

Pembroke Center

for TEACHING &
RESEARCH ON WOMEN

*Where scholars from the
humanities and social sciences
explore social change*



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Advancing Innovative Research

The Pembroke Center's interdisciplinary research programs, challenging courses, publications, lectures, and public events enrich the academic life of Brown University. At the Pembroke Center, faculty, fellows, and students work together to tackle complex questions such as:

- *Why do micro-loans often fail to help families escape poverty?*
- *How do Chinese women filmmakers represent social change through their work?*
- *How do the body, the brain, and social interactions work together to produce human sexual identities, particularly in young children?*
- *How are women central to transnational politics involving the Muslim world?*



We invite you to become involved in the Pembroke Center's exciting work.

Supporting Scholarly Excellence

The Pembroke Center fosters a number of interdisciplinary programs to support research across the humanities and social sciences.

Pembroke Seminar – We convene scholars from around the world to work with Brown faculty, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, and undergraduates to develop new approaches to a common set of issues. This year-long research seminar meets weekly to examine topics such as labor migration, the creative arts and technology, new media, medical research, and international adoption of children.

Undergraduate

Research Grants – We help Brown's students explore their intellectual passions. In addition to sponsoring the Gender and Sexuality Studies concentration, we provide grants for honors level research. One grant recipient developed an inexpensive formaldehyde detection system that can be used by families in disaster housing. She earned the honor of presenting her paper at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Another student explored how immigrants to the U.S. form political identities.



Fellowships – We offer fellowships for Brown faculty, postdocs, graduate students, and undergraduates that provide essential support so scholars can conduct research and complete book projects or articles for publication. Many of our postdoctoral fellows go on to join the faculties of prestigious universities around the world.

Archives – Honoring our commitment to preserving women’s history, the Pembroke Center supports two projects within the Brown University Library. The *Christine Dunlap Farnham Archives* includes a rich resource of materials on Brown and Rhode Island women. The *Feminist Theory Papers* features the work of scholars who have brought feminism into the vanguard of academic research.



Scholarly Journal – The Center’s journal, *differences*, addresses how issues of difference – such as race, class, gender, and religion – operate within culture. The journal’s international reputation and readership make *differences* central to scholarly discourse in feminist cultural studies.

Research Funding – The Pembroke Center provides Brown faculty with resources to develop and lead multi-year research collaborations. Research initiatives explore questions in medicine, public policy, and the humanities. One initiative is a partnership with China’s Nanjing University to examine how transnational forces affect politics, higher education, and the status of women in China.



The Pembroke Center Associates: Investing in Today's Scholars

The Pembroke Center Associates is a group of alumnae/i, parents, and friends who work to secure and sustain the Pembroke Center's programs and the work of its scholars. Through the steadfast support of the Associates, the Pembroke Center is able to provide Brown faculty, students, and postdocs with funding, scholarly forums, publications, and courses that are the lifeblood of innovative research.

Ensure the Future: Join the Pembroke Center Associates

Help us sustain the exciting work of Pembroke Center students and faculty. The Pembroke Center Associates is a membership organization open to all. Your gift supports the Pembroke Center's scholarly initiatives, Associates programming, and publications that provide a crucial link to the broader community. The Associates sponsor programs of interest to alumnae/i groups throughout the country and on campus, including an annual commencement forum.

Your membership is your passport to one of the most vital and creative communities of scholars at Brown. As a member, you will receive invitations to events held on and off campus, as well as regular updates about Pembroke Center scholars, research projects, and our latest news.



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History of the Pembroke Center

The Pembroke Center was founded in 1981 and named in honor of Pembroke College in Brown University. This name pays tribute to the women who fought to gain access to higher education and raised the money to build Pembroke Hall in 1897. Established to explore the cultural and social meanings of gender, today's Pembroke Center supports research and teaching across the humanities and social sciences, with a focus on the benefits and risks of social change.



By boldly crossing disciplinary boundaries, Pembroke Center scholars help deepen our understanding of issues of critical international importance:

International Adoption
Mass Mediated Culture
Reproductive Rights
Bodies and Health Technologies
Human Trafficking
Economic Empowerment
Cultural Identity and Conflict
Human Rights
Medical Research
Labor Migration
Media Culture

Your support will help Pembroke Center students and faculty explore new questions that are central to our world.

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