

SUSAN B. ANTHONY WOMEN'S CENTER of MCLA NEWSLETTER

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Get to Know Our 2009-2010 Staff!

Susan Birns—As I start my tenth year as Director of the Susan B. Anthony Women's Center, I'm genuinely excited to see where the students will lead us next. It seems that support for the mission of the Center and our work is ever stronger across campus as we prepare for another active year. With two returning students and four newcomers, we have our largest (and very talented) student staff ever! They join our fabulous 14-member Board of Directors in planning and implementing our programs. Our theme for the coming year (perhaps two) is activism and our first full newsletter due out in late October is a special issue on activism on college campuses. We are gearing up for our Gender Equity Bake Sale on October 7th, celebration of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and our fourth "talk show" (this time about activism) later in the fall. As "the applied arm" of the interdisciplinary program in Women's Studies, I am pleased to note that 18 students currently have a declared minor. Come visit us in the Center, work with us on some of our projects, and of course, participate in ALL of our events.

R.J. Doughty—I am in denial about the fact that it's my fourth and final year at the Women's Center. Despite my disbelief, I am in fact a senior at MCLA, with a major in English with a concentration in Creative Writing and two minors in Women's Studies and Anthropology—both of which I'll declare any day now. I am also the Office Manager of the MCLA Women's Center. Over the years, working at the Women's Center has given me opportunities to work on a lot of very cool projects (*The Vagina Monologues*, *Stereotalk*, and *Bitches Bimbos and Ballbreakers*, to name a few) and meet a lot of very cool people (Evelyn Harris of Sweet Honey in the Rock, Charmaine Neville, Jennifer Miller of Circus Amok—and of course the loads of students, staff and faculty with a shared interest in social justice). I hope you all join the staff of the Susan B. Anthony Women's Center this year as we celebrate our theme of activism—drop us a line by email, phone or facebook, stop by the office in Campus Center Room 322, and keep an eye out for our events and newsletters!

Corinne Blake—Hi everyone! I'm a freshman and I'm really excited to work at the Women's Center this year; I know I will learn a lot. I am an English/Communications major with concentrations in Film and Creative Writing. In my spare time I love to read and write and I love theatre! I'm looking forward to a great year at MCLA and the Women's Center.

Alex Nichipor—Hello everyone! I'm Alex. You may remember me from my articles last year on women in comics and female soldiers. I also had two roles in the award-

winning "Bitches, Bimbos, and Ballbreakers" as Fluff the Lesbian and Lolita. For those who don't know me, I am a sophomore with a Sociology major who can't make up her mind whether to declare her second major in Philosophy or Elementary Education. I am also a Student Ambassador for Admissions, so have your high school friends stop by and I'll give them a tour of MCLA. I enjoy tea, books, knitting, and dismantling the patriarchy.

Skyla Seamans—Hello there. Let me begin by saying how grateful I am to have attained my position at the Women's Center. Women's issues have always been a main interest of mine and I also come from a rather feminist family so I can't think of a better place to be than the Women's Center. I am an English and Communications major with a concentration in Journalism. I am also part of the Honors program and am minoring in Women's Studies. My goal career is to eventually write for a women's magazine, so working here will certainly better prepare me for my future endeavors. I also participate in Good Vibes, Aikido, and Pillars. In my spare time, you will most likely find me outside reading one of my favorite novels. As an incoming freshman, I am truly looking forward to an exciting year not just at the Women's Center but on the MCLA campus as a whole. From our numerous newsletters to our informative but entertaining events, I know this year will be one to remember at the Susan B. Anthony Women's Center.

Gloria Statwick—Hey hello. I am a transfer sophomore this year at MCLA. My last school was in my hometown of Springfield, Missouri, and had some 19,000 students. It is a joy to be here, snuggled in the mountains with a small community. I am studying Film with a minor in Art, but women's rights and feminism have been a part of me for a very long time. Working in the Center is a great opportunity for me to be involved with the campus, while fighting for a cause in which I strongly believe. I hope I get to meet many of you through our performances, events, or just from stopping by the Center to say hullo!

