

The Center for *Women's Studies*

TO EDUCATE, SUPPORT, AND REACH OUT TO WOMEN ON
OUR CAMPUS IN THE CONTEXT OF A GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

*The future belongs to those who believe in
the beauty of their dreams.*
-- Eleanor Roosevelt

OCTOBER



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October Events

Happening This Month

October 3	Dragon Boat Races
October 7	11 a.m.-Women's Center: Sam Belville, Exec. Director, Shoals Crisis Center-Rape Trauma
October 9	Fall Break
October 13	10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – GUC Atrium-Breast Cancer Honor Tree
October 16	10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. -GUC Atrium Purple Ribbon Day
October 19	10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. -GUC Atrium-Clothesline Project
October 21	11 a.m.-Women's Center– Jerry Ragland from SafePlace on Domestic Violence
October 22	6 p.m. -Amphitheatre-Take Back the Night
October 27	6:30 p.m. –GUC Performance Center-Citing Cinema– <i>The Hunting Ground</i>
October 27 & 28	10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – GUC Atrium-Depression Education Tables

In History

October 6, 1978	The first woman university president in the United States, Hannah H. Gray, was inaugurated at the University of Chicago
October 11, 1884	First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was born in New York
October 24, 1939	Nylon stockings were sold publicly for the first time in Wilmington, Delaware

Breast Cancer Honor Tree

Come to the GUC Atrium on October 13 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and honor someone you know who has fought or is fighting breast cancer by hanging a pink ribbon on our tree.



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Big or Small, Save Them All.

Causes

- Women who have relatives that have had breast cancer are more likely to get it than women who do not have breast cancer in their family
- Previous occurrence of breast or ovarian cancer
- Taking hormones and estrogen
- Diet and obesity
- Age

"It's the closest to death I have ever been. The chemotherapy takes you as far down into hell as you've ever, ever been."

- Melissa Ethridge on what makes her a survivor



In the U.S., breast cancer is the second most common cancer in women after skin cancer. It can occur in both men and women, but it is very rare in men. Each year there are about 2,300 new cases of breast cancer in men and about 230,000 new cases in women.

"I'm stronger than I thought I was. My favorite phrase has been 'This too shall pass.' I now understand it really well."

- Robin Roberts on her strength battling cancer



"I laughed more in the hospital than I ever have in my life, making fun of all the weird things that were happening to me."

- Christina Applegate on how humor helped her battle breast cancer



"Cancer is really hard to go through and it's really hard to watch someone you love go through, and I know because I have been on both sides of the equation."

- Cynthia Nixon on her and her mother's battle with breast cancer



Signs

- A change in how the breast or nipple feels
- A change in the breast or nipple appearance
- And nipple discharge-particularly clear discharge or bloody discharge

Source: <http://www.cancer.gov/types/breast>



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TAKE A STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



**Purple Ribbon Day
October 16, 2015
10 am-1:30 pm
GUC Atrium**



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Citing Cinema Film Series Presents:



GUC Performance Center
Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 pm
Doors open at 6:00 pm.
Panel Discussion to Follow
Free Admission



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RAPE RESPONSE

24-Hour Crisis Line:

256.767.1100

Toll-Free:

800.917.7273

Office:

256.765.0025

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October 7

11 a.m.

Women's Center

Speaker Samantha Belville

Rape Trauma

October 21

11 a.m.

Women's Center

Speaker Jerri Ragland

Safeplace

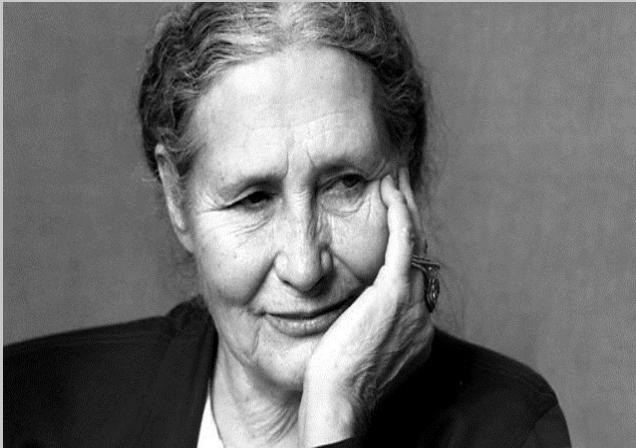


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Doris Lessing (1919-2013)



Doris Lessing was born Doris May Tayler in Kermanshah, Persia (present-day Iran) on October 22, 1919. She grew up in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). At the tender age of 14, Doris left school and held jobs as a nursemaid, telephone operator, office worker, and journalist. In 1939, Doris married and later had 2 kids with her husband. Tired of her stifling, conventional life in the suburbs, Lessing soon became involved in the Rhodesia Communist Party. After divorcing her first husband in 1943, she married fellow party member, Gottfried Lessing in 1945. They later divorced in 1949.

