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#### FROM THE DIRECTOR:

This past year has been a busy one as the Women and Gender Studies Program underwent an arduous but useful seven-year program review. The centerpiece of program review was a detailed "self study" which assessed the current state of the program and laid out goals for the next seven years. These goals include an MA/PhD program—which is scheduled to go before the Board of Regents this coming September—and an undergraduate certificate in global gender studies. The high point of program review was the February visit of two distinguished external reviewers, Professor Leila Rupp from UC-Santa Barbara and Professor Jill Bystydzienski from Ohio State University. Not only did they say lots of nice things about WGST at CU-Boulder, they offered excellent advice for strengthening our program and raising its national (and international) profile.

This week, weather permitting, the Gender Justice League is holding various events across campus in recognition of Denim Days, including a painted denim display in Norlin Quad featuring the students' personal messages in opposition to sexual violence and victim blaming. Please check out all of this week's activities below: Denim Days 2013

We hope you can also join us for our student-organized Community Event on April 24th at Shine Restaurant and Gathering Space, where we will learn more about internship opportunities and see the new activist artwork the senior colloquium has created. And, as always, you are warmly invited to attend Commencement on May 9th in Old Main Chapel, with a reception to follow upstairs in the Heritage Center.

Regards, **Rob Buffington**Director and Associate Professor

# **ALUMNUS PROFILE: RAYME ROSSELLO**

'94 – BA IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

#### How has WGST alum Rayme Rossello changed the world? By making it more delicious!

Originally from New York City, Rayme Rossello transferred to CU-Boulder from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, where she studied theater. "I moved here and thought I would stay for two months, but stayed for 22 years," relates Rayme. After taking a women's studies course with Professor Janet Jacobs, Rayme says "I was hooked, and it made sense for me. I was definitely a feminist and grew up with a very feminist mom, so it felt right." Rayme says that she loved being a student at CU and still enjoys the quality of life that Boulder provides.

Janet Jacobs has fond memories of Rayme as a student and has kept in touch with her over the years. "Rayme was an extraordinary student - creative, thoughtful, and highly motivated. She had a tremendous impact on other students and she continues to be a source of wisdom and strength for all those around her," notes Janet.

Rayme had worked in the restaurant industry since her teens, and she continued after graduation at Q's Restaurant and then Jax Fish House, where she was general manager under Dave Query. With this experience under her belt, Rayme and her friend Pam Proto started their own restaurant in Longmont, Proto's Pizza, in 1999. Featured in Bon Appetit magazine and earning both local and national acclaim, Proto's went on to open locations in Boulder, Denver, Lafayette, and Boise, Idaho.

In 2007, Rayme completed a degree in pastry arts from the Culinary School of the Rockies. "I wanted to stretch

Rayme Rossello

"Rayme is a remarkable entrepreneur who has started successful businesses and retained her strong feminist values all along the way." - Professor Janet Jacobs

myself and learn something new," notes Rayme. "I had always been in the front of the house, and wanted to do something I had never even considered before that made me a little uncomfortable." She then invested in Mateo's, a French provençal restaurant in Boulder, before turning her next dream into reality.

#### Alumna Profile: Rayme Rossello, continued

Rayme's frequent visits to Mexico, paired with her family's love of Southern food, were the inspiration for her newest venture: Comida. In a renovated DHL van painted bougainvillea pink and nicknamed "Tina" Rayme opened one of the very first food trucks in Boulder County in the spring of 2010. Quickly finding fans of her unique flavor combinations, Rayme also quickly overcame the legal hurdles of this relatively new business model, and found ways to establish a strong customer base by laying claim to lucrative locations and booking private parties. The Comida truck has proved so successful that both



Cornida Caritina in Longinor

Smithsonian Magazine and FOX News ranked it as one of the top food trucks in the nation.

When "Tina" is not serving lunch around the Denver metro area, she now has a prize spot in front of Comida Cantina, a brick-and-mortar restaurant in Longmont's Prospect neighborhood, which opened in February of 2011. Rayme enjoyed expanding the food truck menu into a full restaurant experience and is excited to see her business grow. She will be opening a second Comida Cantina location in Denver at The Source (33rd and Brighton) later this summer and plans to open a third location in Boulder in the future.

Rayme has no problem pinpointing the source of her success: the food. "I think the food is fantastic, it's really really incredible. It's different than food that people have ever had before. There are elements that remind them of something they have enjoyed, but it's put together in a way that I've never had before. It's still just a taco, but I do believe that the confluence between Mexican and Southern food is unique, and the flavors really make sense to me when they're put together." Besides being delicious, her menu is also affordable, allowing customers to order only what they want, which also helps limit food waste.

