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Call for Submissions

The Feminist Action Project, a two-day conference to be held at the University of Texas at Austin on April 1st and 2nd, 2011, is seeking panel and workshop submissions.

This year's theme is Feminism is for Every(body). We intend this theme to encompass both accessibility to feminism and matters of lived and physical bodies. Our goals for the conference include: emphasizing "art as resistance", including in equal measure the experiences and perspectives of academic and community members, making space for discussion about what feminism means (addressing stereotypes, myths, and stigma), and helping broaden the feminist community by framing its issues in relation to other activist movements. In addition to the larger global perspective of the conference, we hope for one programming track to focus on issues specific or pertinent to Texas.

Submissions should be consistent with the theme and goals. We welcome academically- oriented proposals as well as practical and activist ones, but we prefer interactive and conversational models. We are particularly interested in proposals dealing with:

marked bodies

- · 'race' and racism
- · queerness and gendered bodies
- · fat and body activism
- disability
- ageism

governed bodies/body justice

- sex work
- reproductive justice
- human trafficking
- immigration

self-care

- · self-esteem and self-care
- · self-care in protest situations
- self-care in difficult economic times
- · class and economic issues

accessing feminism

- feminist issues on campus
- barriers to adopting the label 'feminist'
- · movement intersectionality and organizing
- global feminisms

In accordance with these themes, we are honored to announce this year's keynote speaker: Loretta Ross, a highly accomplished women's human rights, race, and reproductive justice activist. Marianne Kirby, a fat activist and blogger, will also be joining us for panels.

Please include in your submission:

- · Title of panel, workshop, or presentation
- · Brief description, no more than 300 words
- Description of AV and space requirements
- Your name and contact information (cell phone and e-mail preferred)

The deadline for submissions is February 1, 2011. Please submit all documents via email to feministactionproject@gmail.com, with "Attn: Programming Committee" in the subject line. You can send the submission as a Microsoft Word file, .pdf, or text file. If postal mail works better for you, please send it to: Feminist Action Project, Attn: Programming Committee, 1 University Station, A6220, SOC #529, Austin, TX, 78712.

We are very excited about this year's conference and we look forward to hearing from you!

> Radical simply means grasping at the root. -Audre Lorde

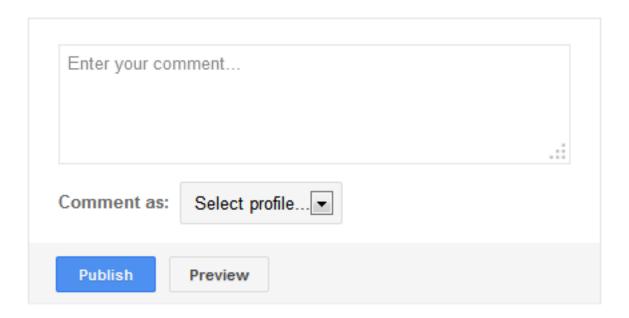
A genuine feminist politics always brings us from bondage to freedom, from lovelessness to loving ... There can be no love without justice.

- bell hooks Feminism is for Everybody: Passionate Politics

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About the Feminist Action Project

The Feminist Action Project is a student group at the University of Texas at Austin which organizes activist programs, conversations and events for gender justice with the collaboration of the Gender and Sexuality Center.

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