

## **Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women 2009-2010 Academic Year in Review**

### **2009-10 Pembroke Seminar “Markets and Bodies in Transnational Perspective”**

Seminar Leader: Kay Warren, Department of Anthropology

With Pembroke Center support, scholars examined the human cost of rapidly circulating technologies and bodies on the move, including migrants of all sorts, such as people who cross borders in search of better jobs to support their families, women who have been trafficked, and children who are adopted internationally.

#### Postdoctoral Fellows:

- David Machledt, Cultural Anthropology, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Anita Starosta, History of Consciousness, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Sonja van Wichelen, Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam

#### Faculty Fellows:

- Linda Cook, Political Science
- Sherine Hamdy, Anthropology
- Jessaca Leinawever, Anthropology

#### Graduate Fellows:

- Sohini Kar, Anthropology
- Aniruddha Maitra, Modern Culture and Media
- Coleman Nye, Anthropology

#### Undergraduate Fellow:

- Lauren Kay, Anthropology

#### Affiliated Research Faculty (Visiting Scholars):

- Meri Kulmala, Centre for Russian and Eastern European Studies, University of Helsinki
- Rachel Koffe Falmagne, Psychology, Clark University
- Claire Firth, English, University of Deusto, Vizcaya, Spain
- Saida Hodzic, Women and Gender Studies, George Mason University

#### Brown faculty participants:

- Catherine Bliss, Africana Studies
- Bianca Dahl, Anthropology
- Paja Faudree, Anthropology
- Mo Moulton, History
- Debbie Weinstein, Gender Studies

#### Graduate student participants:

- Susan Ellison, Anthropology
- Andrea Flores, Anthropology
- Bryan Knapp, History
- Sara Matthiesen, American Civilization
- Andrea Mazzarino, Anthropology
- Pooja Rangan, Modern Culture and Media
- Stephanie Savell, Anthropology
- Stacey Vanderhurst, Anthropology

#### Undergraduate student participant:

- Frank Rinaldi

### **Pembroke Seminar Lecture Series**

Jean Comaroff, Center for Contemporary Theory, University of Chicago  
“Nations with/out Borders: Liberalization and the Problem of Belonging in Africa and Beyond”  
October 13, 2009

Didier Fassin, Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study  
“Of Words and Wounds. The Thin Evidence of Asylum Seekers”  
March 2, 2010

Adriana Petryna, Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania  
“When Experiments Travel”  
April 20, 2010

### **Pembroke Seminar Guest Presentation**

Ian Whitmarsh, Anthropology, History and Social Medicine, University of California, San Francisco  
“Genomics in Transnational Perspective”  
May 5, 2010

### **Pembroke Seminar Research Roundtable**

“Sites of Critique in a Dystopic World: Markets, Bodies and Transnationalism”, April 8-9, 2010

- Wendy Hui Kyong Chun, Brown University
- Clara Han, Johns Hopkins University
- Sora Y. Han, University of California, Irvine
- Julie Livingston, Rutgers University
- Miglena Nikolchina, Sophia University, Bulgaria

### **Research Initiatives**

#### **Nanjing-Brown Joint Program in Gender Studies and the Humanities**

In June of 2010, a delegation of scholars from Nanjing University visited Brown University to collaborate with Brown faculty and students. On June 12th, the Nanjing faculty participated in a symposium, "Modern China from Socio-economic and Transcultural Perspectives," with faculty from Brown, Yale, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Cornell. The visit coincided with the annual meeting at Brown University of the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes and the Brown International Advanced Research Institute on Global Humanities.

Visiting scholars included:

- Yajun Chen, Professor of Western Philosophy, Nanjing University
- Shuying Fan, Lecturer, Department of English, School of Foreign Studies, Nanjing Agricultural University
- Chengzhou He, Professor of English and Drama, Associate Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, Co-Director, Nanjing-Brown Joint Program in Gender Studies and the Humanities, Nanjing University
- Hong Huang, Associate Professor, French Literature and Gender Studies, Nanjing University
- Jun Liu, Professor of Chinese, Nanjing University, Director of the Confucius Institute, Waterloo University, Canada
- Junya Ma, Professor of History, Nanjing University
- Huamin Peng, Professor of Sociology, Nanjing University

## Archives

**The Feminist Theory Papers** is an archival collection of the papers of scholars who have changed the intellectual landscape of universities in the United States and internationally. Established by the Pembroke Center in partnership with the Brown University Library, the collection offers a rare perspective on the rigorous interdisciplinary work that brought feminism to the vanguard of academic research. In the last thirty years, feminist thinkers have examined and challenged entrenched patterns of thinking by articulating questions of difference and identity and by exploring the complexities of cultural practice. These same scholars have also been responsible for profound intellectual changes not limited to feminist theory. Just as the Pembroke Center's influence on the academy over the last three decades has in no way been limited to explicitly feminist work, so are the papers in this collection of far-ranging importance. The collection now houses the papers of Teresa Brennan, Karen Brodtkin, Anne Fausto-Sterling, Nancy Hartsock, Elaine Marks, Naomi Schor, and Louise Tilly. Each collection contains a unique set of documents representing that scholar's contributions to feminist theory as well as to her discipline and, in some cases, to political work and institution building. Examples of documents include correspondence, research notes, manuscript drafts, syllabi, and other relevant materials.

