WRC HERSTORY TIMELINE

Dedicated to the staff of the WRC (Past, Present and Future)

“Women’s history is the primary tool for women’s emancipation”

- Gerda Lerner once said.

Key: SH = State Hornet

AR 101 = Records of the Women’s Resource Center

Organizational History:

Directors/Coordinators:

- Kini (Coordinator) 1980/1981
- Sue Ollar 1981/1982
- Cheryl Merrill
- Velma Hall March 1982- (She was an intern starting in 1979)
Stephanie Lieberman
Ashley Sinclaire 85-1998
Bethania Gonzalez
Teresa Corrigan (interim director)
Patricia Grady 2005-2009/10
Tom Carroll
Chris Kent
J’Lissabeth Faughn 2013- Present

Staff:

1982 – Pam Williams, Coordinator, Women’s History Week
  Rev. Robert D. Hand, Personnel Coordinator
  Michael Major, Events Coordinator
  Carli Negri, volunteer and writer for Women’s Focus
  Dorie Grose, Library Coordinator
  Chris Anne Galvez, Women’s Outreach Coordinator
  Sherry Stroud, Administrative Assistant
1979 – Patricia Ragur, The Widow Johnson, Miriam Navarro, Meredith Fresquez, Jane Treat

WRC Collective:

1979 - Darla Davisson, Corky Fessia, Helene Burgess, Terri Smith, Rosemary Smith, Denise Shelley, Jude Kahl, Sondra Chambers
Women’s History Week

Scope and Content:

- Women Aware, Women’s Focus, International Working Women’s Week

- Women’s History Week

Support groups: Bi-sexual, Women of Color and working-class women,

Sponsor: Black History Month

Workshops:

- 1982: Sexual Harassment in Education and Employment
- 1983: “Rape Is Everyone’s Concern”

Notable Programs: Women’s History Week, Women Mentoring Women Program, Men’s Program

Significant speakers: Angela Davis,

Significant Dates in WRC Herstory
1971/72 – First brochure for Sac State Women’s Caucus. The brochure highlighted: feminist ideologies and feminist goals.


1972 – “Feminist News”. A publication by the Women’s Studies Program. 1st publication mentioned in AR 39 files. Mordea Jane Pollock (feminist speaker on campus)

1972 – First mention of Feminist News Collective.

1973 – Women’s Caucus and Faculty Women’s Association sue California State Employees Association against a clear pattern of inequitable personnel practices, cronyism, discrimination against women and lack of commitment to principles of affirmative action.

1973 – Sac State charged with sex discrimination against women students, staff, faculty, and admin. Letter from Sally Wagner to all staff women.

1973 – Lesbian Colloquium at CSUS. Speakers included: Sally Gearhardt, Phyllis Lyon, Rita Mae Brown, Kate Millet, Florence Kennedy.

March 25, 1973 – Kathy Barry was the Women’s Advocate. Midge Marino was P.E. Instructor

1974 – Workshop on Rape – earliest recorded self-defense demo on campus

1974 – Women’s Advocate position authorized. Many issues with it

1975 – 3 women’s groups working together: Women’s Caucus, Women’s Faculty Association, Women’s Studies Board.

1974/75 – International Women’s Year Symposium

1975 – First mention of a Women’s Center on campus “Every Woman’s Corner” in library 111A.

1977 – CSUS Women’s Caucus questionnaire. Focus on sex-biased language and lectures.

1978 – The Women’s Resource Center officially opened. Mentioned in the Women’s Studies Newsletter

1978 – Women’s History Week

1978/79 – Celebration of Women Writers: A day of films, discussions, poetry and exploration of women’s lives and experiences through literature

1978/79 – WRC Newsletter mentioned emergence of a bisexual support group


1979 – WRC now offers peer advising and counselling

1979/80 – WRC located in East temporaries
1980 – WRC Collective mentioned

1981 – New director

1981 – **Important event**: Academic freedom violated. Dean Leezer dissolves women studies board. Hornet article: “Women’s Studies Board’s disbanding examined: Philosophical difference lead to board break-up”

