

Women's History Month 2014

Events are free and open to the public unless noted otherwise.†

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, February 13, 14, 15, 7 pm, Somsen Auditorium
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Vagina Monologues

V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. As part of the V-Day 2014 College Campaign, Winona State University is holding a benefit production of *The Vagina Monologues*, Eve Ensler's groundbreaking, award winning play. We will also participate in 1 Billion Rising for Justice on February 14, 2014 (onebillionrising.org).

This is a benefit for the Winona Women's Resource Center and the V-Day spotlight campaign (tickets, \$8 students, \$10 non-student). Seating will be general admission. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning 30 minutes before each performance, Somsen Auditorium Lobby.

Thursday, February 27, 6 pm, Winona Arts Center (228 E 5th St, Winona, MN)
Collaborative Queer Film Series: *Gun Hill Road* (2011, Director: Rashaad Ernesto-Green).

An ex-con returns home to the Bronx after three year in prison to discover his wife estranged and his teenage son exploring a sexual transformation that will put the fragile bonds of their family to the test.

Discussion following led by FORGE (WAGS student club).

Monday, March 3, Noon – 1 pm, Student Union, Dining Room B (205)
Teaching and Research Series: Brown Bag discussion—WAGS Across the Curriculum

Bring your lunch and join Drs. Tamara Berg, Mary Jo Klinker, Elizabeth Zold, and Emilie Falc to discuss the curricular changes that are going on in WAGS at WSU as well as option for teaching a WAGS course or elective.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, March 5-7, 7 pm, The Tau Center Rotunda, West WSU Campus, 511 Hilbert Street

SEED Performance Art Presents their 5th Experiment

SEED endeavors to make art for Winona, by Winona. In this installation of their Experiment Series, SEED will examine date rape. This spoken word and dance piece will present stories from members of our Winona and Winona State communities. Through artistic devices, SEED hopes to boldly continue the conversation of sexually-based violence vs. enthusiastic sexual participation.

Tickets: Pre-sale \$10 adult \$5 student (with an id). Available at www.seedperformanceart.com

Thursday, March 6, 6 pm, Winona Arts Center (228 E 5th St, Winona, MN)
Collaborative Queer Film Series: *Pariah* (2011, Director: Dee Rees)

A Brooklyn teenager juggles conflicting identities and risks friendship, heartbreak, and family in a desperate search for sexual expression.

Discussion following led by WSU IFO GLBTA Committee.

Tuesday, March 18, Noon – 1 pm, Student Union, Dining Room B (205)
Teaching and Research Series: Brown Bag discussion—Dr. Jan Karjala (Professor Emerita)

Bring your lunch and join Jan Karjala for a discussion on “Women’s Influence on American Faith.” Jan Karjala has had a long and illustrious career as a professor at WSU and a number of other post-secondary institutions. While at WSU, Jan taught in Business Education and in WAGS. This discussion features Jan’s current research on the topic of women and faith in America.

Thursday, March 20, 6 pm, Winona Arts Center (228 E 5th St, Winona, MN)
Collaborative Queer Film Series: *United in Anger: A History of Act Up* (2012, Director: Jim Hubbard)

United in Anger: A History of ACT UP is an inspiring documentary about the birth and life of the AIDS activist movement from the perspective of the people in the trenches fighting the epidemic. Utilizing oral histories of members of ACT UP, as well as rare archival footage, the film depicts the efforts of ACT UP as it battles corporate greed, social indifference, and government negligence.

Discussion following led by the LGBT Resource Center for the Seven Rivers Region, Inc.

Tuesday, March 25, Noon – 1 pm, Student Union, Dining Room B
Teaching and Research Series: Brown Bag discussion—Dr. Eri Fujieda

Bring your lunch and join Dr. Eri Fujieda for a discussion on “What Data Can (or Cannot) Tell Us About Gendered Experience of WSU Students.” Dr. Fujieda will explore the uses and limitations of typical institutional data in understanding gendered experiences among WSU students.

Wednesday, March 26, PAC Recital Hall, 12:00 pm
Concert of Women Composers

Come experience music from a woman’s point of view! Songs and instrumental pieces by women composers from the 17th through 20th centuries will be performed in the annual Department of Music’s program of music by woman composers in honor of Women’s History Month.

Thursday, April 3, 6 pm, Winona Arts Center (228 E 5th St, Winona, MN)
Collaborative Queer Film Series: *Small Town Gay Bar* (2006, Director: Malcolm Ingram)

The story of community in the Deep South that is forced to deal with the struggles of ignorance, hypocrisy and oppression.

Discussion following led by Full Spectrum (WSU student club)

April 10 and 11

TEACH Alliance: Trans* Education, Activism, Community & Health Alliance

We are safer-sex educators, community outreach leaders and queer activists. Our goal is simple: to address problems in queer communities with humor and positivity. We feel that, too often, issues within our communities are presented in negative and dire ways, so we began leading workshops about topics such as queer leadership, safer-sex and gender presentation using humor and candor. We focus on addressing these topics in positive and affirming ways. Join TEACH Alliance for the following sessions.

April 10

3:30-5:00 pm, Student Union, Dining Rooms C&D

Education Access for Queer Students

From issues of bullying, to a lack of familial support, to a deficiency of role models queer students face many potential challenges in accessing higher education. This workshop is targeted toward faculty and administrators and focuses on how to make their classrooms and campus more accessible.

7 pm, Somsen Auditorium

Queer Safer-Sex

This is the sex education you probably didn't get in school. As queers, we have sex in a lot of different ways, and it's often impossible to find an informational pamphlet for the types of sexual activities in which we participate. We cover techniques for using dental dams effectively; post-operative safer-sex information for trans* folk; uses for internal and external condoms; tips on safely using, cleaning and lubricating toys; why you should have rubber gloves next to your bed...and much, much more!

April 11

9:30-11 am, Wabasha Hall, KEAP Center

Queer Activism/Alphabet Soup

Interested in activism, but not sure where to start? Have an organization or coalition that needs more people power behind it? Ever suffer from activist fatigue? This workshop covers tips for networking with other organizations, suggestions for avoiding burnout, strategies for promoting your cause or advertising for events, and ideas for inclusion of identities, expressions and sexualities that are often left out of the alphabet soup. Learn how to be an ally and advocate for intersex, trans*, genderqueer, polyamorous, and asexual individuals (among others), and learn how to make your group or organization more accessible.

Tuesday, April 15, 7 pm, Somsen

Best Sex Ever, with Laci Green

What makes for the best sex ever? Find out during this upbeat program hosted by Laci Green. Laci Green is a 24-year-old web personality, public speaker, and peer sex educator from San Francisco. She graduated with highest honors from UC Berkeley in 2011 and holds a certificate in rape and dating violence crisis counseling. In addition to her sex positive activism project called Sex Plus, she is an educator and consultant for Planned Parenthood, the Discovery Channel, and the ACLU.

Tuesday, April 22, Take Back the Night, hosted in partnership with the Women's Resource Center of Winona, 6 pm, SpeakOut, followed by a rally and march, Student Activity Center, Student Union

"Take Back the Night" raises awareness surrounding the issue of sexual violence in the community. There will be an informational session on abuse and prevention, and audience members will be invited to participate in the SpeakOut. Refreshments will follow.

[†] The Collaborative Queer Film Series is co-sponsored by FORGE, WSU Women's & Gender Studies, the IFO GLBTA Committee, and the LGBT Resource Center for the Seven Rivers Region, Inc. TEACH Alliance events are sponsored by the IFO GLBTA Committee, and Take Back the Night is hosted in partnership with the Women's Resource Center of Winona.