



# WGSS NEWSLETTER

Co-Directors: Dr. Naranch and Dr. Park

## WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a good summer and are excited to be back on campus. We have a lot of interesting events planned for this semester and a couple of important updates. First and foremost, we would like to welcome Dr. Ausra Park as the new WGSS Co-Director! Dr. Park specializes in women's leadership and international relations, and she is deeply invested in working with students in WGSS. We look forward to having her international and gender expertise in the program. A bit about her work in her own words: "my focus is on the first women presidents in the post-communist European region (with nine (!) countries examined as case studies); my most recent research studies focus on gender in IR, specifically gender in diplomacy and women ambassadors in small states (the three Baltic countries as case studies)." Along with Dr. Taewoo King, she will offer an Elect Her to Lead training course in the near future and would be happy to have students in the minor enrolling in the course. We would also like to welcome Donna Bradbury as the new Sister Thea Bowman Women's Center Director! We are happy we still have Beth DeAngelis teaching for us as she continues to do good in the world.

## FALL EVENTS

- Wednesday, 09/21 at 7 pm SSU241-243: Samantha Ramirez-Herrera, "Borderless Dreams/Sueños sin Límites"
- Tuesday, 10/04 on Zoom at 6 pm: Chanel Miller is a writer and artist. Her memoir, Know My Name, was a New York Times bestseller, a New York Times Book Review Notable Book, and a winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award" among other awards.
- Wednesday, 10/19 at 6:30 pm: James Baptiste, "Intersectional Transgender Identity and Self Care"  
RSVP for room location and info:  
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- Wednesday, 10/26 at 7:00 pm on Zoom: Dr. Judy Rohrer, Associate Professor, and Director Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, Eastern Washington University "Scouting for Normalcy: Merit Badges, Cookies, and American Futurity"
- Wednesday, 11/09 4-5:30 pm (room TBD) Çiğdem Çıdam, Associate Professor Political Science, Union College, Democratic Acts of Visual Resistance and Harm, Turkey and the Kurds
- We will be holding lunchtime talks, as well as the Saint Supply Co. Free-Use Closet organized by WGSS intern Kiley Lenahan (dates and location TBD)

## PROGRAM REVIEW RECCOMENDATIONS

1. Secure and grow an established, known budget for the programs: \*UPDATE SUMMER 2022 from PROVOST meeting: budget of \$1000 each secured for AY 2022-2023
  2. Recruitment and Advertising: This includes on-campus advertising and recruitment for the minors.
  3. Develop actionable assessment: This assessment should be revised to better align with the program goals and establish a workable timeline.
  4. Build curriculum across all three schools: We could develop a general introductory course "Introduction to Gender Studies" or "Intersectionality 101" to feed into WGSS and RAES and the College Core.
  5. Build WGSS and MULT community with student engagement.
  6. Director Succession Process: Build guidelines
  7. Registration visibility and fix cross-listing processes.
  8. Model potential for creating SDIM major in WGSS and RAES topic areas.
  9. Build and enhance Intergroup Relations (IGR) course offerings.
- \*For the full report, please contact Dr. Naranch at lnaranch@siena.edu\*

