

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES  
INSTITUTE OF GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES  
NITA BARROW UNIT

# STUDENT HANDBOOK ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010



**BUILDING AWARENESS OF UNEQUAL RELATIONS OF GENDER, TRANSFORMING CARIBBEAN SOCIETIES**

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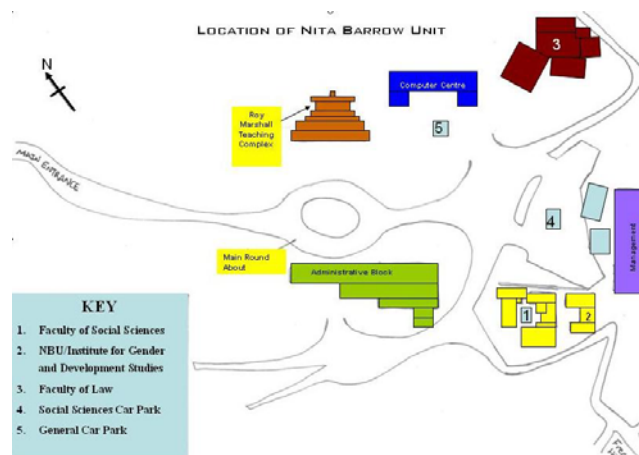
## WHO ARE WE?

The Nita Barrow Unit boasts a very efficient staff with academics and professionals whose research and teaching experience range in the various fields of political science, psychology, administration, research, history, feminisms gender and masculinity studies.

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## WHERE ARE WE LOCATED?

The office of the Institute of Gender and Development Studies: NBU is located on the Cave Hill main campus in a building situated between the Faculty of Social Sciences and Management Studies.



## WHAT DO WE DO?

At the undergraduate level the Institute offers a number of courses which students can choose from every semester. At the graduate level student interested must contact the Institute to be informed of the new intake which comes around every two years. The next intake of graduate students will be for academic year 2009.

## MINORS IN GENDER STUDIES

## **FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION**

Students will complete six courses, three of which will comprise courses organized and taught by CGDS. The three courses are selected from the following courses offered by CGDS.

### **LEVEL I**

GEND 1103      Theoretical Concepts and Sources of Knowledge

### **LEVEL II/III**

GEND 2201      An Introductory Course I: Introduction to Women's Studies

OR

GEND 2202      An Introductory Course II:  
Women and Development in the Caribbean

GEND 3701      Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: Theoretical Perspectives

OR

GEND 3702      Men and Masculinity in the Caribbean: Contemporary Issues

The other three courses may be selected from faculty based courses with a strong focus on gender/women/feminist, masculinity studies, but may include additional CGDS courses. These include:

GEND 2002      Gender in Caribbean Culture II

GEND 2110      Gender and Caribbean Economic Relations

GEND 2501      Women Leadership and Change in Developing Countries

GEND 3703      Feminist Critiques of Development Theories:  
Implications for Policy and Planning

SOCI 3027 (SY34B)	Gender and Development*
HUMN 2702	Women Writers from Africa and the Caribbean
LITS 2502	Caribbean Women Writers
HIST 3003	Gender in Caribbean History
HIST 3312	Women in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Africa
HIST 3403	Women in Europe since 1750
LING 2501	Language, Gender and Society
SPAN 2702	Latin American Women Writers
SPAN 3702	Spanish American Women Narratives
PHIL 3500	Philosophy and Gender
PHIL 3510	Philosophy of Sex and Love**

\* Students wishing to do SOCI 3027 must have done the prerequisites.

\*\* This course is offered in the Summer School

## **FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

### **Minor in Political Science and Sociology**

Students will complete five courses, three of which will comprise courses organized and taught by CGDS. The three courses are selected from the following courses offered by CGDS.

#### **LEVEL I**

GEND 1103            Theoretical Concepts and Sources of Knowledge

#### **LEVEL II/III**

GEND 2201	An Introductory Course I: Introduction to Women's Studies
OR	
GEND 2202	An Introductory Course II: Women and Development in the Caribbean
GEND 3701	Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: Theoretical Perspectives
OR	
GEND 3702	Men and Masculinity in the Caribbean: Contemporary Issues

The other two courses may be selected from Faculty based courses with a strong focus on gender/women/feminist, masculinity studies but may include additional CGDS courses. These include:

GOVT2000 (GT20F) Women and Politics

LAW3260 (LA37C) Gender and the Law

SOCI3027 (SY37B) Gender and Development

PSYC2017 Gender and Psychology

GEND 2002 Gender in Caribbean Culture II

GEND 2110 Gender and Caribbean Economic Relations

GEND 2203 Feminist Theoretical Frameworks

GEND 2501 Women Leadership and Change in Developing Countries

GEND 3703 Feminist Critiques of Development Theories:  
Implications for Policy and Planning

SOCI 3031 Sex, Gender and Society

## **COURSES OFFERED FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010**

### **SEMESTER I**

#### **GEND 7010: Advanced Feminist Theory**

This course is a compulsory course for graduate students in the Institute of Gender and Development Studies. It is a seminar type course which seeks to provide students with an overview of the main conceptual and theoretical debates in feminist scholarship. Through the discussion and critical analysis of readings, this course should develop in students a capacity for critical thought, as well as familiarity with the main ideas and concepts of the field.

The course is based on the discussion of set readings in class. Students are expected to have read before coming to class and to be prepared to participate in class discussions. Each week two students will be responsible for leading the discussion on the assigned reading material. Summaries of presentations should be typed and available for distribution to classmates. Readings not discussed in class should be read as additional background readings

#### **GEND 1103: Theoretical Concepts and Sources of Knowledge**

This is a survey course that introduces first year students to three strands of feminist analysis: theory, method and popular knowledge. This course provides students with an introduction to the core concepts within women's studies, such as feminism, gender, women studies, patriarchy, consciousness-raising, feminist backlash, first, and second wave feminism. The course also encourages students to engage many of the issues addressed within Women's Studies, such as gender based violence, sexual harassment, sexuality and gendered identities. Students will be asked to make analytical links between the debates conducted in class and their respective communities.

#### **GEND 2201: Women's Studies: An Introductory Course I**

The primary objective of this course is to examine and interrogate the various feminist theories used to analyse conditions affecting women and to evaluate their relevance to understanding the experience of women in the Caribbean.

## **GEND 2002: Gender in Caribbean: Culture II**

This course examines the social meanings and representations of gender in Caribbean culture through the examination of scholarly work, literature and popular culture (e.g. calypso, dancehall, carnival, sports, etc.). From an interdisciplinary perspective it explores the historical roots and contemporary manifestations of gendered identities within a diverse, syncretic and every changing Caribbean cultural terrain. It considers how culturally defined gender 'norms' intersect with other social variables such as race, class, sexuality, etc. in defining the collective and individual identities of men and women. The course also explores how gender roles and relations based on hierarchal power relations between, and among, men and women are practiced or performed in areas of the family, work, media and the body. The course emphasizes the experiences of the Anglophone Caribbean but is not limited to it.

## **SEMESTER II**

### **GEND 7010: Advanced Feminist Theory Continuation**

### **GEND 2202: Women's Studies II: Women and Development in the Caribbean**

This course builds upon the feminist theories introduced in the course GEND 2201. The objective is to begin to critically evaluate the diverse experiences of Caribbean women as represented in history, politics and political participation, education, literature, religion and social policy and to relate these whenever possible to the development strategies pursued in the Caribbean.

### **GEND 2501: Women Leadership and Change in Developing Countries**

The course analyses and theorises about the contributions of women in development countries whose domestic, professional and public activities have transformed communities at the local and global levels. The course intends to isolate and interrogate the strategies employed by these women in altering conventional practices, subverting barriers, and forcing change that produces benefits for women and works towards creating more just societies. A primary but not exclusive focus of the course is on the unexplored dynamics of women as leaders in the field of gender and development in developing countries. The course intends to use the strategies these women created or deployed to build feminist models of women's leadership and to disseminate the findings to empower women and men in the South and the North.

## **GEND 3702: Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: Contemporary Issues**

This course will examine the (re)production of Caribbean masculinities and its implications for Caribbean men, women, family and society from an interdisciplinary perspective. The course explores a number of issues that affect men in Caribbean society, with a view of understanding the ways in which these issues in turn influence the multiple manifestations of Caribbean masculinity. Masculinities in Caribbean societies will be viewed in the context of a larger gender system. Using Barribeau's formulation, Caribbean masculinities will be explored as an expression of the ideological and material relations of gender. The course will consider the ways in which men negotiate their gendered identities in the public and private domains, and the role of the state in these negotiations. The responses of men's organisations across the Caribbean to issues affecting men will also be examined. The course evaluates the relevance of these responses to understanding the experiences of Caribbean men.

