



Women's VU

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Save the Date!

Walk as One

Saturday, October 7th
An event sponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice of Middle Tennessee to bring the community together to stand against prejudice and to stand for unity and tolerance. Walk as an individual or recruit a team. For more information or to register to walk, go to <http://www.nccjmt.org/NCCJ/Pages/Graphics/WalkasOne>

Take Back The Night

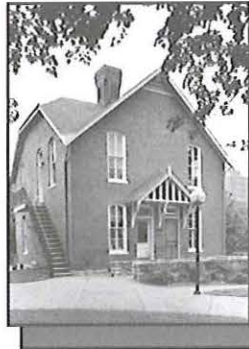
Monday, October 23rd
Take part in this night of healing; join us in a community rally and march against domestic and sexual violence. Location and time TBA. Please check our website for the latest details. For more information on this event or other Project Safe programs, please contact vicky.basra@vanderbilt.edu or kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu

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For more info, please see our website: www.vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter

Welcome (Back) to Vanderbilt!



Welcome to Vanderbilt University! If you are new to Vanderbilt or a returning student, faculty or staff member, we at the **Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center** would like to

welcome you. We invite you to visit our center and take part in our **Gender Matters** programming and the many support groups we sponsor. We are located at 316 West Side Row. The staff of the Women's Center can provide educational programming on a variety of women's issues. They can also provide support and referrals to helping agencies and departments. Programming at the Women's Center changes constantly and is updated regularly on our website, www.vanderbilt.edu/womenscenter

The Women's Center houses its own **library** that primarily features books on women's issues. (please see page 3 for more details on the library.) The Women's Center publishes a monthly newsletter, *Women's VU*, that covers topics both timely and central to the pursuit of gender equity, highlighting upcoming Center and Vanderbilt events of special interest. For details on August events and group meetings, please refer to our Calendar on page 3.

The Women's Center is also known for our innovative campus-led programming on the topic of violence against women. The program, **Project Safe**, (322-1333) was created through a grant from the Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Office to combat violent crimes against women on

campus. Project Safe's mission is to create a coordinated community response to violence against women on Vanderbilt University's campus. Services include educational programming, referrals, support groups, crisis counseling and advocacy. Please refer to our website for more information vanderbilt.edu/WomensCenter/ProjectSafe



PROJECT SAFE PROGRAMS:

Hand in Hand 936-7273

Hand in Hand is a campus organization devoted to helping students, faculty, and staff with questions related to violence against women. Hand in Hand volunteers are trained to answer questions about the campus judiciary process, the legal process, medical concerns, etc., and can refer you to on-campus and off-campus resources. Training sessions are held twice a year.

Men Promoting A Solution (MPAS) 322-1333

Founded in the Fall of 2000, MPAS is dedicated to combating violence against women through education and activism. Members of MPAS are trained peer educators who facilitate discussions about the role of men in ending rape, dating/domestic violence and stalking.

Peer Educators of Project Safe 322-1333

Founded in the Spring of 2002, the Peer Educators are students trained to facilitate discussions and create programming about issues related to violence against women.

For more information on any of our programs, please contact the Women's Center at 322-4843.

The Women's Center Welcomes New Staff

This summer, the Women's Center welcomed two new staff members to our team: **Jeana Carlock**, our new office manager and **Stacy Nunnally**, our new director of gender matters programming. Instead of the usual employee profile, we played "twenty questions" with Jeana and Stacy and thought we'd share the answers with you, our readers. This month we feature Jeana's answers, but join us again next month for Stacy's.

1. What area are you from?

I'm a native Nashvillian raised across the river in East Nashville. Shelby Park was the place for family reunions when I was a child. As adolescents we all purchased Opryland season tickets and went almost every weekend and later we "cruised" Madison Square!

2. What brought you to Nashville and/or to Vanderbilt University?

After my daughter started kindergarten I thought it time to think about full-time work and so when an acquaintance who just began working at VU told me about an opening here, I was hired. That was 3 offices and 11 years ago.

3. Do you have any hobbies? What do you like to do in your spare time? Unless you call child rearing a hobby, I haven't yet found my other great passions. Now that my baby will be going off to college, I'll concentrate on remodeling my home, catching up on my reading and gardening and basically focus on *me!* I also plan to become more involved in community outreach.

4. What music is currently playing in your CD player?

I last played *Nosey Flynn* and *Edgar Meyer* before that. At work

I always tune in to a jazz station on iTunes.

5. How would you describe your philosophy of life?

Conceive it, Believe it, Achieve it. You make your own reality and choose your own path and if you believe in your power and know what you want, it's possible to make your wishes come true.

