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Friday, April 2, 2010

a sneak peek at our schedule

This is not all we have in store! Register for the conference to participate in an exciting weekend of activism, growth, and sharing.

Friday

9:00 a.m. Check in begins (and runs all day)

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Break, allow for registrants to find / check into hotels, lunch

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Opening Plenary and Feminist Power Shuffle

Come participate in an interactive exercise exploring some common feminist beliefs, theories, and practices. This new take on the traditional power shuffle will encourage participants to examine subtleties in feminism introspectively, interpersonally, and systematically. The discussion after the activity will encourage participants to share common struggles and joys in being a feminist activist.

3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Session A

Did She Say NO? Did She Say YES?

Voices Against Violence (VAV) will present an interactive Theatre for Dialogue performance that will actively engage the audience in examining where the lines are around consensual and non-consensual sex. How does sex get used for power? How do we lose and reclaim power around sex? How do our feminisms inform how we respond in our own lives, and respond to friends? How do we stay grounded in our beliefs while acknowledging larger power structures? VAV uses Theatre of the Oppressed to raise awareness and educate about issues of dating violence, sexual violence and stalking.

5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. *America the Beautiful* with director Q&A

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Session B

Peers for Pride

Peers for Pride: Acting for Change will showcase a program that uses monologues as a way to change climate for LGBTQ people on campus. This model is one that could be used by any oppressed population as a way to tell stories, start dialogues, and make change. Come see Peers for Pride members perform their monologues, talk about the process of writing and performing them, and how the program has affected them and their campus.

Feminist of Color: Theoretical Perspectives on Sexual Violence

This paper builds a strong theoretical framework for understanding sexual violence based on the perspectives and contributions of feminists of color. Standpoint theory, intersectionality, and Black feminist theory will be central to this framing. Issues related to race, class and gender and their impact on the lives and sexual health of women will be highlighted. Recommendations will be provided on how to translate this knowledge into survivor-led activism to end sexual assault in our communities.

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Session C

Fundraising

Have you ever needed funding to support "special" projects that are important to you? Travel to conferences or to conduct some education-related or personal research? Or perhaps you are planning to volunteer for a US-based nonprofit or an international nongovernmental organization? This presentation will present a whirlwind overview of the pieces of information you need to gather in order to find funding successfully, no matter the purpose. Tips on preparing the request packet will be highlighted as well as the various funder types and their impetus for funding you. Research resources will be covered and will include both print and electronic varieties.

Ms. Supancic, Director of the Regional Foundation Library of UT/DDCE, brings 27 years of experience in funding resource information and proposal development to you in an effort to help you attain whatever projects you might have in mind.

"Aligning for Global Change: Repositioning Feminist Activism for Political Sustainability in the Transnational Age"

"Aligning for Global Change" examines how feminist activism, juxtaposed against the hegemonic forces of nationalism, religious fundamentalism and militarism and faced with the failure of gender equality agendas within institutional mechanisms like the United Nations, can reposition itself strategically to construct positive change and sustain its political viability in the transnational age.

Miami Women's Council: Resurrecting a Feminist Tradition

The year 2010 was declared by the Miami Nation of Oklahoma to be the Year of Myaamiikiwaki, the year of the Miami Women. The reason for this declaration was the resurrection of Miami Women's Council after over 100 years lying dormant. With the cultural violence perpetrated upon native peoples by colonization and removal, women's prominent roles in our communities dissipated. Our histories have been buried and our cultural power denied--until now. An old tradition is resurfacing via modern day technology.

Making the Connections: The Intersectionality of Reproductive Justice

What does reproductive justice look like in the context of queer rights, mothers' rights, or environmental justice? In this interactive workshop, local organizers and advocates will provide concrete examples of how they incorporate a reproductive justice analysis into their work. Participants will leave the workshop with tools and strategies to bring with them into current or future activism and social justice work.

Body Positive

Obesity and Health are hot topics in the news, especially with the current controversies around health care reform. Health at Every Size and Behavior-Centered Health are emerging as possibly viable, and extremely controversial, alternatives to the traditional approach of diet and exercise. This panel will explore what HAES/BCH really are (and what they aren't!) as well as how this movement is progressing. Attendees will have an opportunity to have their questions answered by a panel of experts including a fat professional athlete, former plus-sized model, licensed and registered Dietician, and the filmmaker of "America the Beautiful".

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch and Keynote with Jehmu Greene

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Session D

Building Coalitions: Strategies for Success

Historically, coalitions have been powerful in the struggle for social change. This interactive workshop examines the historical and current issues surrounding coalition building, as well as barriers and opportunities when developing coalitions. Attendees will have the opportunity to examine their own identities and discuss how social identities intersect and play a significant role when building coalitions around LGBT issues. Attendees will leave with practical knowledge and strategies on coalition building.

"Let Me Twitter 'dat!": Blogging, Facebooking, and Tweeting Toward Social Change.

This presentation documents Shelly Blair's (host of College Station's Fair and Feminist radio show) engagement with new media--specifically twitter, facebook, and blogs--and the way it has impacted the community of Texas. Shelly will give specific examples of how using this new media has created social change in my community. Shelly will also provide hands-on demonstrations and advice for utilizing this media to build connections with other activists, draw attention to important issues, and create space for your voice. Austin's own Sandy Poffinbarger will also share her media experiences, including those of hosting her own feminist radio talk show on Austin's KVRX.

Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks: A Roundtable Discussion on Ageism in the Feminist Movements

An open discussion on ageism - what it is, how it looks, how to deconstruct it. Participants of all ages are welcome to share their experiences and solutions, as we put a often lip-serviced, rarely focused on system of oppression under the microscope.

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Caucuses

6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Town Hall meeting

Sunday

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Breakfast

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. Feminist Action Project panel

12:00 pm - 1:00 p.m. facilitated networking session

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Closing plenary

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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.

Questions? Interested? E-mail us at feministactionproject@gmail.com

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