



“The first
resistance to
social change
is to say it’s not
necessary”
- Gloria Steinem

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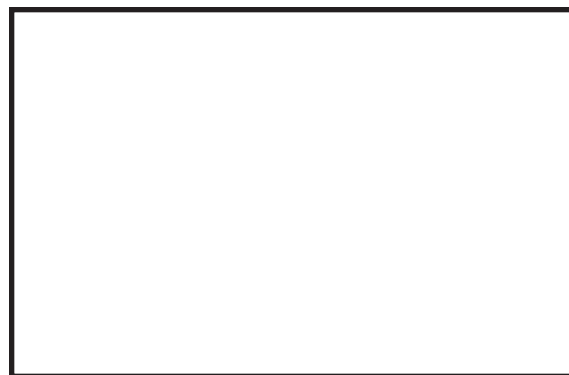
GLOBAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CONFERENCE AND FILM FESTIVAL FALL 2009

By Nabila Bhatti and Rebecca Matinda

The first “Global Social Responsibility Conference and Film Festival” was organized on October 6-8, 2009 by the Social Responsibility Program. It was a new and exciting experience for organizers as well as for the campus community. Direct student involvement was encouraged and appreciated throughout the activity.

In the conference student groups, organizations, and social responsibility students offered workshops on different global issues like peace/war, social justice, animal rights, and human rights. Organizations were free to choose the type of workshop they wished to present: film, speaker, panel, discussions, etc. Workshops were offered on: the environment, sexual assault, Asian-Americans, violence against women, animal rights, the global water crisis, LGBT issues, personal empowerment, and activism. Cutting edge documentaries like “Rethink Afghanistan”, “Scarred Land”, “Wounded Lives”, “Shark Water”, “Wa’ani”, and “Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai” were screened in the Atwood Theatre by the Social Responsibility Program. All were a great source of learning and inspiration for viewers.

Almost 400 people attended the conference. We got wonderful feedback through evaluation sheets, phone calls, e-mails and person to person contact. All programs received above an 8.0 on a 10 point scale on the program evaluations. The whole program was helpful to raise critical thinking among students from all disciplines. It was a student lead activity and students made it successful. We appreciate the students’ groups’ efforts for contributing to the conference. Thanks are due to students, faculty members and the citizens of St. Cloud who participated as audience members and gave it a good response. We are thankful to our Co-sponsors: Environmental Technological Studies, Multicultural Resource Center, Multicultural Student Services, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Resource Center, Film Studies, Human Relations, Sociology, Women’s studies, and the Women’s Center. Inspired by the great reception, organizers of the “Global Social Responsibility Conference and Film Festival” are planning for next years conference. The conference will again provide opportunities to participating student groups and organizations for them to: disseminate their goals, jump-start activities, recruit members, and network with other groups. The dates will be October 12-14, 2010. Atwood Theatre and Voyageurs Rooms are available for student groups to present their activities in the conference. Student groups can contact Nabila Feroz Bhatti bhna0901@stcloudstate.edu or Rebecca Matinda mare0902@stcloudstate for further details.



After screening the film “Wa’ani” discussants
Nabila Bhatti and Lisa Boynton discuss issues
of misogyny.

Discussants
Camaya Wallace
and Rebecca
Matinda
for the screening
of the film
“Taking Root”: The
Vision of Wangari
Maathai.



The Social Responsibility Club - Two Semesters of Making A Difference

By Neil Panchmatia, Vice President of SRC

The Social Responsibility Club (SRC) was founded in the Spring of 2009 by a group of students in the Social Responsibility program. The goal of forming a student organization by and for the students was to encourage a channeling of classroom education on social responsibility into real world action. The organization was formed with an underlying motivation that as individuals, we could all get together and put together our unique gifts and missions to make a difference in and out of campus and into our local communities. Since last semester, SRC has grown and developed into an organization that is both recognized and celebrated on campus for the work it has done so far.