### **Dedication of the Feminist Theory Papers**

"The Archives in the Age of Post-Feminism, Post-Theory, Post Race", February 5, 2010

A colloquium to explore the politics of the production, organization, and transmission of knowledge on the occasion of the dedication of the Feminist Theory Papers

Presenters:

- Alexander Galloway, Media, Culture, and Communication, New York University
- Marlene Manoff, Humanities Library, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Dorothy Yin-Ye Ko, History, Barnard College, Columbia University
- Hope Olson, School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Joan Wallach Scott, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study
- Kelvin L. White, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Oklahoma

### **Pembroke Center Co-Sponsorships**

The Pembroke Center and Pembroke Center Associates co-sponsored numerous departmental and student-run programs. *In addition to the programs listed above:*

American Civilization, April 23, 2010

"Beyond Trafficking: A Symposium on Migrant Women Workers and the International Sex Industry"  
An invitation to re-think "sex-work" in the context of the new international sex industry

Anthropology, April 30, 2010

Body as Site and Sign: A Multidisciplinary Conference on the Body"

Women Writers Project, April 24, 2010

A colloquium, "Women in the Archives, England/New England", keynote lecture given by Elizabeth Maddock Dillon, "New England and its Others: Women, Assemblage, and the Archive"

Cogut Center, February 26, 2010

"Future Foucault: On the Anniversary of Bodies and Pleasures", a colloquium marking twenty-five years since the death of one of the last century's most crucial philosophers

Department of English, March 18, 2010

Annual Graduate Student Lecture, Diana Fuss of Princeton University

Modern Culture and Media, March 8, 2010

Film screening by Liz Canner as part of International Women's Day

Sarah Doyle Women's Center, Spring, 2010  
Series of events marking 2010 Women's History Month

Science and Technology Studies, November 11, 2009, and February 11, 2010  
"Who Counts" speaker series. November lecture by Jennifer Hochschild, Government and African and African-American Studies; February lecture by Omnia Shakry, History

Africana Studies, November 13, 2009  
"Transnational Feminism and the Black Diaspora", a one-day interdisciplinary seminar bringing together leading and emerging scholars of diaspora, transnationalism, and feminism.

Department of English, year-long lecture series  
Great Nonfiction Writers series including Susan Cheever (literary memoir and biography); David Schenk (literary investigative journalism); David Shields (lyric nonfiction); Mara Liasson (NPR Political Reporter)

Sarah Doyle Women's Center, November 3, 2009  
Elaine Weiss lecture, "Fruits of Victory: The Woman's Land Army of America in the Great War"

East Asian Studies, October 21, 2009  
"Autumn Gem", a documentary film screening on China's First Feminist

### **Student Program Co-Sponsorships**

- Women Students at Brown
- Japanese Cultural Association
- Gender and Sexuality Studies Department Undergraduate Group
- Asian American Students Association
- Southeast Asian Students Association
- Coalition Against Relationship Abuse
- Multi-Racial Identity Week
- Native American Heritage Series
- Anti-War Action
- M.E.Ch.A.
- Latino History Month
- Semana Chicana
- Puerto Rican Identity Week
- Sexual Health Education and Empowerment Council
- FMLA
- Students for Choice

### **Gender and Sexuality Studies Program**

Under the leadership of Suzanne Stewart-Steinberg, there are new course offerings and a higher profile for the concentration. Six Gender and Sexuality Studies concentrators graduated in 2010; 5 are scheduled to graduate in 2011.

Enrollments continue to be strong in GNSS and related courses. See, in particular, the Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies course (funded every year by the Pembroke Center), which had 46 students in 2007-08, 51 in 2008-09, and 74 in 2009-10.

There was continued interest in the freshman seminar, "Reproductive Health: Science and Politics," taught by Sarah Fox of the Medical School. Funded by the Dean of the College and Pembroke, it was first offered in 2008-09 with an enrollment of 20 and was repeated in 2009-10 with an enrollment of 21. In 2009-10, the Center also funded "Feminist Debates in International Law", taught by Lecturer in International Studies Vasuki Nesiah. Deborah Weinstein, Lecturer in Gender and Sexuality Studies, taught two popular GNSS

courses, "Health and Healing in American History" (fall 2009), and "Gender, Sexuality and Science" (spring 2010). The Pembroke Center Postdoctoral Fellows taught GNSS courses for the first time during 2009-10, with a total enrollment of 16 undergraduate students.