Rayme also credits her coursework in women's studies as a reason for her success. "I learned how to think critically, and that was the most important thing. I definitely believed in my abilities, and it never occurred to me that I couldn't do it. I feel like I got some of that attitude and strength from being a

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Comida Cantina serves delicious Mexican food with a Southern influence

woman's studies major. My fairly conservative father loves to tell the story of how he put me through college in women's studies, and he had no idea what I would do or amount to. But now he's proud, needless to say."

Rayme's advice to graduating students is simple but indispensable: "figure out if you can make money doing what you love, and don't ask a lot of people's advice. If you have a good strong idea, make it happen, and don't worry so much about what people think."

#### FACULTY PROFILE: DR. EMMANUEL DAVID

The WGST Program is pleased to welcome its newest faculty member, Emmanuel David, to the CU-Boulder community. Dr. David, who completed his PhD in sociology, as well as the graduate certificate in women and gender studies at CU-Boulder in 2009, joined WGST as an assistant professor in January 2013. His global research interests and scholarly achievements are a great complement to our program.

Dr. David is a qualitative sociologist whose research focuses on the intersections of gender, culture and inequality. In 2012, he received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct fieldwork in the Philippines for a project on gender and global outsourcing. Dr. David interviewed call center agents



Emmanuel David

to better understand their subjective experiences of performing transnational labor. His research focuses on how call center employees construct global gender identities through their interactions with customers abroad.

Dr. David has also conducted research on the gendered dimensions of disasters. He has written several journal articles and book chapters on women's activism after Hurricane Katrina, and he co-edited the interdisciplinary anthology The Women of Katrina: How Gender, Race, and Class Matter in an American Disaster (2012).

This spring, he is teaching WMST 2600: Gender, Race, and Class in a Global Context, and in fall 2013, he will teach Women of Color and Activism and Introduction to LGBT Studies. Dr. David is also the co-director of the LGBT Studies Certificate Program. With Dr. Bud Coleman, he has already streamlined the program requirements, and the two co-directors are working to promote the program on campus.

"I'm very excited to join the WGST students and faculty here at CU-Boulder," says Dr. David. "And I'm really looking forward to collaborating with those in LGBT Studies and at the GLBTQ Resource Center to enhance the place of queer studies on campus." To learn more about Dr. David, visit his faculty page on our website.

 $We'd\ love\ to\ hear\ from\ you!\ To\ share\ your\ updates\ in\ the\ next\ issue,\ please\ send\ them\ to\ wgst@colorado.edu.$ 



## **DENIM DAYS 2013**

Join us for a week of events in recognition of Denim Days, April 15-19, 2013. Organized on the CU-Boulder campus by students in the Gender Justice League, this event originated from the backlash of a 1998 Italian Supreme Court decision which overturned a rape conviction based on the victim's outfit. The court argued that the victim's jeans were so tight that she must have helped her attacker to remove them, leading to protest in the Italian Parliament where women wore jeans and held signs reading "Jeans: An Alibi for Rape." It soon became an annual event around the world and is officially recognized in 20 U.S. states. In addition to wearing jeans as a symbol of protest, our students have created a large art display that will hang in Norlin Quad, consisting of denim cloth and jeans decorated with statements of protest against sexual assault and victim blaming.

#### Conversations at the Cottage: Re-imagining Masculinities

Monday April 15; 4:30-6:00pm

Join the Gender Justice League along with panelists from Community Health, Ethnic Studies, WGST, and MECHA, in our final conversation at the cottage. This conversation will explore the ways in which finding and practicing one's own manhood can lead to a better world for men and for all those impacted by how our society currently defines masculinity. (To be rescheduled due to weather-related school closure)

#### **Denim Display**

Tuesday April 16- Thursday April 18 Norlin Quad

Check out the display of jeans and denim patches decorated by and in honor of victims of gender violence, through Thursday in the Norlin Quad. (Weather Permitting)

#### How to Help Friends who have Experienced Gender Violence

Wednesday April 17; 4:00-5:00pm

Join the Gender Justice League and Office of Victim Assistance for a comprehensive workshop focusing on how to support survivors of gender violence.

