

Diversity Newsletter



SFCC Diversity Committee

Women's History Month, March 2007

When I started working on women's history about thirty years ago, the field did not exist. People didn't think that women had a history worth knowing.

—Gerda Lerner, *Women and History* (1986; 1993)

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First Woman President of Santa Fe Community College— Meet Dr. Sheila Ortego



Highlights:

"We may not be aware of this difference of culture. We may be doing this discrimination just because we do not know about it. My suggestion would be to reinvent the curriculum, e.g. internationalizing and globalizing the curriculum; providing multicultural training and"

"..... I wanted to be a teacher and I think I would be a teacher and I would still be doing it if"

".... women of high position of authority are of two kinds; they are either, too soft and gentle or too hard. I am trying to be in the middle"

<http://www.sfccnm.edu/sfcc/files/1417.pdf>

International Women's Day

March 8th commemorates women's rights and peace.

Inspired by an American commemoration of working women, the German socialist Klara Zetkin organized International Women's Day (IWD) in 1911. On March 19, socialists from Germany, Austria, Denmark and other European countries held strikes and marches. Russian revolutionary and feminist Aleksandra Kollontai, who helped organize the event, described it as "one seething trembling sea of women."

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womensday1.html>

SFCC Spanish department will be taking 25 students to **Antigua Guatemala** for a total immersion program (June 1- 19, 2007).

Students will study at a Spanish Institute there and live with a family. There will also be weekend trips to Lake Atitlán, Chichicastenango and Peten (where the famous Mayan ruins are located).

Diversity Film Festival

March 29, 2007

The Planetarium at Santa Fe Community College

FREE Popcorn and Soda!

12:00 PM - Morgan

Spurlock's 30 days: The Muslim Episode

2:30 PM- Mambo Italiano

5:00 PM - Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

For more information:
505-428-1373

Facilitators will be available

*****Teachers, please consider giving credit to students!**

Rigoberta Menchú. An Indian Woman in Guatemala.

http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1992/tum-bio.html

According to UNICEF, 100 million to 140 million girls and women have undergone some form of genital mutilation. Today, this practice is carried out in 28 African countries, despite the fact that it is outlawed in a number of these nations.

Watch this 6 min. video on "One Woman's Story on Empowerment"

http://www.care.org/features/flash/fgc/index_high.htm

"It doesn't feel like you're hiding yourself," she said. "It doesn't feel like you're ashamed. It feels like you're proud."

<http://media.www.technicianonline.com/media/storage/paper848/news/2007/02/01/News/NonMuslim.Students.Experience.A.Day.behind.The.Veil-2690330.shtml>

I am sorry but I don't shake hands

There are many books that can help women who are struggling with the issue of infidelity. One reference is **"Not Just Friends."** by Shirley Glass. For recommendations on publications dealing with adultery and breach of trust in marriage or relationships, visit the library, your local bookstore or sites such as Amazon, Barnes & Noble and others.

The United States has the world's highest rape rate of the countries that publish such statistics— 4 times higher than Germany, 13 times higher than England, and 20 times higher than Japan. (NWS, "Rape in America: A Reprt to the Nation, " 1992)

Another Film on women struggle: **"Waters"**, Mar 27, 2007 Room 216, Info: 428-1306

National Women's History Project (NWHF), <http://www.nwhf.org/>

Women's Earnings as a Percentage of Men's, 1951-2005

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0193820.html>

Dr. Ricky Allen— April 19, 2007
"3-D Approach to a Non-racist Classroom" in Jemez rooms

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Info: 428-1373



About 25,000 brides are burned to death each year in India because of insufficient dowries. The groom's family will set the bride on fire, presenting it as an accident or suicide. The groom is then free to re-marry.

FREE Women's History Month Calendar: http://www.gale.com/pdf/free_resources/whm-calendar-2007.pdf