Lessing, along with her son Peter Lessing, then moved to England to begin her writing career. In 1950, Lessing published her first novel, The Grass is Singing. The novel focused on the relationship between a white farmer's wife and her black house servant. In 1962, she published her second novel, The Golden Notebook. This novel, which focused on the struggling female writer, solidified Lessing's literary reputation and turned her into a feminist role model. Throughout her life, Lessing actively campaigned against apartheid, which led to her being banned from Rhodesia and South Africa for several years. Due to her active involvement in the Communist Party, Lessing was under surveillance by the M15 and M16 for upward of 20 years.

In 1982, Lessing tried to publish two novels under a pseudonym, Jane Somers, to show the difficulty new authors faced to have their works in print. These novels were declined by Lessing's UK publisher, but were later accepted by another English publisher, Michael Joseph, and in the US by Alfred A. Knopf. The Diary of a Good Neighbor was published in Britain and the US in 1983, and If the Old Could was published in both countries in 1984, both as written by Jane Somers. In 1984, both novels were re-published in both countries, this time under one cover as The Diaries of Jane Somers: The Diary of a Good Neighbor and If the Old Could, listing Doris Lessing as author. Doris Lessing is the author of more than 55 works spanning over the genres fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and opera. In 2007, Lessing became the oldest recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature at the age of 88. At the age of 94, Lessing died in her London home on November 17, 2013.

Sources:

<http://www.biography.com/people/doris-lessing-9380070>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/doris-lessing>



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Internally Speaking

Happy fall everybody! I can't believe it's already October! This semester is flying by. Nevertheless, it's absolutely beautiful outside and feels great too! The Women's Center has a great deal of events going on this month including Take Back The Night, The Clothesline Project, and the showing of the movie, The Hunting Ground. These are all awesome programs so try to make it out if you can! Also, if you happen to have any old t-shirts that you would like to donate for the Clothesline Project, please let us know by stopping by and dropping them off, calling us, or sending us an e-mail. Any t-shirts are greatly appreciated! October also happens to be National Breast Cancer Awareness Month so get that pink out and help raise awareness as much as you can! For any of you who may be fighting cancer right now, or know somebody who is/has, please know that you're not alone and if you ever need someone to talk too or just somewhere to de-stress, the Women's Center is here for you. Amidst all of the crazy that is October, midterms just happen to be here too. Good luck to everyone on their tests!

-Kelsey

Coordinator's Notes

We at the Women's Center have so many events this month it's enough to make your head spin, and, in fact, mine seems to be doing just that! But I would like to emphasize just a few of them here. On Monday, Oct. 19th we'll have The Clothesline Project, a national event during which we invite everyone on campus to come and decorate a t-shirt (in the GUC) with an anti-domestic violence message. The shirts will be hung outside around the Amphitheatre on Thurs., Oct 22nd as the backdrop for Take Back the Night, when we will gather to celebrate those who have survived domestic violence and remember those who have fallen victim to it. We invite all to join us for these important events.

Additionally, on Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 6:30 PM in the GUC Performance Center we will be screening *The Hunting Ground* and following it with a panel discussion. This film is a Sundance Film Festival award winner and is currently being shown on college campuses across the United States. We are very lucky to have been able to get a copy of the film to show. It is about the reality that, in too many cases, college campuses have become hunting grounds for sexual predators. The panel is comprised of Tammy Jacques (Title IX Coordinator), Lynne Martin (Director of Student Counseling Services), and Samantha Belville (Exec. Director of Shoals Crisis Center). If you only see a few films this year, this should be one of them, and it's free.

I hope to see you at all these and all the other events we are having this month!

Emily