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# YEAR IN REVIEW ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011



**CENTER** for  
**WOMEN'S**  
& **GENDER**  
**STUDIES**

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# STUDENT AND ACADEMIC NEWS

## ENROLLMENT

- Undergraduate Majors - 50
- Master's Program - 18
- Portfolio Program - 40 (estimate)

## GRADUATES

- 11 Undergraduates received their Bachelor's of Arts
- 5 Masters Students received their Master of Arts

## NEW COURSES

- Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies, Transnational Activism and Women's Human Rights
- Gender Development, Media & Human Rights

## FACULTY AFFILIATES

306 faculty from Schools and Colleges

## HONORS SOCIETY

CWGS, is in the 2nd year of the national honor society, Iota Iota Iota. The society is open to students in WGS or any student with a strong interest in women's and gender studies that meet the academic standards.

## EVENTS

- Faculty Development Fellows presented 8 lectures throughout the fall.
- Sponsored or co-sponsored 5 film screenings or plays throughout the year
- Sponsored or co-sponsored 3 book presentations
- Sponsored or co-sponsored 19 talks, lectures, presentations and art exhibits from UT and the community
- Conferences/Symposia that CWGS participated in, sponsored, or co-sponsored:
  - UT Border Experts Series
  - Women's Welcome Event
  - RAINN Day: Sexual Assault Awareness
  - National Young Women's Day of Action
  - Gender Symposium
  - Texas Asia Conference
  - Aftershocks: Legacies of Conflict
  - Abriendo Becha VIII Activist Scholarship Conference
  - SALSA Conference



WGS Class of 2011



Conference on Sexual Harassment keynote speakers Cathy McBroom and Donna Wilkerson

- International Women's Day
- Conference on Sexual Harassment
- Feminist Action Project
- 18th Annual Graduate Student Conference (CWGS)
- Women's Human Rights: Garza Performing Justice Project



Director Susan Heinzelman speaking at the CWGS Spring Reception and Open House

### CWGS FACULTY AND STUDENT SUPPORT EVENTS

- Promotion and Tenure Panel (April)
- Black Queer Studies Collection
- CAB Meetings (Fall and Spring)
- Steering Committee (Fall and Spring)
- CWGS Spring Reception and Open House (April)

### GENERAL STUDENT COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Explore UT (March)
- College Women's Political Caucus
- Triota Meeting



2011 Explore UT

## AWARDS

- The Undergraduate Cynthia Walker Peña Scholarship: Darcy Kues (Sociology)
- The Lora Romero Memorial Award: Ganiva Reyes (Education)
- The Ellen Clarke Temple Graduate Award: Valerie Martinez (History) and Rebecca McEntee (Journalism)
- The Dissertation Fellowship Award: Corinne Reczek (Sociology) and Courtney Morris (Anthropology)
- The Lucia, John, and Melissa Gilbert Teaching Excellence Award: Dr. Gigi Awad (Education)
- Student Contributor of the Year Award: Tatiana Young (WGS)
- Contributor of the Year Award: Lauren Embrey and the Embrey Family Foundation

**TRAVEL AWARDS:** Tatiana Young and Tynesha Scott

### STAFF AWARDS

- Alma Jackie Salcedo (CWGS Academic Coordinator) was elected to participate in the NWSA Women of Color Leadership Project
- Kristen Hogan, New CWGS Associate Director was recognized by the staff of Services for Students with Disabilities

### WGS STUDENTS WIN UNIVERSITY-WIDE AWARDS

- Juan Portillo received the Good Neighbor Scholarship
- Naminata Diabate won the Graduate School 2011 Outstanding Dissertation Award in the Humanities and Fine Arts



Darcy Kues

- Lydia Putnam and Beck Wise received the Continuing Bruton Fellowship Award from the Graduate School
- Alex Messenger received the Unrestricted Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Muneezeh Kabir received the 2011 J.J. “Jake” Pickle Citizenship Award through the Texas Union
- Darcy Kues won the Edward S. Guleke Award for Student Excellence

## FACULTY AWARDS

- J.K. Barret (English) wins Solmsen Fellowship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Carolyn Eastman (History) receives Best First Book Award from the Society for Historians of the early American Republic
- Pamela Paxton (Sociology) awarded grant to study generosity

