

## Women's and Gender Studies Symposium Past Keynote Speakers

- 2008 **Holly Hughes**, University of Michigan  
*Performance and Visual Arts as Activism*
- 2007 **Dolores Huerta**, Dolores Huerta Foundation  
*Feminism and Social Activism: Saving the Future with Gender Balance*
- 2006 **Andrea Smith**, University of Michigan  
*Native American Women, Reproductive Rights, and Genocide*
- 2005 **Edris Cooper-Anifowoshe**, Naropa University  
*Life During Wartime: Walking, Waiting and Womanhood*
- 2004 **Berenice Malka Fisher**, New York University  
*Feminist Talk and the Problem of Trust: Implications for Education, Activism, and Democracy*
- 2003 **Mehrnaz Saeed-Vafa**, Columbia College  
*Iranian Cinema: In Search of Women*
- 2002 **Dorothy Roberts**, Northwestern University School of Law  
*Race and The Ethics of Reproductive Technologies*
- 2001 **Yakin Ertürk**, Director, Advancement of Women in the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DAW/DESA), United Nations, New York  
*The United Nations and Women's Rights*
- 2000 **Sonya Michel**, Women's Studies Program, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
*Why the U.S. Has No Universal Child Care*
- 1999 **Margaret Schuler**, Founder and President, Women, Law, and Development International (WLID)  
*From Basic Needs to Basic Rights: The International Women's Human Rights Movement*
- 1998 **Ruth Hubbard**, Biology, Harvard University  
*Biology and the Social Construction of Gender*
- 1997 **Julie Checkoway**, Creative Writing Program, University of Georgia  
*Little Sister: Searching for the Shadow World of Chinese Women*
- 1996 **Mary Romero**, Chicana and Chicano Studies, Arizona State University  
*The Life of a Maid's Daughter: Exploring the Boundaries of Race, Class, and Gender*

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## Illinois State University Fourteenth Annual Women's and Gender Studies Symposium



**Friday**  
**April 3, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**University Art Galleries  
Center for the Visual Arts**

# FOURTEENTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

**9:00-9:15**      **Registration and Coffee**

**9:10**            **Conference Opening**  
Dr. Becca Chase, Assistant Director, Women's and Gender Studies

**9:15-10:00**    **Panel 1: Women Moving Africa: Obstacles, Interventions, and Activism**  
Moderator: Dr. Rebecca Saunders, Department of English

Elizabeth Reich      "Smart Girls: Challenges and Benefits of Educating Women"

Jeff Hyde              "Constructing the Modern African Woman: Identity and Its Discontents in Tsitsi Dangarembga's *Nervous Conditions*"

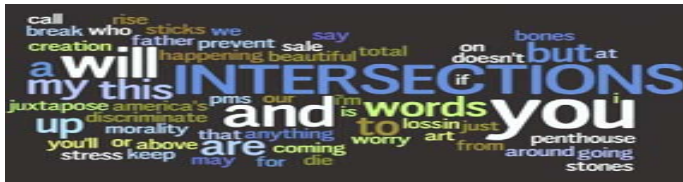
Shannon Maney-Magnuson      "Rape as a Weapon of War"

**10:10-10:55**    **Panel 2: On Susan Sontag**  
Moderator: Dr. Becca Chase, Women's and Gender Studies

Gretchen Frank      "Susan Sontag as Social Critic: Responding to the AIDS Epidemic of the 1980s"

Theresa O'Donnell    "Annie Leibovitz, Susan Sontag, and the Male Gaze"

**11:00-11:45**    **The Women's Project Performance**  
"Intersections: Sticks and stones may break my bones but my words will rise above you"



Performers: Brianne Hornback, Trevor Neff, Gerald G. Price, Claire Small. Director: Annaliisa M. Ahlman

**11:45-12:40**    **LUNCH**

**12:40-1:00**    **Presentation of the 2008-09 Luellen Laurenti Award** to Breanna Mull  
Presenter: Dr. Sandra Harmon

**Recognition of the Dr. Dorothy E. Lee Scholarship Award** to Mauria Herman

**Presentation of the Anne M. Smlak Memorial Scholarship** to Brandy Peak  
Presenter: Jay R. Groves, Assistant to the President

**Recognition of the Women's and Gender Studies Student Achievement Awards** to Brandy Peak

**1:00-2:10**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Dr. Susan Bordo**  
"Beyond Eating Disorders: Why We Need to Rethink Everything We Thought We Knew"

Introduction by Dr. Alison Bailey, Director, Women's and Gender Studies



Susan Bordo

Susan Bordo is Professor of English and Gender and Women's Studies and holds the Otis A. Singletary Chair in the Humanities at the University of Kentucky. She is author of *The Flight to Objectivity: Essays on Cartesianism and Culture* (1987), *Unbearable Weight: Feminism, Western Culture, and the Body* (1993), *Twilight: The Hidden Life of Cultural Images from Plato to O.J.* (1997) and *The Male Body: A New Look at Men in Public and Private* (1999). She lectures nationally on topics such as eating disorders, cosmetic surgery, beauty and evolutionary theory, racism and the body, masculinity and the male body, adoption, and the impact of contemporary media.

**2:15-3:00**      **Panel 3: Rhetoric, Politics, and the Blues**  
Moderator: Dr. Angela Haas, Department of English

Erin Frost              "Inner Spaces: An Examination of Rhetoric Surrounding Fetal Ultrasound"

Tyler Clark            "Public Perception and Political Realities: The Early Years of the National Women's Party"

Jenna Goldsmith      "Queering the Blues: Channeling Lower Frequencies through Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*"

**3:10-3:50**      **Panel 4: Feminism and French Culture and History**  
Moderator: Dr. Mary Trouille, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Catherine Ratliff      "Natalie, Gertrude, and Sylvia: A Brief Examination of Three Female-Centered Communities in Expatriate Paris"

Sarah Rae              "The French Parity Law and the Demise of 'Republican Universalism'"

**3:55-4:40**      **Panel 5: Local Musings: Creative Writing Showcase**

Amy Riddle            Excerpt from her microfiction novel, *Un*

Jane Carmen          "Cowgirl and Hippies"

Steve Halle            Poetry

**4:40**

**Closing Remarks**