Brianna Vears—Hi everyone! I am new to both the staff of the Women's Center as well as the MCLA campus. I am a Political Science Major, with the goal of being a family lawyer. I was very excited when told I would be working in the Women's Center. I want to help promote awareness about domestic violence, sexual assault and all other such problems women face in society today. I can't wait to begin work on all the wonderful things that the Women's Center does.

...WHERE IS THE WOMEN'S CENTER?

- > Go to the campus center
- > Go to the third floor
- > Room 322... you can't miss us!



...WHY WOULD I GO THERE?

You can come to us with inquiries about the women's studies minor, our events and our newsletter—but *we're also a resource and space for students*. If you need a quiet place to work or study, or you just want to kick back on our couches and relax, come and visit us! We also have a library of books and films about feminism, gender issues and more. Drop in anytime we're open.

...WHEN IS IT OPEN?

Fall 2009 Hours

Monday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 3:30pm
Thursday	9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday	9:00am - 5:00pm

...WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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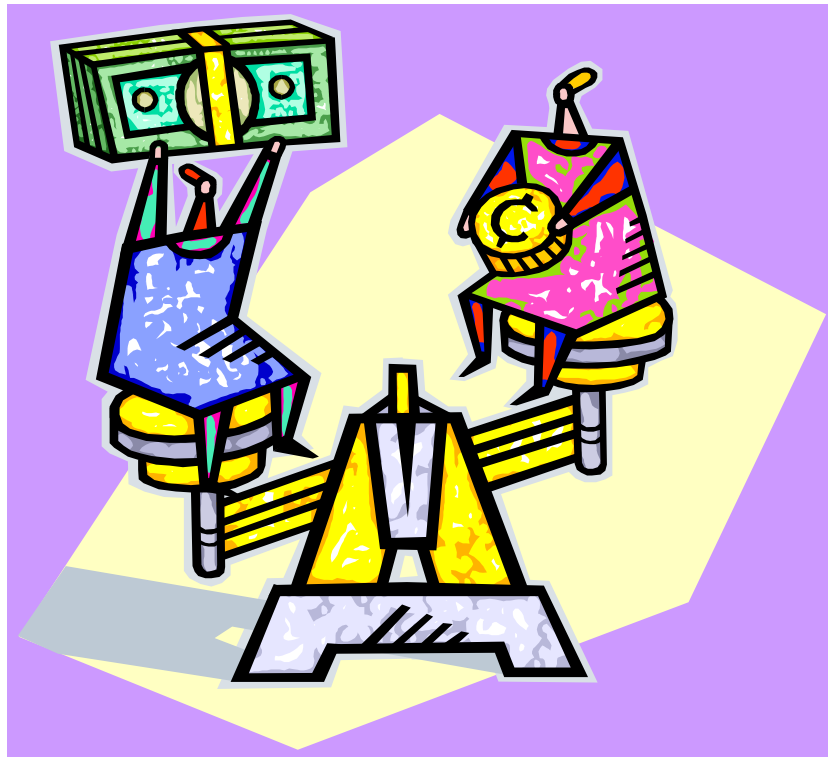
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Gender Equity Bake Sale

Stuff the Wage Gap with Sweets!



Wednesday, October 7th, 2009

11:30am-1:30pm

On the Quad

Rain location: Centennial Room



Questions? Want to contribute a baked good?

Contact us: womenscenter@mcla.edu, x5497, or visit Campus Center Room 322.

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October is Domestic Violence Month

Look for our display in the campus center

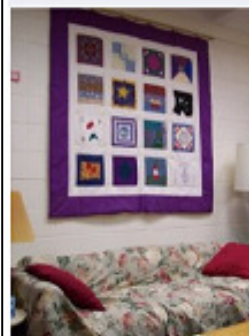
Make a t-shirt to honor survivors and victims of violence

Learn more:

www.clotheslineproject.org

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866-401-2425

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