reunion Concert

May 1: Tickets are \$3 for students, \$4 for seniors, and \$5 for general admission.

Summer Institute for Infusing Diversity into the Curriculum and Professional Service

-SUNY Cortland Faculty and Professional Staff:

May 23-25, 2011

-Area School Teachers:

June 27-29, 2011

2011 Women's Retreat

September 23-25, 2011



Bullying, from simple forms of intimidation to extensive oppressive actions with the intent to harm, come in all different forms, and target many different types of people. Each type of bullying has two very powerful influences in common: the growth of ignorance and hatred.

We all know this is a problem; but what can each of us do about it?

We can come together with the common goal of both educating about the importance of understanding differences, and reducing (if not eliminating) hatred.

The first step towards this movement is to agree that it is a problem and be willing, on an individual level, to accept the challenge of standing up for someone or a group who is being

bullied.

We all know that by doing nothing, we become part of the problem. In an effort to initiate being part of the solution, we have designed a sticker campaign representing a commitment to learning more about diversity and fostering an intolerance for actions and words of hatred. For those of you who are willing to take a stand against bullying and to demonstrate intolerance toward hatred, we encourage you to place this sticker on your door and educationally confront individuals who actively engage in bullying behavior.

The sticker is **FREE!** Join us as we eliminate hate!

-Aimee Greeley & Dr. Kate Coffey,
Co-chairs, LGBTQ

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CGIS Faculty Publications

Anthony J. Nocella, II

Call to Compassion:

Religious Perspectives on Animal Advocacy

Edited by - Anthony J. Nocella, II
and Lisa Kemmerer

Love and Liberation:

An Animal Liberation Front Story

Sarat Colling and Anthony J. Nocella, II

Hollywood's Exploited:

Public Pedagogy, Corporate Movies, and Cultural Crisis

Edited by Benjamin Frymer, Tony Kashani, Anthony J. Nocella, II, and Richard Van Heertum

Wagadu

CGIS supports two academic, peer-reviewed online journals (*Wagadu* and *Social Advocacy & Systems Change*); *Wagadu* (Wagadu.org) issued a new volume (Dr. Susan Dewey, U of Wyoming) on "Demystifying Sex Work and Sex Workers" (Vol.8, 2010). SASC's journal can be viewed at

<http://cortland.edu/ids/sasc/index.htm>.

2011 Women's Retreat



The 2011 Women's retreat will be held the weekend of September 23-25 at Camp Huntington. Activities planned for the weekend include a sauna evening, an art/poetry/music sharing evening, daytime kayaking, and nature trail hikes.

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