The Center for the Study of Women and Society at The Graduate Center, CUNY, in collaboration with the journals, Feminist Anthropology and Women’s Studies Quarterly, sponsored a call for stories related to activism in the year 2020. In recognition and celebration of the global initiative 16 Days Campaign, the collaboration invited everyone who engaged with feminist activism throughout the 2020 year to submit their stories and build a community around the purpose of activism and change.

We welcomed stories on any activism-related subject in a multitude of mediums and received many amazing submissions. For sixteen days, from November 25 through December 10, we shared these stories on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, where we saw an incredible response and many visits to our blog (16daysoffeministactivism.wordpress.com).

Finally, on December 10, 2020, we invited our extended community to join us for a webinar to celebrate these 16 stories of feminist activism. We were able to hear from almost all the highlighted activists, who gave short presentations on their projects and spent the last thirty minutes of the event answering questions from the audience. We wanted this collaboration to celebrate the incredible and ongoing work of activists in New York and around the country and the world, and hope that we were able to lift up the voices of those who worked hard to lift up the year of 2020.

UPCOMING CENTER EVENTS

2.23
6-7:30 PM
TANISHA FORD
Truth to Power: Writing Black Feminist Memoir

3.9
6:30-7:15PM
JACQUELINE WOODSON
Jacqueline Woodson: A Reading and Conversation

3.15
4-5:30 PM
WWWL Dorothy O. Helly Lecture: REBECCA DONNER
Mildred Harnack and the German Resistance to Hitler

4.20
6-7:30 PM
KANDICE CHUH
stretching time, making space, or, the metaphysics of teaching
Char Adams '20 is a reporter for NBC BLK who writes about race, gender and class.

Elise Bragard '18, who is pursuing a PhD in Applied Developmental Psychology at Fordham University, is currently doing her applied research practicum at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), NIH.

Kirsten Corneilson '20 is a first year PhD student in Gender and Women’s Studies with a teaching assistantship at the University of Kentucky.

Stephanie DeBiase '17 teaches Women’s Studies and Queer Studies courses, has done various talks on diversity including presentations at NYC’s Fashion Now & Then Conference, and won the 2020 Distinguished Excellence in Diversity Award through the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

Michela Demelas '20 is a Voter Administration Assistant, currently working in the state of Georgia.

Lo Ferguson '20 is running a youth center at Housing Works and recently applied to law school.

Naphtali '19 is a second year PhD student in Cultural Studies at Queen’s University working under Dr. Lisa Guenther. Naphtali is working on a creative project on prison abolition as part of a collective of folks both with and without prison experience.

Naoko Ohri '19 is working as a Harassment Counselor at Kobe Gakuin University, and teaches Gender Studies at Showa Pharmaceutical University.

Victoria Pihl Sorenson '18 is a PhD student at Cornell University in the Department of Performing and Media Arts.


Matt Brim is a 2020-2021 Futures Initiative Fellow.

Dána-Ain Davis won the Association for Feminist Anthropology 2020 Senior Book Prize and the 2020 Eileen Basker Memorial Prize, received a 2020 Honorable Mention for the Victor Turner Prize in Ethnographic Writing, and was a finalist for the 2020 Prose Award.

Dagmar Herzog was a Distinguished Visiting Professor in the Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality at Johns Hopkins University in Spring 2020.


Jayne Mooney received the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Society of Criminology, Division on Critical Criminology and Social Justice.


Robyn Spencer received the Mellon-Schlesinger Summer Research Grant to do research at the Schlesinger Library for her biography of Angela Davis, Angela: A Biography of the Black Freedom Movement.


The Center for the Study of Women and Society is currently accepting submissions for the Koonja Mitchell Memorial Prize and the Sue Rosenberg Zalk Endowed Fund Award. The deadline has been extended to February 15, 2021.

For more information about these awards: https://centerforstudyofwomen.commons.gc.cuny.edu/awards-and-fellowships

Please stay tuned for announcements about the Carolyn G. Heilburn Dissertation Prize.

Did you know? We are doing weekly casual online hangouts where WGS + WSCP students, alumni, faculty, and staff can drop-in and catch up! This semester, we are meeting on Thursday mornings from 11:00-11:30AM.

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