This semester, the Social Responsibility Club celebrated its second successful semester in running. We began the semester under new leadership, and had a large team of new members join the club. In the Spring semester, the club focused its efforts on spreading awareness on the global fresh water crisis - and how it affected the SCSU campus. The SRC lead student-oriented events, such as 'Boycott the Bottle Day' and a 'Taste the Difference Challenge' to educate the public on the bottled water industry and corporate control of global water. In teaming up with a Minneapolis-based organization, 'Think Outside the Bottle MN' the club also conducted a signature petition for governor Pawlenty that encouraged local government to work against the privatization of Minnesota's water. The organization got extensive coverage in the University Chronicle and recognized by the local community for its efforts. This semester, SRC students followed up on these efforts to conduct a water fountain audit on campus that showed that students do not have access to clear, fresh water on campus at SCSU - and are thus forced to buy bottled water.

This semester, the organization also expanded its efforts to give back to the local community by conducting a winter coats drive for international students. A lot of international students arrive on campus at SCSU and have little knowledge or preparation for the harsh winter to come. A large portion of students cannot afford to buy thick winter coats to help them stay safe and warm through the winter. SRC heard about this problem on campus and teamed up with the Graduate Studies Office and the Center for International Studies to conduct a campus and community collection of gently used coats. These coats shall be given away to new and current students this December. SRC has received a lot of positive feedback, support and encouragement for this project - and we hope to make it an ongoing effort here at SCSU.

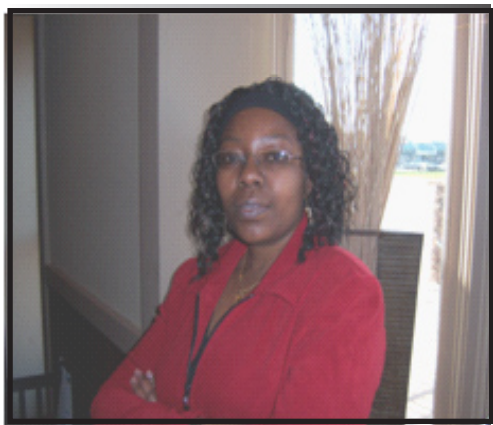
As we look forward to next semester, we welcome new members that have visions of different fields of global and social justice. We need to do our best to make a difference. Currently, we are considering new projects on HIV/AIDS and street children in Africa, cultural sensitivity workshops for local immigrant communities, fundraising for local food banks, and also conducting an awareness campaign on global human trafficking. SRC is a completely student-run organization, and we take great pride in that. This allows us to channel 'our' visions into action - and being part of an organization together allows us to understand ourselves as activists and grow as scholars. On behalf of the SRC, I welcome all new and current students to join us for a meeting, and consider joining the organization. I am very excited about all the new projects we are working towards, and all the change we can bring about together!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CLUB OR TO JOIN, PLEASE E-MAIL PANE0801@STCLOUDSTATE.EDU

Social Responsibility Course Offerings Spring 2010

Course Number	Course Title	Instructor	Days	Time	Credits
HURL 502-01	Genocide? AGAIN?	Tabakin	T	5:00-7:40	3
HURL 502-02	Islam and Politics in the Middle East	Slisli	W	5:00-7:40	3
HURL 508-01	Global Human Relations	Kellogg	W	6:00-8:40	3
HURL 511-01	Heterosexism	Hackman	TH	3:30-4:45	3
HURL 591-01	Change Agent Skills	Tademe	M	5:00-7:40	3
HURL 592-01	Practicum in Social Change	Tademe	M	7:40-8:30	1
HURL 622-01	Professional Writing and Reporting	Andrzejewski	W	2:00-3:40	2
HURL 682-01	Advanced Theory & Issues in HURL	Berglund/Magnuson	T	5:00-7:40	3
SOC 560-01	Social Problems, Practice and Policy	Scheel-Keita	MW	3:00-4:15	3
SOC 562-01	China and Globalization	Philion	W	6:00-8:40	3
SOC 679-01	Advanced Research Methods	Zuo	MW	4:30-5:45	3
WS 545-01	Women and Computers	Samuel	W	5:00-7:40	3
WS 515-01	Feminist Theory	Berila	MW	3:30-4:45	3
*WS 340-01	Global/Transnational Feminisms	Mwangi	M	5:00-7:40	3

*Students may arrange to take course as independent study at the graduate level.