## **GEND 3705 Gender and Sexuality**

This course critically examines the historical androcentric constructions of sexuality. The course will explore the historical, and sociological approaches to human sexuality. It will demonstrate how women's and men's sexualities are viewed differently and how this difference empowers and dis-empowers both sexes. It will examine how sexuality is constructed across a variation of sexual identities. The course will also try to explain how historical ideologies about human sexuality are perpetuated within Caribbean society, and their effect on the lives of Caribbean women in particular.

## **DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK**

### **SEMESTER I**

#### **GOVT 2000: Women and Politics**

This course will examine the relationship between women and politics globally. It will analyse Conventional political theory and women, conventional and feminist theory on gender, the history of the women's movement, the United Nations and women, (with reference to UN agencies for women and resolutions) human rights and women, violence against women, constitutional and legal rights of women, the

gender gap in politics and women's involvement in the political system. In addition, attention will be paid to specific public policy initiatives as they affect or are likely to affect women.

### **SOCI 3027**

#### **Gender and Development: An Anthropological Perspective**

## **SEMESTER II**

### **PSYC 2017**

#### **Gender and Psychology**

This course examines how biological and cultural factors influence the development of gender identities and gender roles and the concepts of masculinity and femininity. It also explores how these gender identities and roles affect our personal, social and professional lives. This course will enable students to understand some of the major conceptual and theoretical approaches to the study of the psychology of gender and the influence of gender on our thoughts and behaviours.

## **DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

### **SEMESTER I**

### **LAW3260**

#### **Gender and the Law in the Commonwealth Caribbean**

The main objective of this course is to examine issues of gender and the law in the Commonwealth Caribbean. The first part of the course will introduce students to some relevant theoretical issues and themes. The second part of the course will examine gender in some substantive areas such as wage work, the family, family violence, reproduction and pornography, focusing on the constitutions, legislation, common law and legal systems of the Commonwealth Caribbean.

## **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

## **SEMESTER I**

### **HIST 3003**

#### **Gender in Caribbean History**

This course examines the theoretical, methodological problems in the study of women, gender and history. It covers the era of colonization and slavery. It also deals with such post-slavery issues as the rise of the peasantry, the gender division of labour on agricultural units, immigration and the conditions of immigrant women, emigration and women's participation in the socio-cultural and political life of the Caribbean in the inter-war and post-war years.

## **COURSES AVAILABLE**

### **GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

#### **UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

<b>GEND 1103</b>	Theoretical Concepts and Sources of Knowledge
<b>GEND 2002</b>	Gender in Caribbean Culture II
<b>GEND 2110</b>	Gender and Caribbean Economic Relations
<b>GEND 2201</b>	Women's Studies: An Introductory Course I
<b>GEND 2202</b>	Women's Studies II: Women and Development in the Caribbean
<b>GEND 2203</b>	Feminist Theoretical Frameworks
<b>GEND 2501</b>	Women Leadership and Change in Developing Countries
<b>GEND 3701</b>	Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: An Introduction
<b>GEND 3702</b>	Men and Masculinities in the Caribbean: Contemporary

Issues

**GEND 3703** Feminist Critiques of Development Theories:  
Implications for Policy and Planning

**SOCI 3031** Sex, Gender and Society

## **GRADUATE COURSES**

**GEND 7010** Advanced Feminist Theory

**GEND 7020** Issues in Caribbean Feminism and Gender Relations

## **STUDENT TESTIMONIALS**

Trinidad and Tobago Female student

*'I gained a great insight into realities of Women into various positions in society. The course allowed me or gave the tools to critically view developmental policies as it relates to the consequences/results it has on both women and men.'*

Barbadian female student

*'I gained a wealth of knowledge of the movements made by female leaders and gained more comprehensive understanding of my capacity to lead as a woman. As well as gained knowledge on some of the psychological and social factors that hinder, challenge female leadership.'*

Barbadian female student

*'It has really opened my eyes as to the differences in gender and the inequalities that are present in societies. So many times I have left the*

class reflecting on what was discussed. In terms of academic life, it has inspired me to take other gender courses...'