#### What is Gender Violence, Anyway?

Thursday April 18; 4:00-5:00pm

Join the Gender Justice League, Community Health and Office of Victim Assistance for an interactive presentation covering the basics of gender violence. The presentation will explore sex positivity, consent versus coercion, and more!

#### Healthy Relationship Check-up

Friday April 19; 1:00-1:00pm

Check the temperature of your relationships with a free and confidential survey. Enjoy sandwiches and feedback from Office of Victim Assistance and Counseling and Psychological Services, in collaboration with the Gender Justice League.



# You're Invited!

You are all invited to the

#### WGST Community Event! April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm

Shine Restaurant and Gathering Place

At this event, the Women and Gender Studies senior colloquium (Class of 2013) will feature non profit internship opportunities for students, unveil their social activist art project, and promote the WGST Student Professional Development Fund.

Come to learn more about local non profit organizations to get involved with, eat, listen to music, and view some powerful art centered on social activism. This is an incredible opportunity to network with organizations, students, and WGST faculty and staff, as we work to build a more cohesive community and increase student and community involvement.



We hope you are able to come by and support the WGST Program at CU-Boulder. Appetizers from Shine will be provided. We hope to see you there!

#### WGST STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Donations to the WGST Student Professional Development Fund will be used to support such activities as:

- employing students as research assistants to faculty, where they will gain valuable professional and research experience in preparation for graduate school or a career;
- covering travel expenses for students who attend conferences, where they will learn new, important information and skills to bring back to the rest of the department and campus
- helping students to study abroad, where they may broaden their understanding of transnational women's issues

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# **FACULTY NEWS**

**Lorraine Bayard de Volo** is enjoying a sabbatical this semester and continuing her work as director of the Latin American Studies Center.

**Rob Buffington** is in the final stages of two major book projects. This February he submitted the manuscript for A Global History of Sexuality to Wiley/Blackwell Publishing, which should be released in time for Christmas. This edited book includes his co-written chapter on the history of sex trafficking. He is also hard at work revising a monograph, A Sentimental Education for the Working Man: Mexico City, 1900-1910, which is due back from the publisher in late summer.

**Emmanuel David** has a recently published book review in the March issue of the journal International Sociology for Robyn Magalit Rodriguez's book Migrants for Export: How the Philippine State Brokers Labor to the World. Read more about Dr. David, our newest assistant professor, in this issue of Bolder Voices.

Alison Jaggar has given four invited lectures at other universities so far this year. They are: Vanderbilt University, Colorado State University, the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and St. Mary's College of Maryland. Jaggar's article, "Does Poverty Wear a Woman's Face?" has just appeared in Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy. Later this year, look for the new edition of Jaggar's edited textbook, Just Methods: An Interdisciplinary Feminist Reader and for her new edited volume with Polity: Gender and Global Justice.

**Deepti Misri** contributed a blog post to Kafila.org titled "Against Castration" with co-author Himika Bhattacharya, discussing castration as punishment for rape.

**Celeste Montoya** is proud to announce the release of her book From Global to Grassroots: The European Union, Transnational Advocacy, and Combating Violence against Women, published by Oxford University Press. WGST will hold a book release event on Friday, May 3rd to celebrate this accomplishment. Dr. Montoya has also recently received the Early Career Award from the Women's Caucus of the Midwest

Political Science Association. Her article "The Othering of Domestic Violence" (co-authored with Lise Rolandsen) was accepted for publication in the journal Social Politics, and she published the article "Global Masculinities, Femininities, and Sexualities" in the International Studies Compendium with co-authors Marjon Kamrani and Sarah McCullar (WGST '12). This year she has presented her research at the European Conference on Gender and Politics in Barcelona, Spain, at the Women and Politics Section for the Western Political Science Association Conference in Hollywood, California, at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in San Francisco, and given talks including "Navigating Borders: Inclusive Approaches to Combating Violence" at CSU and "Promoting Gender Equality and Empowering Women" for the United Nations Association for Boulder County.



