

## **Women's Month 2017**

### **Empowerment & Unity: Collective Voices in Action**

#### **Month-long exhibits/events**

March 1 – 31

Women in the Arts, Art + Architecture Library in 100 Cowgill Hall

A selection of books about women artists, architects, and activists from the Art & Architecture Library will be on display all month.

March 1 – 31

Remarkable Women Through History: Snapshots from Special Collections

Newman Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commons

An exhibit featuring the remarkable contributions of women throughout history, told through primary and secondary source materials from Special Collections at Virginia Tech.

March 3 – April 16

Electromagnetograms Exhibit

Perspective Gallery of Squires Student Center

Artists Jessie Mann and Liz Liguori, featured artists in the Perspective Gallery Biennial Student Art Exhibit, are both graduate students at Virginia Tech exploring the intersection of creativity and science through their fields of study with a specific focus on the abstract and physical properties of light.

#### **February 26-28, 2017**

The Vagina Monologues at Radford University

RSVP on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1229904000364958/>

Sunday, February 26 at 2:00pm

Monday, February 27 at 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00pm

The "Bonnie" Hurlburt Auditorium

Free and open to the public with donations suggested for the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley.

#### **March 1, 2017**

7:30pm in the Cube at Moss Arts Center Visiting Writers Series: Carmen Giménez Smith sponsored by the Department of English Visiting Writers Series

Carmen Giménez Smith is the author of a memoir and four poetry collections – including Milk and Filth, finalist for the 2013 NBCC award in poetry. With John Chavez, she edited Angels of the Americlypse: New Latin@ Writing published by Counterpath Press. A CantoMundo Fellow, she teaches in the creative writing programs at New Mexico State University while serving as the published or Noemi Press.

#### **March 1, 2017**

Read-In & Storytelling at the American Indian and Indigenous Community Center in Squires

RSVP on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/697079440459197/>

Sign-up to read/share here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XPrE0uBTf0bcshlcYmVPIXOhl182tJOjQwhQtv\\_EbY/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XPrE0uBTf0bcshlcYmVPIXOhl182tJOjQwhQtv_EbY/edit)

1:00 – 4:00pm in the American Indian and Indigenous Community Center (122 Squires)

#### **March 1, 2017**

Stories of GLOW (Girls Leading Our World) from Peace Corps Volunteers

6:30 – 7:30pm Graduate Life Center Room G

Around the world, Peace Corps Volunteers are working with communities to address gender equality and empower women and girls. Since the 1974 Percy Amendment, Peace Corps has actively integrated women into the economic, political, and social development of their countries. Volunteers work with host country women to collect and share their stories of trials and successes. At this event we celebrate these women via poems, video clips, and short essays.

### **March 2, 2017**

Ladies Boxing Night sponsored by Her Campus at Virginia Tech

9:00 – 10:30pm at Blacksburg Boxing and Fitness (115 S. Hill Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060)

\$15 per person (includes equipment rental)

### **March 3, 2017**

Exploring StrengthsQuest from a Gendered Perspective hosted by Strengths-Based Learning Initiatives and the Division of Student Affairs Self-Understanding and Integrity Committee

12:00pm in New Hall West Room 142

This event will be a dialogue where participants will be encouraged to draw out/represent how their strengths connect to their particular gender identity. As a group, individuals will have the opportunity to share, if they are comfortable and willing, personal stories of how they came to understand their strengths and live those in a gendered world. These individual reflections will then inform a larger discussion about strengths (both in terms of Gallup's 34 strengths and the idea of gifts/assets broadly). How do we determine what qualities are strengths and how do those align with gender norms, role and narratives?

