Gender and Women’s Studies

Overview

The gender and women’s studies major takes you from the basics of transnational feminism to an advanced understanding and application of theory, methodology and practice. You shape your experience according to your interests and talents, developing a personalized course of study by combining core courses with any of a range of interdisciplinary electives. Topics include gender in communist states, gender representation in film, women and religion, the psychology of women, postcolonial literature and gendered bodies in motion (dance).

International Opportunities and Study Abroad

We encourage you to travel abroad to see, experience and learn firsthand about gender issues in other nations and cultures. Students have traveled the world to do research and pursue their studies. Professors and students also sometimes travel together in the U.S. or abroad as part of their Connecticut College coursework.

After Connecticut College

Our graduates are passionately engaged with the world as intellectuals, activists, artists and writers. They apply their knowledge of gender intelligently and creatively in their work, communities and families every day. Graduates have gone on to law school, master's programs in public policy and teaching, and Ph.D. programs in several disciplines. Others work with non-profits on social justice issues.

Mimi Bangali

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Q: Why Connecticut College?
A: I wanted to attend a small college where I could develop personal relationships with my professors. I went to a small elementary school and a small high school. I understood the value of teacher-student interaction and didn't want to lose that. I was also drawn by the opportunities to internationalize my education through study abroad and the different centers.

Q: What drew you to gender and women’s studies?
A: I stumbled across some statistics from my country, Sierra Leone. Back then, we had the highest maternal mortality rate in the world. About the same time, I became interested in the issue of obstetric fistula, and all of a sudden my head was full of women’s reproductive health issues. It only took me one class to come to the conclusion that a degree in gender and women’s studies was what I wanted to pursue. Since then, I’ve had quite the diverse, international, woman-centered undergraduate career.

Q: Did you study abroad?
A: I studied health, gender and community empowerment in Mali during the spring semester of my junior year. I am interested in African women’s health and empowerment and hope to work in a non-profit after graduation.
Faculty

**Andrea N. Baldwin, Visiting Assistant Professor in Gender and Women’s Studies**
B.A., Ph.D., University of the West Indies, Cave Hill
Transnational feminist epistemology, use of popular culture in feminist activism, Caribbean cultural studies

**Ariella R. Rotramel, Vandana Shiva Assistant Professor of Gender and Women’s Studies**
B.A., University of Illinois at Chicago; Ph.D., Rutgers University
Gender and women’s studies; queer and sexuality studies; social movements; women’s leadership; ethnic studies; gender and work

**Candace Howes, Chair of the Gender and Women’s Studies Department; Hogate-Ferrin Professor of Economics**
B.A., Barnard College; Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
Labor economics, low wage labor, care work

Selected Courses

Transnational Women’s Movements; Race, Gender and the Mass Media; Women, Religion and Modernity; Training for Transformation; Feminist Social Research Methods; Global Queer Histories; Love & Sex in the Middle Ages; Men & Masculinity

About Connecticut College

Connecticut College is a private, highly selective liberal arts college with 1,900 students and more than 40 majors in the arts, sciences, social sciences and humanities, and the option for students to self-design majors. The College offers a high level of intellectual challenge, and a campus culture that supports students to tailor their educational experience to their own interests and goals. A four-year career development program teaches students how to translate a liberal arts degree into a first job or graduate school admission. Connecticut College is situated in the small New England seaport of New London.

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Development Coordinator, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services

Boston Account Manager, American Red Cross

Production and Editorial Assistant, Verso Books

Adviser, U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand of New York

Deputy Northeast Finance Director, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

Graduate Student, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services

Program Supervisor, City of Stillwater Multi Arts Center

Account Supervisor, Cline Davis & Mann

Assistant Program Supervisor, KEY Program Inc.

Doctoral Candidate in Political Science, Ohio State University

Executive Director, MPIL Steel Structures Ltd.

Senior Adviser, Tertiary Education Commission of New Zealand

Fair Climate Network Manager, National Wildlife Foundation

Kindergarten Teacher, New York City Board of Education

Development Officer, Grand Teton National Park Foundation

Sales Coordinator, EF Educational Tours

Teacher, Teach for America

Trial Preparation Assistant, New York County District Attorney’s Office

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