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#### Faculty News, continued

Katie Oliviero's latest article on Proposition 8, "Yes on Proposition 8: Queer Conservatism and Racial Immorality in Same-Sex Marriage Opposition" will be published in May in the anthology The Marrying Kind: Same Sex Marriage in the Post-Gay Era just in time for this spring's Supreme Court deliberations on same-sex marriage (and now available for pre-order on Amazon). In February, she was interviewed as part of CU-Boulder's Public Sense radio show about how immigration enforcement laws construct illegality, often by racially-profiling despite formal prohibitions, and in turn sharpen the vulnerability of migrant communities and their children (available online). Dr. Oliviero has led or participated in several workshops and roundtable discussions, for the Women's Resource Center and WGST's Conversations at the Cottage series. She served on the 7th annual TRANSforming Gender Symposium planning committee and gave conference talks on "Undocumented Youth and Immigration Activism: Queering American DREAMs and Deconstructing National Exceptionalism" in March at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in Los Angeles, and "Vulnerability's Ambivalent Relationship to Transnational Feminism and Biopolitics" in November at the National Women's Studies Association, Law and Public Policy Interest Group. She is currently musing over the possibility of getting a puppy and welcomes any unsolicited opinions.

Sharon Adams participated on a discussion panel and Q&A after a screening of Wonder Woman! The Untold Story of American Superheroines sponsored by the Rocky Mountain PBS Community Cinema on March 17th at the Denver Film Center. She is currently teaching Gender, Sexuality, and Popular Culture.

Sam Bullington is WGST's newest lecturer; he holds a Ph.D. in Feminist Studies from the University of Minnesota and is currently teaching both Intro to LGBT Studies and Femininities, Masculinities, Alternatives. He presented a paper at the NWSA in November titled "How Women's Studies Lost Its Way and How It Can Regain Its Heart," and at CU's TRANSforming Gender Symposium, he presented the paper "Eating My Words: A Transsexual Feminist Exploration of Embodiment" as well as being part of the symposium's organizing committee. Sam is on the board of Harmony Chorale, an LGBTA choir in Denver, and in the fall he founded and now runs an LGBTA spiritual empowerment group called Phoenix Rising. In addition, he leads monthly Trance Dances in Idaho Springs, as well as at Rainbow Alley (for LGBTQ youth) at The Center in Denver.

Diane DeBella is currently teaching our Introduction to Feminism course. She is extremely active in our community, presenting multiple recent workshops for both school-age and adult audiences on subjects such as gender roles, healthy relationships, and domestic violence prevention. She worked with Ascend Learning to research and write a formal STEM needs assessment for the Denver Public School District, and prepared grant proposals that resulted in \$327,000 in funding for Community Reach Center and \$5500 in funding for Courage is Change. This March she was awarded a CU-LEAD Alliance faculty appreciation award, nominated by undergraduates in the CU-LEAD program — an alliance of students of color and first-generation students — who present the award to educators who have positively impacted their lives. Through her organization, I Am Subject, Diane provides workshops and presentations on issues that are affecting girls and women, as well as publishing a regular newsletter and blog.

**Cecilia Valenzuela** was named one of the 2012 Women Who Make a Difference. This award is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and recognizes women on campus who have made an impact in the lives of students at CU-Boulder.

#### **CONVERSATIONS AT THE COTTAGE**

This semester, the Gender Justice League organized three discussions in their Conversations at the Cottage series. Each discussion featured a panel of faculty and community leaders, answering questions and leading a conversation on current events.

Their first discussion in February involved the Violence Against Women Act, which had recently failed to be brought up for reauthorization. The conversation included the new provisions to provide coverage for LGBT folks, Native Americans, and immigrants, and how the failure to reauthorize the act would affect the people and programs protected under it. (VAWA was subsequently reauthorized at the end of February.)

In March, the students organized a discussion surrounding gender, violence, and the media. In this inclusive discussion of how the media represents violence in relation to gender, race, class, and sexual identity, the participants addressed questions such as how incidents of violence are portrayed in other countries, in comparison to how they are presented when they occur in the United States. They also discussed how victims and perpetrators are framed in relation to their social positions and identities.

The final Conversation of the semester is scheduled as part of Denim Days week. The discussion 'Re-Imagining Masculinities' will explore the ways in which finding and practicing one's own manhood can lead to a better world for men and for all those impacted by how our society currently defines masculinity. The Gender Justice League will be joined by panelists from Community Health, Ethnic Studies, WGST, and MECHA to facilitate this discussion.

## **ALUMNAE/ALUMNI NEWS**

- **Cory Aragon** (2009 WGST Graduate Certificate) has accepted a tenure-track position in social/political philosophy at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.
- Amandine Catala (2009 WGST Graduate Certificate) has accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Quebec at Montreal. Her position is in social/political philosophy and ethics, with an emphasis on feminism.
- Chelsea Haramia (2009 WGST Graduate Certificate) was accepted to the International Society for Environmental Ethics Conference this June at the University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, where she will present her paper titled "Future Generations, Present Responsibilities: What We Owe to Whomever We Create."
- **Pamela Lomelino** (2006 WGST Graduate Certificate) has accepted an assistant professor position with an emphasis on research at Loyola University in Chicago, beginning in the fall 2013.
- Clara Wilbrandt (2004 BA, Women's Studies & Ethnic Studies; 2008 JD, Law) was hired as an associate attorney by the law firm of Loyce A. Forrest & Associates late last summer. She still focuses exclusively on family law, and can be contacted at (303) 567-7990; 1444 Blake St. Denver, CO 80202.

