

# **Women's History Celebration 2009**

## **Sustaining Our Lives: Women Take the Lead to Save Our Planet**

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**Tuesday, March 17**

### ***Women's Environmental Activism in Our Own Community (panel discussion)***

Aram Calhoun, Associate Professor of Wetland Ecology,  
Sandi Duchesne, Project Director and Professional Traffic Operations at the Sewall Company,  
Rebecca Holberton, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, and Jessica Jansujwicz,  
Graduate Student in Ecology and Environmental Studies, will discuss their experiences with  
local sustainability projects.

12:15-1:30 PM, Bangor Room, Memorial Union

**Wednesday, March 18**

### ***A Sense of Wonder (film)***

This film recreates Rachel Carson's incredible journey following the publication of  
Silent Spring in 1962 and captures the essence and power of a truly remarkable woman at the  
forefront of environmental activism. The film is 54 minutes.

Discussion and refreshments to follow.

4:00 PM, 101 Fernald Hall

**Thursday, March 19**

### ***Book Exhibit***

New books and periodicals concerned with Women's Studies, feminism, and all aspects of  
women's lives will be on display. Publishers' catalogs and order forms for many of these items  
will also be available. Light refreshments will be served.

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 101 Fernald Hall

(Exhibit continues Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

### ***Born Without History: The Life of Amazonian Women***

Constanza Ocampo-Raeder, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, will present life histories of  
indigenous women in the Amazon. She will discuss what it was like to be born in a time when  
contemporary history and notions of nation and identity were not part of women's existence and  
how they experienced change.

12:30-1:45 PM, Bangor Room, Memorial Union

Part of the Socialist/Marxist Lunch Series

**Friday, March 20**

***The Composters Haul the Motherload***

An ecofeminist performance duo with the personas of Mary Mercury and Glenda Greenhouse, the Composters believe that humor (and humus) strengthen advocacy and might be one of the most effective activist tools of our time. They will perform an hour-long comedic skit on the transformative power of composting and examining the complex, and often times ironic, associations between gender and the environment.

7:30 PM, Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Building

**Sunday, March 22**

***Motherland Afghanistan (film)***

Afghan-American filmmaker Sedika Mojadidi vividly reveals the extent of the tragic health care conditions for women and children in Afghanistan, the country with the second highest maternal and infant mortality rates in the world today. This moving film follows her father, an American doctor, through his experience of trying to resuscitate the devastating medical facilities in this war-torn country. This film is 73 minutes.

7:00 PM, Peace and Justice Center, Bangor

**Monday, March 23**

***Women and the Environment in the Context of Global Change:  
More Questions than Answers***

Professor of Forestry and Sustainable Development at UC, Berkeley, Louise Fortmann will talk about the gendered division of labor, gendered property rights and the presence/absence of attention to gender in environmental policies. She will explore how changes such as globalization and climate change will affect both women and the environments in which they live and make their livelihoods.

7:00 PM, 100 Donald P. Corbett Business Building

**Tuesday, March 24**

***Environmental Justice and Refugee Families***

Linda Silka, Professor of Regional Economic and Social Development, University of Massachusetts at Lowell, will speak about the troubling environmental conditions, such as contaminated soil and polluted rivers, that many immigrant and refugee communities face in the U.S. She will present research about work in Massachusetts and elsewhere that brings together Cambodian families to address environmental justice problems.

12:15-1:30 PM, Bangor Room, Memorial Union

**Wednesday, March 25**

***The Belle of Amherst***

In the Tony Award-Winning *The Belle of Amherst*, William Luce draws heavily on the poems, letters, and first-hand accounts of Emily Dickinson to sculpt a play that is an inspiring, poignant, and truthful biography of one of America's greatest literary women. In this one-woman production, Pam Chabora becomes Dickinson, the emotionally fragile 19th century poet.

7:30 PM, Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Building

**Thursday, March 26**

***Feminist Agrarian and Environmental Justice in Minnesota***

This presentation will explore feminist ways of reformulating sustainability and environmental justice studies in the academy, and at the Women's Environmental Institute in Minnesota. WEI

is an independent organization designed as a place to renew, learn, and organize for environmental justice. Dr. Jacquelyn Zita is an Associate Professor, Department of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies, University of Minnesota, and a Co-founder of the Women's Environmental Institute in Amador, MN.

4:00 PM, 115 Donald P. Corbett Business Building

***Fury for the Sound (film)***

This documentary shows how a small group of dedicated women activists came together to protest the clear cutting of the local rainforest and eventually found themselves in the midst of the largest civil disobedience action in Canadian history, the battle to save Clayoquot Sound on Vancouver Island.

Part of the MPAC film series. This film is 86 minutes.

7:00 PM, 140 Little Hall

**Friday, March 27**

***From Maine to Minnesota: Community and Sustainable  
Projects Across the Country (panel discussion)***

Kirsten Walter, Creator and Director of the Lots to Gardens Program in Lewiston, Andrea Reed, the Executive Director of the New Forest Institute in Brooks, and Jacquelyn Zita, Associate Professor of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Minnesota and Co-founder of the Women's Environmental Institute in Amador, MN, will speak about their sustainable agriculture programs and their impact on women in Maine and Minnesota.

12:15-1:30 PM, Totman Room

**Saturday, March 28**

***Spruce Run Silent Auction and Chocolate Buffet***

This benefit event will also feature live music by the Spontaneous Jazz Ensemble. Tickets are \$15 per person.

For more information please call Spruce Run at 945-5102.

7:00-9:00 PM, Buchanan Alumni House

**Monday, March 30**

***The Story of How Agnes, Sister Benigna, and Literacy Volunteers Have Made a Difference  
in the Lives of Thousands  
(lecture and panel discussion)***

This year the Literacy Volunteers of Bangor celebrates 40 years of providing services to adults and families with low literacy levels in the greater Bangor area. This lecture and panel discussion will address the history of the organization and the ongoing demand for the program in the Bangor area.

12:00 PM, Bangor Public Library Lecture Hall

**Tuesday, March 31**

***The Beehive Collective (lecture and art display)***

Through their graphic campaigns, the Bees begin powerful dialogues about social justice issues.

The gigantic posters, with the themes of “Free Trade Area of the Americas” and “Plan Colombia,” allow the audience to come to their own conclusions about the issues presented.

4:00 PM, 100 Lord Hall and Lord Hall Lobby

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