

January 21

The Politics of Choice: Motherhood by Choice, Not Chance (Film and discussion)

The Politics of Choice brings alive the history of the struggle for women's reproductive rights in the U.S.

Co-sponsored by Students for Choice in commemoration of the 36th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade

January 28

Addressing the Problem of Stalking

Learn about early strategies that initiated local awareness and change, coupled with statewide initiatives devoted to developing protocols to address the needs of victims and enhance safety.

Presenters: Deirdre Keys, Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project

Lee LaDue, Assistant Director/Coordinator of the Gender Violence Prevention Program, SCSU Women's Center

In commemoration of National Stalking Awareness Month

February 3, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.*

BOXERS- Film and discussion with documentary filmmaker, Joanna Kohler

Seven Women, One Team: An all-female amateur boxing team are putting in their mouth guards and changing the face of boxing. As they train to compete in the world's largest international boxing tournament, they find friendship and teamwork, but also have to face issues of violence, fear, and competition. BOXERS is the test of seven women forging their own story about the love of boxing, one round at a time.

February 4

BOXERS

This session will include film clips, plus a presentation by filmmaker Joanna Kohler and a member of the boxing team about the purpose, the passion and the people featured in Boxers.

A statement from Filmmaker and Presenter Joanna Kohler...

"BOXERS film project is a chance for me to explore images of women both physically strong and self-reflective. It was the universal story about finding relationships through the struggle for equal access that I felt was a story that should be told."

In commemoration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day

February 11

Self-Care for Activists

Panelists will share their professional and personal self-care experiences so that we can all begin incorporating positive ways to take care of ourselves in order to sustain healthy, meaningful and engaged lives.

Presenters: Marie Fisher, Women Center GA and Community Counseling graduate student

Icephine Johnson, Certified Nurse Practitioner, St. Cloud State University Health Services

Heather Smith, St. Cloud State University Elementary Education major and Outdoor Endeavors staff

February 18

Telling Stories to Create Change

This session will use different stories to show how women can impact change in our communities by changing the status quo of "unwritten rules" that causes women's work and leadership to go unnoticed.

Presenter: Dr. Patience Togo, Assistant Professor, St. Cloud State University Social Work Department

February 25

...Until eating disorders are history: Tackling poor body image, eating disorders and the media

Our presenters will explore media images of women and the impact from a feminist perspective; discuss characteristics associated with eating disorders; provide information about treatment options; and share suggestions for activism.

Presenters: Dr. Beth Berila, Director of the St. Cloud State University Women's Studies Program

Dr. Jayne Lokken, Licensed Psychologist, St. Cloud State University Counseling and Psychological Services

In commemoration of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

MAKING AN IMPACT: WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Spring 2009

Wednesday's, Noon to 1:00 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted)

Atwood Theatre

This *Women on Wednesday* series will highlight women whose passions, ideals, effective strategies, and hard work have netted social, economic and legal gains in society for women and girls. Please join the Women Center as we learn from a group of talented and committed women about the many ways to make an impact in our communities!

March 4

Grassroots Organizing for Global Change

This session will address the major challenge in the current era of globalization to raise global awareness of women's lives by connecting the local to the global, with a focus on NGATHA International in rural Kenya.

Presenters: Dr. Mumbi Mwangi, faculty, St. Cloud State University Women's Studies Program at St. Cloud State University and guests.

March 18

Strength from Broken Places: Women (re) construct a New Narrative in Post-genocide Rwanda

Our presenter will discuss her research that reveals that women's national and community-based organizing has charted new ways for peace in post-genocide Rwanda.

Presenter: Dr. Eddah Mutua-Kombo, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies at SCSU

March 25

Community Leadership to Empower Today's Girls

This presentation will outline the resources available in our community to help girls build the confidence, competence, and the skills they need to thrive in today's society.

Presenters: Geri Bechtold, Director of KIDSTOP Operations

Amanda Toppe, Recruitment Coordinator, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

April 1

Activism in the World of Art

This session will address gender and activism in the world of artistic expression.

Presenter: Tina Blondell, Artist

April 8

Challenging Racism in Our Community

Join our panelists for a discussion of local efforts and outcomes in the on-going struggle for racial justice.

Presenters: Noreen Dunnells, Chief Professional Officer, United Way of Central Minnesota

Adrece Thighman Nabe, Associate Director for Outreach in the office of Admissions at SCSU

April 15

Environmental Activism

With a focus on Earth Day, 2009, our presenter will talk about the future with the new government administration directives on energy, the environment and saving the planet.

Presenter: Annie Young, Environmental Justice Activist

April 22

Outside The Box: Affecting change in unexpected places, spaces and faces

We complete our series by highlighting the work of a woman who is exhibiting feminist leadership in creative ways, namely as a reproductive clinic escort and co-founder of a women's roller derby league.

Presenter: Tara Jensen, urban dweller, Unix system administrator, clinic escort, and skater

