

Geis Student Research on Women Conference

*Open to the Member Institutions of the Greater Philadelphia
Women's Studies Consortium*

*Saturday, April 18, 2009
University of Delaware*

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Geis Student Research on Women Conference invites submissions by students attending institutions in the Greater Philadelphia Women's Studies Consortium who have done research on women or gender issues. The thirteen institutions of the Consortium include:

Bryn Mawr College	Swarthmore College
Drexel University	Temple University
Haverford College	University of Delaware
LaSalle University	University of Pennsylvania
Rosemont College	Ursinus College
Saint Joseph's University	Villanova University
West Chester University	

The conference is open to female and male students, at either the undergraduate or the graduate level. Group-authored projects are acceptable. Faculty help and advice are assumed, but the paper must be entirely student-written. All papers will be reviewed, and acceptance will be based on excellence and relevance of the research to women and/or gender issues. Past winners are encouraged to submit new work for presentation but are not eligible for awards.

To Submit a Paper:

Send cover sheet, self-addressed envelope, and paper to:

Geis Student Research on Women Conference
Women's Studies Program
34 W. Delaware Ave.
University of Delaware
Newark, DE 19716

or fax to:

302 831-4341

Entries must be post-marked by March 13, 2009, or they must arrive in the office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2009.

Please include a cover sheet with the following information:

- your name
- the title of your paper
- the academic area of your paper (humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences)
- your division (undergraduate or graduate) at the time the paper was completed
- your contact information (mailing address, phone number, and email address)
- institution in which you are enrolled
- name of the faculty member for whose class you wrote the paper or who advised you during your research and his/her contact information
- any audio/visual needs you will have in case your paper is accepted, i.e., TV/VCR, laptop projector setup (you need to provide the laptop), overhead projector, etc.

Please paper clip a self-addressed envelope behind the cover sheet for notification of acceptance or non-acceptance, which will be mailed to you by March 20. You do not need to supply postage.

Please format your paper as follows:

Papers must be typed, double-spaced, and not more than 30 pages long, including any graphs, tables, illustrations, references, footnotes, or appended material. The copy you submit will not be returned to you. Please **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME** on the submitted paper itself, just the title.

Criteria for acceptance:

- Significance of the topic or conclusion
- Scholarship: adequacy of method, data, analysis, supporting arguments, depth of background research, etc.
- General excellence: clarity of writing, perceptiveness of interpretation

If your paper is accepted:

- All accepted papers are entered into the competition for the Geis Student Research Awards. There are a total of four awards, two for the Graduate Division and two for the Undergraduate Division. The first place award in each division is \$200, and the second place award in each division is \$150. These awards are based on the written paper, not on the oral presentation.
- If your paper is accepted, you will also receive information about the conference schedule, including your presentation, and directions to the conference site.
- Though the paper you submit may be up to 30 pages in length, you will only have 15 minutes to present your research and 5 minutes for questions and discussion. Therefore, do not plan to read your entire paper. It is best to present a summary of your major points and to read only brief quotations, statistics, or other supporting material. Please plan your presentation carefully, as extra time cannot be allowed.
- Acceptance of a paper automatically grants permission for it to be filed in the University of Delaware's Women's Studies collection after the conference for student and faculty research use. Entering a paper in the conference does not disqualify it for subsequent publication in academic or other journals.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Schiffman, Women's Studies, University of Delaware, 302-831-8474 or jesss@udel.edu, or, Becki Fogerty, Office of Women's Affairs, University of Delaware, 302-831-8063 or bfogerty@udel.edu.