

# Women's History Month

## EVENTS

### February 26

Dr. Kathleen Kennedy, Assistant Professor of English and  
Dr. Dana Martin, Assistant Professor of Psychology  
"Constructing Queerness: Diversity in the LGBT Communities"  
Opened Classroom Lecture  
Time and Location: 2:30-3:45, Main 206

### March 2

Ms. Karrie Bowen, Instructor in Communications  
"Women Covering The News"  
Brown Bag Lunch Campus Forum  
Time and Location: 12:30-1:20, Main 205

### March 3

Marla Falzone  
Comedian  
Time and Location: 11:30-12:45,  
The Lion's Den, Commons Bldg.

### March 4

Suraya Pakzad,  
Executive Director of the Voice  
of Women Organization  
Freedom and Empowerment of  
Women in Afghan Society



During her visit to campus, Pakzad will explore the daily horrors faced by Afghan women and their struggles for independence and basic rights at 12:30 p.m. in room 203 of the Commons Building (open to students, faculty, and staff only) and at an additional gathering, which is free and open to the public, at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Tomeszkio Classroom Building room 103.

For more information, please contact Risa Pittman at 610-492-1255 or [RPitt@psu.edu](mailto:RPitt@psu.edu).

### March 6



Rep. Bryan Lentz, Pennsylvania State Representative, 161 District, Delaware County  
"Serving Her Country: Issues Facing Women Vets in Pennsylvania"  
Common Hour Town Hall Meeting  
Time and Location: 12:30-1:30, Vairo Downstairs Lounge

Rep. Bryan Lentz serves as a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee. His visit to campus will be a town hall meeting addressing the particular concerns of women in the military.

### March 16

Ms. Karrie Bowen, Instructor in Communications  
"Overcoming Domestic Violence"  
Brown Bag Lunch Campus Forum  
Time and Location: 12:30-1:20, Main 205

### March 19

Dr. Julie Gallagher, Assistant Professor of History  
"The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter"  
Opened Classroom Film Screening  
Time and Location:  
Screening #1 10:00-11:15, Vairo Library 110  
Screening #2 1:00-2:15, Vairo Library 110

Ms. Constance Kirker, Assistant Professor of Integrative Arts  
"Bronze Age Revisited or Bacon Beauties"  
Brown Bag Lunch Campus Forum  
Time and Location: Vairo Library 129

### March 20

Dr. Laura Guertin, Associate Professor of Earth & Mineral Sciences  
"Women in Science: Africa"  
Opened Classroom Lecture  
Time and Location: Tomeszkio 101, 10:30-11:20

### March 24

Dr. Phyllis Cole, Professor of English  
"Shakespeare's Sister and Emerson's Aunt: The Literary Women We Never Heard Of"  
Opened Classroom Lecture  
Time and Location: 6:10-7:00, Main 217

### March 26

Women's Commission Luncheon  
Keynote Speaker:  
Dr. Afaf Meleis  
Dean of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania

### March 27

Voices of Innovation Seminar  
Sarah J. Glover, Photojournalist  
Philadelphia Inquirer  
Time and Location: 12:30-1:20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room, Commons Building



In 2004, as a National Association of Black Journalists Ethel Payne fellow, Sarah traveled to West Africa to photograph the orphan condition in Sierra Leone and to document Leonard Pitts Jr.'s personal West African heritage journey. A former three-term board member of the National Association of Black Journalists, Sarah serves locally as the president of the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists. Her campus presentation will focus on the marriage of her work in both photojournalism and community service.

### March 30

International Studies Faculty and Students  
Round Table Book Panel  
I. Rigoberta Menchu  
Time and Location: 12:30-1:20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room, Commons Building

### March 31

Michelle Buteau  
Comedian  
Time and Location: 11:30-12:45, The Lion's Den, Commons Building

Dr. Mary Gergen, Professor Emerita of Psychology and Women's Studies  
and  
Dr. Dana Martin, Assistant Professor of Psychology  
"Social Construction of Women and Aging"  
Opened Classroom Lecture

## Penn State Brandywine Women's Studies Minor

Are you curious about how societies create, content or contain gender differences? Are you intrigued by the many ways in which gender affects your life? Are you aware of the changes in women's roles in society in the last hundred years? Do you doubt that women are from Venus and men from Mars? If so, the Women's Studies minor offered at Penn State Brandywine may be an excellent choice for you. Women's Studies explores gender issues in every area of life. By focusing on gender-distinct perceptions and experiences, you will gain a vital perspective on human experience throughout history and across cultures.

Coursework focuses on feminist analyses of the structure of sex/gender systems, gender relations, and women's contributions in all facets of life to their cultures. The interdisciplinary and inclusive nature of the field is reflected in a curriculum that includes courses cross-listed with a wide variety of departments; courses deal with diversities of culture, race, religion, ethnicity, age, disability, and sexual orientation. Women's Studies classes emphasize the development of critical, analytical and interpretive skills, of creative approaches to understanding social issues and of action-oriented capacities through student participation and discussions with faculty.

This minor complements every other course of study and gives students a nuanced, politically savvy perspective on other academic subjects. It is particularly valuable for those pursuing careers in law, medicine, education, public policy, communications, information technology, social sciences and business. It also encourages a deeper understanding of oneself and others, and facilitates the creation of positive interpersonal relationships and family life.

We encourage our students to participate in educational enrichment opportunities whenever possible: included in the curriculum are internships, study abroad programs and courses, service learning, independent or team research with faculty, and, if eligible, Penn State's honors programs. Co-curricular activities also abound, with cultural programs, social gatherings, and community outreach opportunities.

## ALL MONTH LONG

### Campus Book Club

I, Rigoberta Menchu  
Purchase your book at the campus bookstore for our end of the month roundtable discussion on this provocative memoir.

### Women's History Month Book Display

Vairo Library

### Women in Space Display

Main Building