#### Barbadian Male students

*'I have gained a great insight into how gender and masculinity are viewed. Although we often hear about gender and we tend to focus on women only this has cleared up significantly. However, masculinity as a course of study has been very revealing and I can now appreciate why men behave in the way that they do.'*

*'It has caused me to look closely at those things that are culturally define that I have always accepted as natural. It has shown me that gender studies are not only for females as is thought by some fellow students.'*

*'The course has added an additional dimension to my academic and personal life. As such I am more empowered to deal with the issues of sexuality and masculinity. The openness with which the course was conducted was confidence- building.'*

## **OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

The Centre hosts and facilitates public lectures, seminars, and panel discussions. Some of the outreach activities of the Centre are:

- The Caribbean Women Catalysts for Change Lecture Series
- International Women's Day
- Staff Seminars
- Caribbean Institute for Gender and Development Studies

## **RESEARCH**

Ongoing Research in the Centre includes:

- Gender and Livelihoods: The Socio-Economic Impact on Women Who are Caregivers of Chronically Ill Children
- Caribbean Women Catalysts for Change Phase 3

## PUBLICATIONS

### Working Paper Series

The Institute publishes two working papers per academic year. The goal of the Working Paper Series is to encourage debate and disseminate information on a wide range of issues on feminisms, masculinity and gender studies and how these intersect with issues of Caribbean Development.

These publications can be purchased at the Intitute's office or at the University bookshop at a cost of BDS\$20.00 per copy. Copies can also be found in the main Library. Published Working papers include:

Working Paper No 14, 2008 *Gender, Generation and Memory: Remembering A Future Caribbean*. By Alissa Trotz ISBN 978-976-621 157-4

Working Paper No.13, 2005 *Unsettling Masculinity in the Caribbean: Facing a Future Without Guarantees*. By Linden Lewis ISBN 976-621-129-9

Working Paper No. 12, 2004 *Women and Islam in Africa in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: An African Feminist Perspective*. By Fatou Sow ISBN 976-621 135-3

Working Paper No.11, 2004 *The Darker Side of Black Mas(K)Ulinities: The Representation of the Black Male in Film* By Kelvin Quintyne ISBN: 976-621-128-0

Working Paper No.10, 2003 *Producers, Reproducers and Rebels: Grenadian Slave*

*Women 1783-1838* By Nicole Phillip ISBN:  
976-621-115-9

Working paper No.9, 2003 *Changing Skill Demands in Manufacturing and the Impact on Caribbean Female Workers.* By Daphne Jayasingh ISBN: 976-621-096-9

Working paper No.8, 2002 *In Memory of my Ancestors: Contributions of Afro-Jamaican Female Migrants in Port Limón, Costa Rica 1872-1890.* By Carmen Hutchinson Miller ISBN: 976-621-097-7

Working Paper No. 7, 2002 *Impunity, Masculinity and Heterosexism in the Discourse on Male Endangerment: An African Feminist Perspective.* By Patricia McFadden ISBN: 976-621-092-6

Working Paper No. 6, 2001 *Whither Work? A Comparative Analysis of Women in the Commonwealth Caribbean and Canada in the New Era of Globalization.* By Ann Dennis ISBN: 976-621-091-8

Working Paper No. 5, 2001 *When the Closet is a Region: Homophobia, Heterosexism and Nationalism in the Commonwealth Caribbean.* By Tara Atluri ISBN: 976-621-090-X

Working Paper No. 4, 2000 *Examining the Issues of Men , Male Marginalisation and Masculinity in the Caribbean: Policy Implications.* By V. Eudine Barriteau ISBN: 976-021-059-4

Working Paper No. 3, 2000 *Nuancing Globalisation or Mainstreaming the Downstream or Reforming Reform.* By Devaki Jain ISBN: 976-621-058-6

Working Paper No. 2, 1999 *Women and Higher Education in the Commonwealth Caribbean: UWI: A Progressive Institution for Women?* By Marlene Hamilton ISBN: 976- 621-037-3

Working Paper No.1, 1998 *Engendering Local Government in the Commonwealth Caribbean.* By V. Eudine Barriteau ISBN: 976B8083-07-5

## **RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS**

For the benefit of all students and researchers there is a news paper clipping service available at the Centre. The topics cover a wide range, in domestic violence, women and crime, men and masculinity, co-education, and women and politics, among other clippings. Students who are interested in using this facility should visit the centre during office hours, and ask for the research assistant who will be willing to assist in locating the relevant clippings.

## **PHOTO GALLERY**

### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**



**CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE, 2009 PARTICIPANTS**



**Honouring Barbadian Women in Communities  
International Women's Day, 2009**



## SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS 2009



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