- This is a significant moment for the women’s movement in campus
  - The Women’s Studies Board was composed of full-time, part-time and students
  - Sally Wagner left as professor at CSUS
  - Joan Moon took away the right to advise with students independently
  - “According to Wagner, the part-time faculty members are “deeply involved in the movement, and it is not by chance that Sacramento has the most active women’s studies movement.”
  - The core of the dispute within the department has been identified as an ideological difference between faculty members on whether the women’s studies courses should be more academic or movement-oriented.
  - What were the results of the protest?
March 19, 1981

To: All Faculty
From: Women's Studies Board

Subject: Academic Freedom

Academic freedom has been violated. A democratically constituted governing body of a program on this campus has been arbitrarily dissolved by Dean Leezer.

Dean Leezer has not followed the proper consultative process in attempting to dissolve the Women's Studies Board. He did not consult with faculty members in Women's Studies. His stated reason for this is that the Women's Studies Board was no longer functional. This is simply not true, and no proof has been presented to support it.

If you support the principle that programs on this campus should not be dissolved and reconstituted at the whim of the administration, then join us. We ask that you:

1. use this petition enclosed as one way of establishing visible support
2. contact any member of the current Women's Studies Board for clarification or conversation on issues
3. commit yourself to work on this important issue.

We thank you in advance for your support.
1982 – Women’s History Week. See yellow pamphlet. March 7-13. “An awareness of where we’ve been and where we are going”

1982 – “Angry Women March on Capitol” – wrc marches in 3rd Annual Women Take Back the Night rally, mentions Velma Hall and Teresa Corrigan


“In our patriarchal society there are lots of myths about what rape is and what rape isn’t,” said Molena-Fuller, “Men have been raised in a society which teaches them to bottle up their feelings or to express those feelings through force and violence. Men must learn to channel feelings in a gentle way so he can help the victim through what can be the most humiliating and dehumanizing experience of her life,” he said. “Rape has more to do with humanization and dehumanization.”

1982 – WRC Director, Velma Hall.

1982/83 – Significant is Resolution in Blue Paper, Honoring Women’s History Week Celebration.

October 27, 1983 – “Racism Allegations Heard at ASI Forum”
“Speakers addressed the use of the N-word overheard during a student senate meeting. Emotionally charged speakers included Velma Hall, director of the WRC. “When you talk in terms of nigger, you are talking about a word that historically has been used to demonize and oppress blacks,” Hall stated.


1983 – Workshop: Sexual Harassment in Education and Employment

1983 – 2 Workshops: Rape Is Everyone’s concern & Rape Awareness Workshop for Men

1983 – Observed Domestic Violence Awareness Week

1984 – February - Black History Month Program (film series and guest lectures)
1984 – Angela Davis speaker on campus; Women & Social Transformation, Angela Y. Davis, March 7, 1984

**September 6, 1984** – “CSUS State Senate Closes Women Support Office on Campus”
- The WRC has been closed since June, when an ASI committee voted to fire Velma Hall, the Center director who had issues with supervisor Steve Berlin.
  - “I know nobody can run the center better than I can” – Velma Hall stated.

September 27, 1984 – “ASI Will Study Hall Controversy” (SH)
- “Clearly this woman was not fired because of her competence… this woman was fired because she is not a white male,” said Pan African Student Union chair Taeisha Mukasa.
  - “You will not close the WRC & you will not get away with racism and sexism in student government,” said Marabella Sala, a member of the Mexican American Studen organization speaking in support for Hall.

November 1, 1984 – “Fired Hall Responds to ASI Charges”

March 14, 1985 – “WRC Rep-opens Hall reinstated”
- “Two of three ASI Senators on the Executive Summer committee who voted to terminate her had never met her or been to the WRC, thus had no basis for their decision.”
- “10 letters attesting to her competence were not taken into consideration by ASI”
  - “Hall worked at the WRC since 1979 (as an intern, program coordinator, administrative assistant) and then director in 1982.
  - One of Hall’s priorities she said will be to find more space for the center…[see article]

1986 – National Women’s History Week: Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams, March 2-8