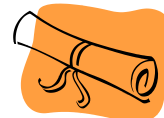


Neema William Jangu

I did my undergraduate studies in Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Dar es Salaam and graduated in June 2006. I joined St. Cloud State University in August 2006 for a Master's Degree in Social Responsibility and graduated in May 2009. Because of my interest in human rights and social justice issues, the Social Responsibility Program helped me enhance my knowledge base, develop further educational skills, and advance my competence in human rights and social justice issues. The two-year program in Social Responsibility helped me understand the interconnectedness between social justice and human rights at local and global dimensions. As a result the program helped me define my future career in social justice and human rights, not only by giving me a certain set of skills but also understanding the forces shaping inequalities, oppression and discrimination around the world. It is at this point where I decided to do my thesis on *The Impact of Structural Violence on HIV/AIDS in Tanzania*.

CONGRATULATIONS FALL 2009 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY GRADUATES!

- Sarah L. Anderson
- Neema W. Jangu
- Rebecca Jeyachandran
- Lwando Scott



FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Jiping Zuo, a Professor of Sociology and Co-Director of the Social Responsibility Program published an article, "Rethinking Family Patriarchy and Women's Positions in pre-socialist China". *Journal of Marriage and Family*, Vol. 71 (3), 542-557.

Dr. Jiping Zuo and Yongping Jiang (Women's Studies Institute of China) published a book in Chinese, Urban Women's Work and Family under China's Social Transition, 2009. Beijing: Contemporary China Press.

Final Project Panel

On January 20, 2010 the Social Responsibility Program will be holding a panel discussion addressing final projects at 4:30pm. The panel will take place in Stewart Hall room 208. Hope to see you there!

My study suggests that the existing programs addressing challenges associated with HIV/AIDS have not fully understood the root causes of the problem. Therefore, the programs responding to the HIV/AIDS crisis have not been successful. The funding agencies are missing the right intervention strategies that could reduce the magnitude of the problem. Most of the available projects focus on individual sexual behaviour and attitude change and there is no recognition of political and economic structures that influence the escalating and impact of HIV/AIDS in Tanzania. Dealing with HIV/AIDS requires dealing with all aspects on both micro and macro levels.

In September 2009, I started my PhD Studies in Sociology-Social Justice at the University of Windsor in Canada. I work as a Graduate Assistant for the Sexuality and Health Course, a 300 level course in the department of Sociology. Because of my interest on HIV/AIDS, the program offered me a scholarship of 21,000 Canadian dollars to further my thesis work on Sexuality and HIV/AIDS in Tanzania. I intend to extend my research on HIV/AIDS to focus more on Gender, Sexuality, and HIV/AIDS. The purpose is to create a framework of dealing with HIV/AIDS in Tanzania. In addition, the school has offered me other scholarships in the amount of 21,000 Canadian dollars per year, for about 4 years which covers tuition fees, living and other related expenses.

I encourage students in the program to keep up the hope of what they aspire to do, because "whenever there is a will, there is a way". There are opportunities and a lot of things that could be done out there, but it requires courage, determination and commitment to fulfill our goals!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Students may register for six credits of thesis work (SOC, HURL, WS 699) while zero credits are allotted for a starred paper or portfolio project.
- An advisor does not have to be a committee member for your final project.
- Core courses are offered only once a year and not during the summer.
- Students may choose their program and final project advisor.
- You may complete an internship for credits in the professional development section.
- You can take more than one course under Hurl 502 or Soc 562.
- The blue sheet is a guide for the program and must be filed out with the Graduate Studies Office; changes may be made with your advisor's approval.
- The graduation application must be submitted during the first two weeks of the semester before you plan on graduating.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2, 2009

THIRTY YEARS OF COMMITMENT, COURAGE AND CHANGE
SPEAKER: KAREN THOMPSON
ATWOOD MEMORIAL THEATRE
12:00PM - 1:00PM

DECEMBER 12, 2009

NGATHA DINNER
WAITE PARK LEGION
\$10 PER PERSON, \$5 FOR CHILDREN 7 AND UNDER, FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 2
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO NGATHA INTERNATIONAL
5:00PM - 8:00PM

JANUARY 27, 2010

ANIMENT ACTION VEGAN WORKSHOP
PRESENTER: MEAGAN HOLTGREWE
LAWRENCE HALL
4:00PM - 5:00PM

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