6. What's your favorite movie and why? *Living out Loud* with Holly Hunter, Danny DeVito and Queen Latifah. I like most Holly Hunter films, but this one spoke to me about the pain of being alone and single and how friendships can get you through tough times. I also love the soundtrack; the music is both integral to the film and fabulous on its own. (and who knew Danny DeVito could sing!)

7. If your life could be made into a movie, who would play your part? Well, I guess Holly Hunter - though she's a lot shorter than I am! I think she's a smart, dynamic actress and appreciate that she portrays characters who are strong women who have to overcome some weakness.

8. What is your favorite scent? I can't pick just one so my favorites are the smell of the woods, the ocean, clean sheets, tuberose, chocolate, leather and newly-mown lawns.

9. What's your favorite meal? Depends on my mood - sometimes it's a wild salad w/blue cheese, spicy sweet pecans, grapes and raspberry vinaigrette, other times it's a juicy, rare steak with baked potato. And I love BBQ chicken!

10. What's the thing that really makes ticks you off?

Shoddy workmanship and poor customer service.

11. What book are you reading right now?

My first (and maybe only) Agatha Christie's *Postern of Fate*. Are they all so slow to get started? And also, *The Whiteness of Bones* by Susanna Moore.

12. Most memorable day?

The day my daughter was born, 8/28/88. No epidural for me and she was healthy, pink and happy!

13. What is your favorite color?

Sage green.

14. What is your favorite word?

Discombobulate.

15. What is your least favorite word?

Sorry.

16. If there was a fire in your house, what would you take with you? My cats, my photo albums and pictures and the fire safe containing important documents.

17. Who is your favorite artist?

Gustav Klimt & Salvador Dali.

18. If you could have lunch with anyone in the world (dead or alive), who would it be? Eve Ensler - her work has personally inspired me. She's done more to shift changes in attitude cross-culturally than anyone I can think of.

19. What profession other than your own would you like to try? Being a jazz singer or more realistically, teaching or social work.

20. What is your favorite stereotype of a feminist? That we are man-hating, loud, unfeeling and unfeminine women who never ask for or appreciate help.



Jeana's smiling face will greet you when you visit the Women's Center.

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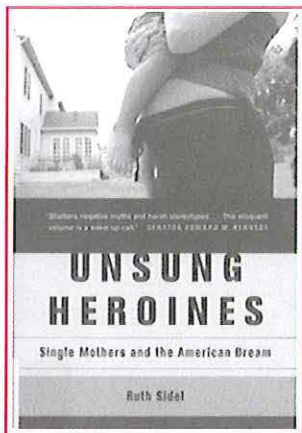
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Check Out the Women's Center Library for Your Next Research Paper!



On the first floor of our building is the library, which includes over 4,000 books on women's issues, gender, feminism and allied subjects. Our volumes are listed on the Heard Library's online ACORN catalog. The titles in our collection can be easily identified: the owning library is listed as VU-CENTERS and the location is given as WMCTR. The library is open on weekdays year-round from 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

With the exception of a small reference collection (books listed as

WMCTR-REF) all our books can be checked out by students, staff, faculty and Vanderbilt alumni/ae. Books circulate for four weeks and may be renewed online or by calling the library at 343-4849. We have a small collection of DVDs and over 100 videotapes; these also circulate for four weeks.

We subscribe to about 25 journals, most of which we index by subject. A printout of this index is available in the library. The journals do not circulate but articles may be photocopied. Among our current subscriptions are: *Bust*; *Media Report to Women*; *Gender & Society*; *off our backs*; *Women in Higher Education*; *Women's Studies Quarterly*; *Ms.*, and *European Journal of Women's Studies*.

Arranged in drawers by subject are thousands of newspaper and magazine clippings, as well as newsletters, pamphlets, and brochures on a wide variety of topics related to women. This material does not circulate but may be photocopied in the library.

Among the many new books received over the summer are:

- Abramovitz, Mimi & Morgen, Sandra. *Taxes are a Woman's Issue: Reframing the Debate* (Feminist Press, 2006)
- Badinter, Elisabeth. *Dead End Feminism* (Polity, 2006)
- Gardner, Kirsten E. *Early Detection: Women, Cancer, & Awareness Campaigns in the Twentieth-Century United States* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006)
- Peskowitz, Miriam. *The Truth Behind the Mommy Wars: Who Decides What Makes a Good Mother?* (Seal Press, 2005)
- Zimmerman, Mary K.; Litt, Jacquelyn S. & Bose, Christine E. (eds.) *Global Dimensions of Gender and Carework* (Stanford University Press, 2006)
- Sidel, Ruth. *Unsung Heroines: Single Mothers and the American Dream* (University of California Press, 2006)

In the Library



Barbara Clarke
Women's Center
Librarian

August Calendar

REGULAR GROUPS MEETINGS

Creative Life Planning Group

Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 11:30am-1:00pm (Meets every Tuesday).