1986/88 – Director Stephanie Lieberman

1987 – WRC Fall Events: Stress Management for Women, Sacramento Women Against Rape (A Panel Presentation on Sexual Assault), A Woman’s Right to Control Her Reproductive Capacity (Panel); Women Escaping a Violent Environment (Presentation by Weave and Film: In Need Of Special Attention); Women Take Back the Night Rally & March; Women and AIDS; Co-Dependent Relationships (Co-Sponsored by Women Stress Alternatives)

1988 – National Women’s History Month: Reclaiming the Past, Rewriting the Future
- “Reclaiming the Past, Rewriting the Future” Keynote Address: Johnnetta B. Cole, President of Spellman College
- “Intercourse: The Search for its Meaning” Keynote Address: Andrea Dworkin
- “The Unfinished Business of the American Revolution” Keynote Address & Discussion: Gerda Lerner, author and historian, author of The Creation of Patriarchy, and the Female Experience: An American Documentary

1988/89 – First official WRC Brochure. Emphasizes support, resources, referrals, etc.

1989 – Women’s Herstory Week: Heritage of Strength and Vision

1990 – Women’s Herstory Week: Courageous Voices Echoing in Our Lives

March 1, 1991 – “Program Variety Highlights Women’s Herstory”
- “CSUS is hosting National Women’s herstory month, which begins Monday, with 37 scheduled events, making it one of the largest programs in the United States.”
- Michelle Wallace speech”Invisibility Blues: From Pop to Theory” Wallace is a writer, cultural critic, and instructor with four published books and 64 articles.
  o “The word herstory has been redefined through women’s terms, said Sinclaire, who is also the director of the WRC. “It is a way to feminize language and bring it back to women.”
  o “It’s really important that women’s achievements and accomplishments are celebrated and acknowledged,” Sinclaire said.

October 1, 1993 – “Faculty member attacks the real enemy of women: FEAR. Self-defense is Professor Midge Marino’s battle cry for survival,”
- “We have got to be angry” said Midge Marino.
- Marino helped found the group Lavender Angels, a gay and lesbian community neighborhood watch that patrols the Lavender heights area.

October 5, 1993 – “Anti-Violence Rally Attracts 600 People”
- Women’s Take Back the Night Rally
- “We have to take back the night and we have to stop being afraid”

March 8, 1994 – “Generational Theme Tops Women’s Herstory Month”
- In Every Generation, Action Frees Our Dreams
- Hneno speaks, a Hawaiian indigenous activist and writer.

March 15, 1994 – “University Spends 25,000 to revive Women’s Center”
- Closed for more than 3 months (July August and September 1993)
- Ashley Sinclaire was 7 year director
- “I believe that Ashley was the victim. She was unofficially stripped of all authority by being given mixed messages. Unfortunately at the end of the ’93 Spring term, her contract was up and she was out of a job,” says Corrigan.

November 17, 1995 – “Winnie Mandela Speaks to CSUS” (SH)
- South African political activist Winnie Mandela
- She remains president of the Women’s League and a member of the National Executive Committee of African National Congress
- Mandela is an influential contributor in the struggle against SA’s apartheid system + continuing struggle against racism.

October 1, 1996 – “NOW President addresses CSUS”
- Patricia Ireland

April 25, 1997 – “Women’s Resource Center facing catastrophic cut”
- Mary Bradburry, Maggie McAnaney and Kerri Webb of the WRC mentioned

See CARTOON – Tuesday April 29, 1997

May 2, 1997 – “ASI Slams Doors on Women’s Resource Center” (SH)
- Board ignores petition + speakers before slashing funds for 1997/98.

May 9, 1997 – “WRC Stages Campus Protest”
- Cecille Dionisio, left, and Roxanna Bangulus perform a piece of guerilla theater, protesting the complete loss of funding for the WRC next semester
- Quotes from the article:
  o “Why should there be a Women’s Resource Center unless there is a Men’s Resource Center,” asked Jeff Manan, a business major. “It’s sexist to have one for women and not have one for men. It’s better if there is no WRC if there isn’t a similar men’s group.”
  o “In the WRC’s re-enactment, the board memer said that ASI could fund whatever it wanted, and threw the petitions to the ground.
  o “Thus far the WRC has collected more than 1,000 signatures”
May 13, 1997 – “Rally Planned to save the WRC” (Photos of Chalk writing in protest)

