Women’s History Series 2020

Women of Color Reception
5:30-7:00PM, Faculty Club
The Brown Center for Students of Color, the Sarah Doyle Center for Women and Gender, and the Office of Institutional Equity & Diversity host this annual celebration and community building event. RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/WOC2C2020

Women’s History Series Celebration
12:00-1:30PM, Sarah Doyle Center for Women and Gender
Join us in collective celebration for the start of Women’s History Series. We will have refreshments, cake, music, and WHS calendars!

Radical Roots, Radical Research: Feminist Librarianship and Archives
12-1:15PM, Pembroke Hall 303
Libraries and archives can be creative and innovative sites for feminist research and praxis. Please join us for a lunch conversation with Janaya Kizzie, the first RI Arts and Culture Research Fellow at the RI Council for the Humanities, Mary Murphy, the Pembroke Archivist, Kate Wells, Curator of RI Collections at the Providence Public Library, and Amanda E. Strauss, Associate Librarian for Special Collections at the John Hay Library. They will share their current projects and provide advice for those working on feminist research projects and/or thinking about careers in Library Science. RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/feministarchives20

International Women’s Day Brunch
10:30AM-12:30PM, Sarah Doyle Center for Women and Gender
Please join us for a day of sharing and celebration of the revolutionary lives of international women. All gender identities are welcome! Co-sponsored by the Global Brown Center for International Students, English Language Support, Sarah Doyle Center for Women and Gender, and The College. RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/IDWBrunch20

Get Hot/Get Free: Exploring the Connections Between Sexual Pleasure, Health, & Education
6-8:00PM, Petteruti Lounge
The Center for Sexual Pleasure and Health (The CSPH) is a Providence-based nonprofit organization that envisions a world where pleasure is viewed as an integral part of health and where adults can talk about sexuality while feeling comfortable and supported. In this two hour workshop, The CSPH’s Chelyssea Federle will demonstrate how three components of sexuality — pleasure, health, and education — are interconnected through the lens of advocacy. Through interactive discussion centered on sex education and sexual freedom, participants will explore topics such as the circles of sexuality, self-love, and the multiple intersections that complicate and inform our sexual experiences. In collaboration with BWell and SHAG for Sex Week. RSVP at https://tinyurl.com/gethot-getfree

What Does it Mean to be Radical?
5-6:30PM, Faculty Club
For anti-war activist, scholar, and teacher, Margo Okazawa-Rey, “there is no freedom without connection and there is no connection without freedom.” How do we work towards freedom by building connections? Join Margo as she speaks about how a radical politics means leaning into our contradictions, tapping into our collective yearnings, and generatively struggling around a common vision that allows us all to grow and get free.

What is Feminist Security Studies?
2:3-30PM, Joukowsky Forum, Watson Institute
What does the term “security” mean? Whose security are we talking about? Can we envision feeling secure outside the use of state violence on (inter)national and (inter)personal levels? Join Margo Okazawa-Rey, teacher, scholar and anti-war activist and Catherine Lutz, anthropology professor and director of the “Costs of War Project” in conversation about the key debates within Feminist Security Studies, feminist ethics, and practices of creating communities outside of the security state.

Black Feminism Then and Now: A Conversation with Margo Okazawa-Rey and Emily Owens
5:00-6:30PM, Faculty Club
The Combahee River Collective (CRC) was a radical black feminist, socialist, anti-imperialist collective of women, — born out of the necessity to understand and improve their own lives and build a future that would free us all. Join Margo Okazawa-Rey, a founding member of the CRC, and Emily Owens, assistant professor of history, in conversation around how the collective theorized and practiced a politics of anti-imperialism and its legacy for contemporary Black feminist internationalism, solidarity building, and how we move in the world.

Anna Julia Cooper and Black Women’s Activism Beyond the Women’s Suffrage Movement
6:30-7:30PM, Faculty Club
Shirley Moody-Turner, Associate Professor of English and African American Studies at Penn State University, turns to the work of visionary black feminist Anna Julia Cooper to consider a fuller history of the women’s suffrage movement. In 1892 Cooper mounted an incisive critique, arguing that race, gender, and class politics had splintered the movement and that a broad and inclusive approach to social justice was necessary. She centered black women in the struggle to realize an inclusive democracy and claimed for black women, a national public voice rooted in collective action and community care.

Note that events after March 9 were cancelled due to COVID-19. All events are wheelchair accessible. To request special services, accommodations or assistance, please contact Felicia Salinas-Moniz, Felicia_Salinas@brown.edu, 401-863-1781 as far in advance of the event as possible.

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