

"Women's Studies and Higher Education Today" conference to be held at UCSD

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CONFERENCE ON "WOMEN'S STUDIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION TODAY" TO BE HELD AT UCSD

Several prominent women academic leaders will meet at the University of California, San Diego Oct. 16-17, for a free, public conference to discuss issues in women's studies.

"We're hoping to call the attention of faculty and administration to the importance of women's studies in undergraduate education," said Susan Kirkpatrick, associate professor of literature and one of the organizers of the conference. "We're hoping that symposium speakers will demonstrate to the university the intellectual power of women's studies."

Nan Keohane, the President of Wellesley College, will give the keynote address, "The Role of Women's Studies in Higher Education Today," on Friday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. in Room 107, Third College Lecture Hall.

Keohane is a leading advocate for the formation of women's studies programs at American universities. In 1985, she chaired the American Council on Education's Commission on the Status of Women in Higher Education.

There will be four speakers on Saturday, Oct. 17, in Third College Lecture Hall, Room 104, beginning at 10 a.m.

The first talk will be by Dr. Evelyn Fox-Keller, a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton. She will discuss "Feminist Perspectives on the Natural Sciences."

At 11 a.m., Dr. Virginia Olesen of the School of Nursing at the University of California, San Francisco, will address the subject of "Women: Health and Healing Issues."

Following the lunch break, Dr. Barbara Christian of the Afro-American Studies Program at UC Berkeley will speak at 1 p.m. on "Does Celie Know Something You Should Know: Afro-American Women's Literature and the Pursuit of Knowledge."

The final talk will be by Dr. Temma Kaplan of Columbia University at 2 p.m. on "Community and Resistance: Women's Political Cultures in Historical Perspective."

The conference represents an effort by several UCSD women faculty members to begin a full-fledged Women's Studies major on the campus. Currently, there are a few courses in women's studies offered and it is possible to minor in the subject.

Support for the conference comes from John Muir College, the Assistant Chancellor for Affirmative Action, University Extension, and the departments of history, literature and philosophy.

The Ad Hoc committee which organized the conference also included Rachel Klein, associate professor of history; Lisa Lloyd, assistant professor of philosophy; Page DuBois, associate professor of literature, and Kitty Calavita, a post-doctoral fellow in U.S.-Mexican Studies.

John Stewart, who retired as provost of Muir College last June, was also instrumental in organizing meetings last year to begin planning the conference.

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