May 16, 1997 – Rally/Demonstration to Save the WRC
- More than 80 men, women, and children circles the CSUS campus Wednesday in a rally showing the university population and President Donald Gerth the broad range of support at CSUS for restoring funding to the WRC.
- “Why should we support something like that?” said one female student who refused to be identified. “They’re nothing but a bunch of dykes.
- March organizer was Mary Bradshuerry
- They collected 2,640 signatures from men and women.
- In a statement, WRC director Ashley Sinclaire said, “It is tragic that a small group of self-interested people can eradicate an entire program based on their own personal prejudices.”
- Kathryn Austin “Save the WRC”

September 12, 1997 “WRC Receives Funds from ASI”
- Ashley Sinclaire lost her job
- WRC received 25K from ASI (Not 40K they requested)
October 21, 1997 – “The Doors have Re-opened at the Women’s Center”
- Rehired student assistant Maggie McAnany
- McAnany worked at the center for 10 years
- “It’s good for women to have a safe space where they can tear their hair out and scream if they want to”

April 17, 1998 – “CSUS Self-Defense Instructor Helps Women to Help Themselves”
- Self defense workshop April 14, 1998
- Midge Marino has been teaching self-defense Judo at CSUS for the past 22 years as part-time faculty

BIG GAP BETWEEN 1998-2005

2005 – WRC Flyer
- mentions: mission, informational services, support services, programs, philosophy of feminism

2005 – Women Mentoring Women[“Women Building Community”]
2006 – Women Mentoring Women: “Women Leading the Way”
- about: 2nd annual WMW conference. This conference will unite women students with women from the community who are leaders in their fields. This much anticipated event will feature women from greater Sacramento region who will serve as mentors for students. The mentors will represent a wide range of fields including education, business and industry, politics, social services, sports and the arts. Mentors and students will spend the day together attending the keynote address by Dr. Barbara O’Conner, - As a follow up, mentors will have the option to attend another event on campus during the month with their mentees.


2007 – Director Pat Grady (How long was she director for?)

2007 – The first Men’s Program formed at Sac State
- Presentations in 2006-2007
- On and off campus

March – Women Mentoring Women Conference “Creating Understanding Across Generations”
- “Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Changing Model in the Post-Feminist Era” lecture by Visual Artist Yolanda Lopez
- “History of Reproductive Rights in the U.S.: Current Issues and Threats” lecture by Dr. Rebecca Kluchin, History Dept.

April 2007 – Sac State “Women Take Back the Night” march and rally; Denim Day; “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes”

2007 – May – “Frida” play by Teatro Milagros


2009 – Women Mentoring Women Conference “Mentoring: A Tool for Personal and Professional Enrichment”
- “The goal of the Women Mentoring Women Conference is to connect Sacramento State female students with mentors from their Sacramento community in their area of interest for a day of discussion on various topics such as the mentoring relationship, job market trends, debt management, relationships and health.”

2010 – Single Mom’s Support Group

Fall 2010

October 21, 2010 Marriage Across Cultures
November 9, 2010 – Film Screening: Very Young Girls: Exploitation Across America
December 7, 2010 – Where Is My Orgasm? A workshop by Dr. Patty Woodward on female sexuality

Spring 2011

Sep-November 2011- Single Mother’s Support Group
Feb 17 2011 – Vagina Monologues

March 2011
- March 3rd; Women of Influence Awards
- March 9th; Art Exhibit: Ser Mujer es Poder”
- March 15th; Women in Technology
- March 16th; Transwomen Panel
- March 30th: Lecture with Jean Kilbourne: The Naked Truth

April 2011
- April 6th: Be Smart With Body Art
- April 12th: Equal Pay Day Table
- April 19th: Documentary Very Young Girls
- April 23: Sexual Assault Prevention Workshop

Fall 2011

October 2011
- 6th: Very Young Girls
- 19th: Love Your Body Day

November 2011
- Female Masculinity
- Where is my Orgasm?

