

## 25th Anniversary Year: Upcoming Highlights

### THIS YEAR MARKS OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY!!

CSW has countless achievements to its credit over the past 25 years, all made possible through the dedication and contributions of its former directors, affiliated faculty, students, staff, and supporters. This year, we are also celebrating several notable milestones and accomplishments:

- This summer, we completed our two-year Community Partnership grant with the June L Mazer Lesbian Archives, processing and digitizing five of their major collections and also facilitating an ongoing, long-term partnership between the Mazer and the UCLA Library.
- CSW's research project, Women's Social Movements in Los Angeles 1960 to 1999 (WSMALA), received generous funding from a donor and is currently under con-

sideration for a number grants, including a Haynes foundation grant.

- AY 2008-09, was the first year CSW launched the Irving and Jean Stone Graduate Student fellowship awards program, granting a recruitment fellowship to an incoming Women's Studies student and awarding five Dissertation Year Fellowships in collaboration with Graduate Division to students whose research focuses on our mission issues of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Issues.
- This year, CSW will be launching our Graduate Student Initiative that formalizes some of the services we already provide to graduate students and introduces some new programs. Details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the newsletter.

I hope you will all join us for CSW's birthday party. It will be held on February 22nd and will feature noted feminist historian Joan Scott, who will speak on the history and importance of feminist research centers and women's studies' programs. Her talk will be followed by birthday cake and dance music that specifically speaks to our feminist mission (think Aretha Franklin and M.I.A.).

Another anniversary highlight this year, of particular interest to graduate students, will be the plenary for Thinking Gender. Co-sponsored by the four ethnic studies research centers (each is celebrating their 40th anniversary), the plenary will feature graduate student papers on gender and ethnicity and a secret guest respondent (whose name we will reveal as soon as we get the event set up). And we will have an even larger venue this year so that there will be seating for everyone!

## FACULTY CURATOR SERIES



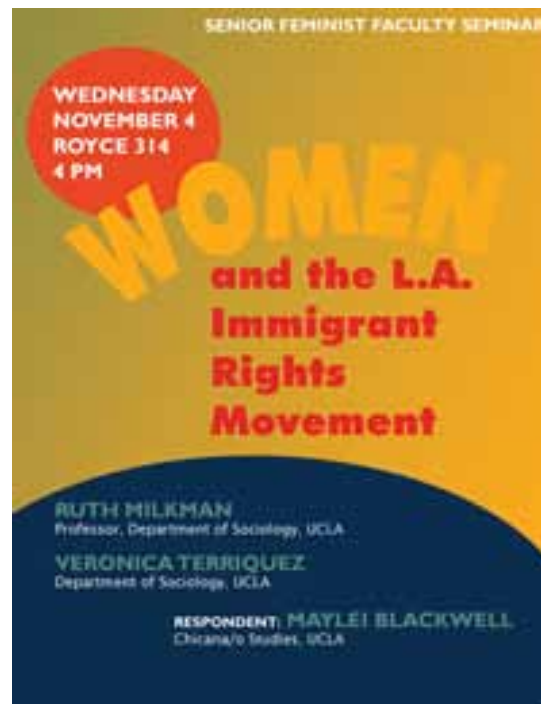
Faculty Curator: Abigail C. Saguy, Department of Sociology

In addition to these and other anniversary events, CSW will also have a speaker's series on "Gender and Body Size" in Winter quarter, guest-curated by Professor Abigail Saguy in Sociology which promises to be very exciting. We will also have two senior feminist

faculty seminars, the first, on November 4th highlighting the work of Professor Ruth Milkman on "Women and the LA Immigrant Rights Movement" and the second, in Spring quarter, featuring Professor Vivian Sobchack, whose title has yet to be determined, but will focus on Barbra Streisand.

As you can tell from this line up, we have a very exciting year planned. Please plan on joining us in our celebrations.

That's the good news. I hardly need to tell you that in addition to our celebrations this year, CSW also faces, as does every unit at UCLA, considerable challenges in confronting the state budget crisis. We are doing everything we can to advance our mission – which is as vital and necessary as at any time in the center's history. You can help by staying involved, paying attention to what is going on and letting your voice be heard. It is vital that we all act to protect the UC as a world-class public research university dedicated to access, public service, and diversity.



Here at CSW we have an important roll to play in that regard, and we are committed to contributing our part, and we look forward to your participation in that effort through the year.

— Kathleen McHugh