A group for all dedicated to living life intentionally and creatively. Free and open to everyone and is usually attended by women between 40 and 90 years of age. For more information, call 322-4843.

Vandy Moms

Thursday, August 24, 11:30am-12:30pm (Meets once a month thru the summer months) This is a fun support network that is open to all mothers on the Vanderbilt campus. The group provides programming to inform, empower and enrich. This last summer meeting will be a lunch meeting at Sitar. To RSVP, contact misa.culley@vanderbilt.edu or call 343-4367.

Book Group

Monday, August 14, 5:15pm-6:15pm (meets the second Monday)
What/Who: The book group is open to new members at all times and is for anyone who loves to read. The book group will read *Secret Agents: The Menace of Emerging Infections* by Madeline Drexler. For more information, contact Jane Du Bose at jdubose@bellsouth.net or Carmen Gherman at cggherman@yahoo.com.

Vanderbilt Feminists (Vandy Fems)

A student group concerned about women's issues on campus, and promoting equality between genders. **Will resume meeting in September.** Open to all students of any gender. Contact sarah.c.dean@vanderbilt.edu or taylor.l.davis@vanderbilt.edu.



Support Group

A support group for women who are survivors of domestic/ dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. This group meets weekly at a confidential time and location; all information shared is kept confidential. For more information, please contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu or 322-1333.



Peer Educators of Project Safe

Peer Educators are students trained to facilitate workshops that promote discussion and encourage understanding of violence against women. **Will resume meeting in September.** For more information, contact ac.sevilla@vanderbilt.edu or reagan.m.bush@vanderbilt.edu



Men Promoting a Solution

A group of men dedicated to creating awareness about violent crimes against women and eliminating those crimes through social change. On break for the summer but **will resume meeting in September.** For more information, contact Tim Lonergan (t.c.lonergan@vanderbilt.edu)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NASHVILLE NOW (NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN) meets the 4th Monday of the month, August 28 at the Nashville Peace and Justice Center behind Scarritt Bennett at 7pm. This meeting is open to members, friends and those seeking more information. For more information, contact CynthiaNashNOW@aol.com or 269-7141.

WALK AS ONE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

An event sponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice of Middle Tennessee to bring the community together to stand against prejudice and to stand for unity and tolerance. Join the walkers at Centennial Park on Saturday, October 7th. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m. The walk will end at the kick-off presentation of the Celebration of Cultures sponsored by Scarritt Bennett and Metro Parks. Walk as an individual or recruit a team. For more information or to register to walk, go to www.nccjmt.org/NCCJ/Pages/Graphics/WalkasOne.htm.

3RD ANNUAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT FOR WOMEN: OCTOBER 23RD

An event of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women to explore the economic status of women in a variety of areas, create dialogue around those issues and work towards positive and meaningful change. The summit will feature breakout sessions on a variety of topics related to the economic status of women and girls in Tennessee. The summit also features the "E" Awards to honor women and teens who are making a difference in various areas of economic empowerment for women and girls. For more information or cost and location or to register for the summit go to: <http://www.tnwomensummit.com>

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

For over a quarter of a century, the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center has helped people heal from the effects of sexual abuse and worked to reduce the risk through community education. Today, we remain a caring and supportive environment for the survivors of abuse. The Rape and Sexual Abuse Center has an immediate need for Community Education Workshop volunteers. We are currently looking for volunteers who would be willing to commit to three to five 1-hour presentations during this fiscal year (July-June). Training, computer, projector, materials and a scripted presentation are provided before each workshop. Preventative workshops are requested throughout Middle Tennessee, but primarily in Nashville and are scheduled during evenings and weekends. If you are interested in volunteering or you would like more information, please contact Amanda Markham at amarkham@rasac.org or 615-259-9055 ext. 534. You can also visit the website: www.rasac.org.

A CALL FOR PAPERS, SEPTEMBER 1ST DEADLINE

The interdisciplinary Conference in Women's Studies will be held February 22-24, 2007 at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). A call for individual papers, panels and other presentation formats such as roundtables, poster sessions and performances with scholarly and/or activist emphasis, on any topic in the field of women's studies or the featured theme of "performing gender." All materials should be postmarked or received by email/fax by September 1, 2006. For more information, please refer to their website: http://womenstu.web.mtsu.edu/women_and_power.htm



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