December 2011
- WEAVE “Suit Drive”
- Women and War
- Women and War Opening Reception

Spring 2012

March 2012 Women’s History Month Programing
- March 1: Women in the Workplace
- March 6 Roller Skating for Equity!
- March 7: Menopause? Manopause! Will discuss the relationship between gender and physical maturity in contemporary society
- March 13: Love and Plurality – a panel discussion that will address the opportunities and barriers facing people engaging in polyamorous relationships
- March 14: Gender Expression – is a workshop that promotes fine arts as a medium for self-expression
- March 15: WEAVE Bed Race –
- March 18th: Women of Influence Awards Ceremony
- March 29th: Lady Business – women improve comedy troupe

Fall 2012

September 2012 – Student Womens Organization Mixer

November 8 2012 – Where’s My Orgasm?

December 4, 2012 – Menopause Manopause Lecture

Spring 2013

Monthly Events: WSSA General Meeting; Student Parent Community Group; F-Word Discussion Group

February 2013
- Feb 15: The F-Word Discussion Group
- Feb 21: But Wait, Who’s the Man?: A Discussion on Queer Women’s Relationships
- Feb 26: WRC Welcome Back Reception

March 2013
- Generalizasian to Representasian: Asian American Women in Hip Hop
- March 12: The F-Word Discussion: Women Power Leadership
- March 19th: Women in STEM fields showcase
- March 20: Women of Influence Awards
April 2013
- Sticks Stones and Words: Abuse in Relationships
- Sex Trafficking Film and Talk
- The F-Word Discussion Group

April 25, 2013 – Empowering Women of Color in Higher Education Panel

Fall 2013
Women’s Resource Center PRIDE Center and Multi-Cultural Center begin working together under 1 director

Spring 2014

February 2014 – Women’s Empowerment Conference

March 2014
- March 4: Where is My Orgasm? Lecture by Dr. Woodward
  ○ In conjunction with Archives exhibit on Second Wave Feminist Activism on Campus

April 2014
- April 8: Queer Zines: An Interactive Zine-Making Workshop
- April 15th: Race Is Relevant- Visual Art Reflections
- April 23rd: Activism in the Age of Trayvon Martin

May 2014
- May 6: My Asian Lady: Feminist Empowerment in the Asian American Community
- Film Screening: CAN- A film about mental health in the Asian American community
Significant Events


Since its formation around 1975, the Women’s Resource Center has continually had to fight for space and visibility at Sac State. The WRC was closed and then reopened at least 3 times:
• In 1984
• In 1993
• In 1997

The most recent shut-down of the WRC resulted in the most activism, protest and rallying that the WRC had seen in its herstory.

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Supporters demonstrate to keep center open
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   - “Rape Is Everyone’s concern & Rape Awareness Workshop for Men”

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   Speakers included:
   • Shirley Chisholm
   • Yolanda Lopez
   • Kitty Sui
   • Glenda Riley
   • Elaine Kim
   • June Jordan
   • Mitsuye Yamada
   • Gloria Anzaldua
   • Nellie McKay

2005: First Women Mentoring Women Conference
Women Willing to Work Toward Change

MARY ELLIOTT
staff writer

Women's History Week has just passed, and many organizations have started to make plans about the CSUS Women's Resource Center which continues to grow from month to month.

The center, which began as a project byProvost's Office, is now run by a group of faculty members and students. The center's mission is to provide a forum for discussion, support, and networking for women on campus.

The Center's director, Carol我发现名字在图片中打错了。应该是Jennifer Moon, has been instrumental in developing the center's programs and activities. She has also been a strong advocate for women's issues on campus.

The center offers a variety of services, including workshops, seminars, and a newsletter. It also serves as a resource for women who are interested in starting their own businesses or pursuing careers in traditionally male-dominated fields.

The Center's events have included a workshop on networking, a panel discussion on gender equality, and a screening of a documentary on women in science.

The Center's success is due in part to the support of the Provost's Office, which has provided funding and resources for the center's activities.

The Center's impact is felt not only on campus, but also in the community. Women who have participated in the Center's activities have gone on to start their own businesses or pursue careers in fields that were previously closed off to them.

The Center's success is a testament to the power of networking and support groups. It is an example of how institutions can work together to create opportunities for women.