# EMBREY WOMEN’S HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE

## CWGS/Rapoport Center Research Cluster on Women, Gender and Human Rights

- “Sex Trafficking and the Making of a Feminist Category of Analysis” a talk by Jennifer Suchland, Ohio State University
- Grassroots Organizing & Activist Scholarship” A talk by Rose Pulliam (of allgo: Statewide Queer People of Color Organization), Paula Rojas (of Mamas of Color Rising and INCITE! Women of Color against Violence), and Shannon Speed, (Anthropology professor and Assistant Vice President of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement)
- Leap Frog Feminism: Learning About Human Rights Institution Building from Local Actors, A talk by Dr. Julie Mertus (American University)
- “U.S Women & Political Imprisonment: Rosa Parks, Angela Davis, Assata Shakur, Marilyn Buck, & the Move Women”, a talk by Joy James (Williams College professor and visiting faculty at the Department of African and African Diaspora Studies)



*Clockwise from left: Paula Rojas (Mamas of Color Rising); CWGS faculty and students; Paula Rojas and Rose Pulliam (allgo); Julie Mertus (American University); Shannon Speed (Anthropology/DDCE)*

## Faculty-Led Workshops

- Using Service Learning and archival Materials in Support of Women’s Human Rights Course Objectives with Lisa Moore (English) and Kristen Hogan (CWGS)
- Teaching a Critical Human Rights Framework for Women’s Human Rights with Karen Engle (Law) and Neville Hoad (English)
- Teaching Women’s Human Rights Material in Support of Course Objectives, Sharmila Rudrappa (Sociology) and Barbara Harlow (English)
- Online Tutorial for Archival Research on Women’s Human Rights, created by Amelia Koford



## Community

- Women’s Human Rights: Garza’s Performing Justice Project

# INSPIRE: EMPOWERING TEXAS WOMEN LEADERS

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- The name was successfully changed and branded from TULIP to Inspire. This included a new logo.
- Two new coordinators joined Ganiva Reyes: Juan Portillo and Lydia Putnam

Sophomore highlights include:

- Participated improvisational classes
- Theater Action Project
- Voices against Violence event
- Created and performed SPEAK, A Multi-Lingual Performance



Junior highlights include:

- Learned how to write a scholarly paper
- Presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual CWGS Graduate Student Conference
- Chose and worked with mentors
- Attended workshop on Résumé writing

Special recognition goes to:

- Asmani Patel was highlighted on the UT Main Website and her scholarly paper for Inspire, which she presented at the WGS Graduate Student Conference in the Spring 2011 semester, was accepted for the 2011 Interdisciplinary Conference on Human Trafficking.
- Christine Adame, was accepted at the 2011 National Women's Studies Association Conference for her scholarly paper, which she also presented at the CWGS Graduate Student Conference. Christine is studying abroad in Florence Italy for the Fall Semester.
- Danielle Rodriguez, also a Junior, landed an internship with FERIA Para Aprender, a local non-profit organization that aims to help Spanish speaking and underprivileged families gain the social capital needed to help their children succeed in the American education system at all levels. Danielle will be studying abroad in the fall in Brazil.
- Bobbi Duncan helped the OCD Texas get started and is the Vice President. This is the first OCD support group for the entire state.
- Ariel Dang-Tran performed with the Vagina Monologues



*Inspire participants in Washington, DC during the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders*

- The year-end reception was held at Nancy Scanlan's home
- Five participants and Ganiva were able to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park

## FUNDRAISING

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Grants Awarded

- Embrey Family Foundation awarded \$100,200 over 3 years for NEW Leadership Texas
- Reynolds Foundation awarded 3rd installment of 3-year \$75,000 award

Fundraising

- Continued fundraising for the Jody Conrardt Excellence Fund in Equity and Leadership

- Working with UT's Foundations and Corporate Relations teams
- Inspire program funding (received donations totaling \$38,865.32)

Proposals were created for:

- Inspire: Empowering Texas Women Leaders
- Women's Human Rights: Garza Performing Justice Project
- NEW Leadership Texas
- CWGS Programming
- Conspire Theatre

## MISCELLANEOUS

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On March 23, CWGS moved from our old offices in Walter Webb Hall to our new suite on the 4th floor of Gebauer.

We say a fond farewell to Dr. Alissa Sherry, the CWGS Associate Director for the last two years and a bright welcome to Dr. Kristen Hogan who will become our new Associate Director in the fall of 2011.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE INITIATIVES AND GOALS

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**NEW Leadership™ Texas** (The 1st summer institute will be held in June 2012) is a non-partisan intensive residential program that educates college women about politics and policy-making and inspires them to get involved in the political process. During the six-day program students meet with women in a variety of roles in the public sphere, learn about women's political participation, explore ideas about leadership and politics, and participate in hands-on skills building exercises.

Rethinking Power & Resistance: Gender & Human Rights from Texas to the Global – Embrey Women's Human Rights International Conference (Oct. 2012)

