

# Call for Papers and Conferences

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### **FEMINIST TEACHER BOOK REVIEWS**

Books available for review are posted on the *Feminist Teacher* website at <http://www.uwec.edu/wmns/FeministTeacher/bookreviews.htm>. Please contact Monica Barron at [mbarron@truman.edu](mailto:mbarron@truman.edu) before submitting a book review.

## Conferences to Attend

Following the new appointments of John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court and South Dakota's recent legislation banning abortion, reproductive rights are rapidly becoming one of the most threatened targets of feminism. With these debates front and center in public forums, it seems like an opportune time to articulate how limits on reproductive rights are only one facet of women's limited access to quality health care. Women's health movements have long established the connection between women's autonomy and women's wellbeing. From this perspective, women's health has to be a central focus in feminism. The following conferences are focused on exploring women's health and establishing measures to help empower healthy women.

### **SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SIXTEENTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S STUDIES CONFERENCE**

Southern Connecticut State University Women's Studies Program presents its

Sixteenth Annual Women's Studies Conference, "Women's Health: Colonized, Resisted, Reclaimed," October 27 and 28, 2006. The conference programming will explore various dimensions of women's health: physical, emotional, cultural, psychological, political, spiritual, socio-economical, and more. The conference focuses on two key questions—How is women's health defined and by whom? How are disease, medicine, and healing defined differently for women? Presentations will focus on representations of women's health across different regions of the globe. Academics, feminists, and activists from all disciplines, institutions, and organizations are invited to participate in this event.

For more information, visit SCSU's website at <http://www.southernct.edu/departments/womensstudies/conference/index.htm>.

### **2006 NATIONAL RURAL WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE**

The National Rural Women's Health Conference will be held November 16–18, 2006, in San Antonio, Texas. This year's theme is "Expanding the Agenda for Rural Mental Health Services Research: Focus on the Rural Woman." The conference will focus on four objectives: 1) To explore innovative methodological approaches for conducting mental health services research in the rural environment and adapt non-rural research designs to rural settings, 2) To discover strategies to over-

come divisions between researchers in mental health and other relevant disciplines and to promote partnerships among academic researchers, policy makers, and community stakeholders, 3) To reveal how the characteristics of the rural community and the diverse needs of rural women and families may impact their mental health status, and 4) To identify and explore practices and models for rural mental health services delivery and research with an emphasis on collaborative, community-based mental health services research.

For more information, go to <http://www.hmc.psu.edu/ce/RWH2006/index.htm>.

#### **WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR SEXUAL HEALTH, FIRST WORLD CONGRESS FOR SEXUAL HEALTH**

The World Association for Sexual Health is holding the First World Congress for Sexual Health April 15–19, 2007, in Sydney, Australia. The conference theme, “Achieving Health, Pleasure, and Respect,” captures the multiple facets of sexual health. It will be an interdisciplinary conference of clinicians, researchers, educators, activists, and policy makers exploring the controversial and complicated perspectives on sexual health. Abstracts are due September 15, 2006. For more information, go to <http://www.sexo-sydney-2007.com>.