### **Gender and Sexuality Studies Lecture**

Anne Fausto-Sterling, Nancy Duke Lewis Professor and Professor of Biology and Gender Studies  
"Gender, Sexuality and the Problem of Memory"  
November 10, 2009

### **Prizes and research grants**

#### *Ruth Simmons Prize in Gender and Women's Studies*

Nandini Jayakrishna '10, International Relations

"A Critical Convergence: Gender Development Theory and the Practice of Women's Empowerment in the Indian Informal Sector"

#### *Joan Wallach Scott Prize (Co-recipients)*

Alanna Kwoka '10, Gender & Sexuality Studies

"Redefining Waves: Reconceptualizing Feminism for the Twenty-First Century"

Ana Carmen Martinez-Ortiz Carcheri, '10, Gender & Sexuality Studies

"Paradox-Absorbing Lady Parts: Reading Jacques Lacan's Sexuation Graph"

#### *Marie J. Langlois Dissertation Prize*

Maya D. Judd '10, Anthropology

"Gendering Men: Masculinities and Demographic Change in Contemporary Italy"

#### *Helen Terry MacLeod Research Grant*

Joy Neumeyer '10, History

"Public Discourse, Private Lives: Love, Sex, and Family in Late Soviet Russia"

#### *Barbara Anton Internship Grant*

William Lambek '10, Africana Studies

"Migration, Identity Formation, and Latina/o Immigrant Community Organizing"

#### *Linda Pei Undergraduate Research Grant*

Julie Siwicki '10, Development Studies and Economics

"Credit, Investments, and Women: The Roles of Informal Finance and Micro-Finance in Urban Mali"

### **2009 – 2010 Pembroke Center Associates Programs**

#### **Leadership Award for Change Through Education**

The Award honored Wendy Kopp, CEO and Founder of Teach for America and Hillary Salmons, Executive Director of the Providence After School Alliance.

President Ruth Simmons delivered opening remarks.

The event was held on campus in the Salomon Center for Teaching.

#### **Hip Hop Wars Lecture**

Tricia Rose, Professor of Africana Studies, was the keynote speaker. Although organized by the Pembroke Center Associates, we were pleased to leverage resources and expand our audience by partnering with the Brown Club of Boston, the Asian/Asian American Alumni Association, the Brown University Alumni Council, the Inman Black Page Alumni Council, and the Multicultural Alumni Council of the Brown Alumni Association.

### **Media Innovation/Media Destruction**

Moderated by Corporation Trustee Elizabeth West'73, the panel discussion featured three alumnae/i speakers: Ava Seave'77, Principal of Quantum Media, Scott B. Meyer'91, Founder and CEO of Better Advertising, and Jill Schlesinger'87, Editor at Large of CBS Moneywatch.com who shared their expertise on changes to the media industry. We partnered with the Brown Club in New York, which promoted it as a career and networking event for Brown alumnae/i.

### **Commencement Forum – Healthcare Reform**

Organized in partnership with the Brown Medical Alumni Association, this forum featured honorary degree recipient Cecile Richards'80, President of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and David Bowen'86, PhD, Former Staff Director for Health for the United States Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. The forum was moderated by Terrie Wetle, Associate Dean of Medicine for Public Health and Public Policy and Professor of Community Health.

### **Archives**

Oral histories for this years 50<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> reunion classes were completed and will be preserved in the Christine Dunlap Farnham Archives.

The Pembroke Center Associates raised the funds to digitize the *Pembroke Record*, which documented and commented upon life at Pembroke College in Brown University. Over 1500 issues have been digitized and made available (with a search function) to the Brown community. This project generated great enthusiasm from alumnae. The Pembroke Center Associates partnered with the University Library's Center for Digital Scholarship which provided the technical expertise for digitization.

### **Publications and Publicity**

The Pembroke Center has been featured this year in Today at Brown, Featured Events at Brown, the Brown Insider, and on the University's homepage. The Leadership Award program has been made available online as a podcast.

The Pembroke Center Associates newsletter was published three times. The Center's annual research newsletter was published and distributed on campus, to alumnae/i, and to an international list of scholars, including members of the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes and the National Council for Research on Women.

The Associates continue to take advantage of social networking and now have eighty-five members on its Facebook page, which has been a useful tool in engaging alumnae/i in the Center's work.

### **Membership**

As of June 30, 2010, the Pembroke Center Associates raised \$115,082 in membership contributions from 463 members. Despite a challenging fundraising climate, membership support of the Pembroke Center Associates remains strong. This year we increased both our number of member donors and the total giving from the previous year.