This year’s theme emphasizes the joy and importance in recognizing women’s accomplishments. By honoring women’s courage and vision, we set a standard for ourselves and provide a beacon of inspiration for future generations.

March 2001
National Women’s History Month

Celebrating Women
of Courage & Vision

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Ending Female Genital Mutilation: One Woman’s Story
Agite Wadajo
Thursday, March 8
12:30 - 1:45 p.m., Atwood Theatre
Female Genital Mutilation, FGM, is a culturally-practiced medical procedure of female circumcision that has been intensively debated throughout the world. Adding to the complexity and controversy is the fact that women are the ones most likely to perform the surgery on girls, and women are the ones who have worked to end the practice. This presentation topic is being addressed by the Women’s Center for the first time. Join us for an examination of "Is it a ‘rite’ or is it a ‘wrong’?"

Wadajo has dedicated her life to women in need. She is a native of Ethiopia, a nurse, a midwife, and is now a Basic Leadership Fellow at the Humphrey Institute. In Ethiopia, Wadajo was national coordinator of the effort to eliminate Female Genital Mutilation. After moving to the U.S. in 1996, she established the International Self-Reliance Agency for Women (ISR). Their goal is to help women reach economic self-reliance and to bring positive change to their community and family.

International Women’s Day Ceremonial Reception and program
Thursday, March 8
3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Atwood Theatre Lounge

“Every 15 Seconds”
Ellen Reardon
March 19 - May 4
Atwood Ballroom Exhibit Cases

"Every 15 Seconds" is an art exhibit created to depict the horror and realities of battering and domestic violence. Common belongings such as car keys, kitchen towels and telephones have been transformed, visually, into tools of power and abuse. This is an exhibit sure to challenge, validate and educate.

Sponsored by the Visual Arts Committee of the University Program Board

Choosing Our Future, Celebrating Our Past: Women, Public Policy and Social Change
Sheila Wellstone
Thursday, March 22
2:00 - 3:15 p.m., Atwood Memorial Center

Women’s contributions to the daily work of carrying out this nation forward have often been unacknowledged and invisible in both public and private arenas. Wellstone will talk about women in history, and offer her perspectives on public policy, citizenship, and the realities of women’s lives.

Sheila I. Wellstone, working partner of U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone, is nationally recognized for her leadership as a domestic violence activist. She is a member of the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women and has long been committed to supporting women and their families who are working to escape violence in their lives.

Shaping History: Honoring Women’s Collective Voice
Sheila Wellstone
Thursday, March 22
5:00 - 7:00 p.m., D.B. Searles, second floor
Program begins at 5:30 p.m., Cost: $5.00

Wellstone will offer her views on the ways women of today are shaping the history of tomorrow.

Co-sponsors include the American Association of University Women, Task Force on Battering Women and the League of Women Voters. Call the Women’s Center at (320) 255-4958 for more information.

“I Wake Up Beautiful...And Other Fantasies”
Women on Wednesday
Wednesday, March 21
12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Atwood Theatre

Do feminism and a sense of humor go together? Contrary to popular belief, the answer is YES! Feminist funny-woman Mary Hicks will read from her new book “I Wake Up Beautiful...And Other Fantasies” and talk about feminist humor (not as eyeworn). If you believe in the power of humor and have ever questioned the status quo in relation to women’s status, this presentation is for you!

Mary Hicks is an author, columnist for the Minnesota Women’s Press, feminist humorist, and certification manager for the MN State Bar Association.

These events are funded, in part, by student activity fees.

March 1, 5-7
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Information Table, Atwood Lobby
Stop by for information on women’s history and women’s history month. Take a quiz on women’s suffrage! Register for fabulous prizes and more!

Choosing and Creating Cross-Cultural Friendships
Women on Wednesday
March 7, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Atwood Theatre

In celebration of International Women’s Day (March 8) and National Women’s History Month

Imagine how boring it would be if everyone in this world looked the same, ate the same food, thought the same way, spoke the same language and practiced the same religion. Diversity is what makes this world interesting and meaningful, yet many of us are still hesitant to interact with people who are different than we are. Why is this so and how can we change it?

A panel of women will share their experiences about the ways in which cross-cultural friendships, international studies, and travel have enriched their lives.

Co-sponsors of Women’s History Month 2001 include the University Program Board, Multicultural Student Services and Kibbo Visual Arts Center.

These events are funded, in part, by student activity fees.

Protecting Ourselves: Exploring Self-Defense for Women
Women on Wednesday
March 28
12:00 to 1:00 p.m., Atwood Theatre

Women’s interest in self-defense techniques is at an all-time high due to the high rates of violence directed against women. R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) is a nationally certified program of risk reduction, awareness, and physical self-defense techniques designed especially for women. The program involves mental and physical strategies that provide options for women to reduce their likelihood of being attacked or to survive an attack.

The University Program Board Visual Arts Committee spearheaded the effort to bring R.A.D. to SCU. Other co-sponsors include Multicultural Student Services, the Kibbo Visual Arts Center and the Women’s Center.

Pornography and the Media: Images of Violence Against Women
Gail Dines
Wednesday, March 28
7:00 p.m., Kimberly Ritchie Auditorium
This graphically powerful slide/lecture presentation focuses on the relationship between commercially produced images and real-world violence. Justifying photographs found in pornography with those found in the mainstream media, this presentation exposes the similarities between the two and the powerful effects these images have in our daily lives.

Dr. Dines, whose work has appeared in such publications as Time, Newsweek, and The Boston Globe, is an associate professor of Sociology and Women’s Studies at Wheelock College in Boston. She is the author of Gender, Race and Class in the Media and Pornography: The Production and Consumption of Inequality.

This event is a collaboration between the University Program Board’s Speakers Committee and the Women’s Center.

Connie Albert speaking on Hopi culture and Hopi women
Thursday, March 29
12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Atwood Theatre
Sponsored by the SCSU American Indian Center.