# MEAGAN MADDOCK WINS VAN EK AWARD

Each year, the College of Arts and Sciences awards its highest honor, the Jacob Van Ek Scholar Award, to select undergraduates nominated by CU faculty for their academic excellence and distinguished service to the community. We are very proud to announce that this year's recipients include senior Meagan Maddock, an active member of the Women and Gender Studies Program and 2011 recipient of the Jean Dubofsky Scholarship.

Meagan is a double major in WGST and international affairs, and her hard work has garnered her a spot on the dean's list each semester. She spent her junior year studying abroad in both Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic, taking classes and interning for programs working to prevent sexual exploitation and promote sexual education.

Meagan is extremely active in her community, both on and off campus. She interned last summer at Planned Parenthood of the Rockies, and has brought her passion to campus as president of Advocates for Choice where she has organized fantastic events to increase education on sex, sexuality, reproductive freedom, and reproductive health. She is also a vibrant member of the Gender Justice League, F-Word, Triota Honor Society, past chair of Amnesty International CU, and a volunteer in the Women's Resource Center.



Meagan Maddock 2013 Van Ek Award Winner

In addition to her volunteer work, Meagan is employed in the CU Career Services office where she helps support students looking to work abroad.

Why did you choose to major in WGST?

"I chose to major in WGST after taking the class Sex, Gender, and Society as a freshman. The class made me realize that I was a feminist, that this was something to be proud of, and that it was an identity that necessitates action and continuous evolution."

What do you plan to do with your degree in WGST?

"If I had a nickel for every time I've been asked that question....

I plan on using my degree to pursue a career in the nonprofit sector. I would love to work within the reproductive justice movement and/or the immigration justice movement. The degree has already been crucial in my activist work, and it has become more and more apparent to me that having a WGST degree will greatly benefit the activist work I choose to do. I am able to think critically and act according to my feminist ideologies that I've developed while studying women and gender studies."

What has been your favorite experience from your time at CU so far?

"It's hard to pick just one! Study Abroad doesn't seem like an appropriate answer, since technically I was away from CU, but living and learning in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic for one year was fantastic and incredibly formative. My favorite experience(s) at CU has been devoting myself to the CU activist community. I have learned so much about the world and about myself through volunteering at the Women's Resource Center and leading student groups."

# ASSOCIATE FACULTY PROFILE: Dr. Sanyu Mojola



Dr. Sanyu Mojola is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and holds affiliate faculty positions in both the Population Program and the Health and Society Program of the Institute of Behavioral Science. She is also an active faculty associate for the Women and Gender Studies Program, participating in the works-in-progress series and presenting her research for the WGST Speaker Series: Global Studies in Gender and Sexuality.

Dr. Mojola received her PhD in sociology from the University of Chicago, with a dissertation titled "Dangerous Transitions: Exploring the gendered disparity in HIV rates among African youth" which won the Richard Saller Dissertation Prize for distinguished scholarship. During this time she worked as a research assistant at the Population Research Center/National

Opinion Research Center and the Ethiopian Migration Project, as well as serving as Congress Secretariat for Universities in Solidarity for Health for the Disadvantaged (UNISOL) in Africa. She also completed internships at the Tropical Institute of Community Health and Development (TICH) in Kenya, and the AIDS Control Program in Tanzania.

Dr. Mojola's current research interests include the sociology of health, particularly women's health, social epidemiology, and HIV/AIDS, as well as the intersections of gender and education, work, and inequality in developing countries. Her most recent publication, "Growing Up at the 'Margins': Concerns, Aspirations, and Expectations of Young People Living in Nairobi's Slums," was published in the March 2013 issue of the Journal of Research on Adolescence, and it explores the ways sub-Saharan African youth cope with aspirations of achievement in urban slums. She is presently working on projects relating to the HIV epidemic in both Washington DC and Africa, as well as a book manuscript examining the social constructions that are leading to increases in women's HIV infection rates in Africa.

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