### **March 4, 2017**

Monument Quilt Project Workshop sponsored by the Community Education Resource Collective (CERC)

10:00am – 4:00pm Workshop at the Floyd Friends Meeting House (1199 Christiansburg Pike, Floyd, VA 24091)

RSVP here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BH1-lt6OEuayX\\_l3A7cHqz0mBaty6GY2ig2H3QMPS3s/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BH1-lt6OEuayX_l3A7cHqz0mBaty6GY2ig2H3QMPS3s/edit)

### **March 9 – 12, 2017**

40<sup>th</sup> Annual Appalachian Studies Conference: Extreme Appalachia! at Virginia Tech

Full listing of events: <http://appalachianstudies.org/annualconference/files/2017-schedule-of-sessions.pdf>

### **March 13 – 31, 2017**

Monument Quilt on display at the Women's Center at Virginia Tech

9am – 5pm

The Monument Quilt is a crowd-sourced collection of thousands of stories from survivors of rape and abuse. By stitching our stories together, we are creating and demanding public space to heal. Quilt squares made during a workshop hosted in Floyd, VA will be available to view.

### **March 13, 2017**

“Paradoxical Treatment: Drug-Using Women's Navigations of Impossible Identities in Rural Appalachia”

lecture by Lesly-Marie Buer sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program

12 – 1:30pm in New Classroom Building Room 220

Stigmatizations of drug-using women are linked with public policies that decrease social services and criminalize women's drug use. Based on ethnographic research in rural Appalachia, this talk explores how women navigate these stigmatized identities when encountering state-funded treatment for substance abuse. With a focus on women's own stories, Lesly-Marie Buer examines how women's access to treatment is often dependent on their willingness to identify as "bad mothers."

**March 13, 2017**

Taking Action: Skills to Address Gender Equity and Improve the Gender-Climate in the Medical Field sponsored by the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine

5:00 – 7:00 PM

RSVP Here (must be a VT School of Medicine student):

[https://viriniatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eDOUas2jIYPJbiR](https://viriniatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eDOUas2jIYPJbiR)

**March 14, 2017**

Love, Loss and What I Wore

A play about women, clothes and memory by Nora Ephron.

7:30pm in Studio Theatre in Squires

Free and open to the public with donations suggested to the Women's Center at Virginia Tech.

**March 14, 2017**

Uncommon Faces Alumni Series featuring Midori Amai

6:30 – 8:30pm in Litton Reaves Room 1670

Midori Amai will speak to the community about her journey towards self-discovery and finding the key to liberating her mind from negativity, obstacles and trauma. Listen to Midori Amai, entrepreneur, Hokie Alum and Miss Black Virginia USA tell her story of how she decided to go from feeling empty to empowered through her mantra #PrayAndSlay.

**March 15, 2017**

Women in Natural Resources Lunch Panel

12:00 – 1:00pm in Cheatham Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Student Lounge

Women faculty, students, and alumni will discuss their experiences working in the natural resource fields.

**March 15, 2017**

Women's Alliance Social Gathering

5:30pm at Rivermill (212 Draper Rd. NW)

The Women's Alliance will gather at the Rivermill at 5:30 pm for dinner/drinks beforehand, then walk to the "Hidden Figures" screening sponsored by the Black Student Alliance together.

Please RSVP Chelsea ([clyles@vt.edu](mailto:clyles@vt.edu)) so we can anticipate the number of table/chairs needed for the social.

**March 15, 2017**

"Hidden Figures" screening sponsored by the Black Student Alliance

7:00pm in Haymarket Theatre in Squires

**March 16, 2017**

Women in STEM Career Panel sponsored by Career and Professional Development

A panel of women in STEM careers discussing their journeys, challenges, and highlights.  
6:00pm panel in Litton-Reaves 1670, Networking Reception to follow in Smith Career Center

**March 17, March 24, March 31**

Get On the Bus with VT Engage: Women's Resource Center service trips  
2:00 – 5:00pm, transportation to the Women's Resource Center provided  
RSVP here (up to 6 per trip): <http://engage.vt.edu/calendar.html>

**March 17, 2017**

Electromagnetograms Exhibit Reception featuring music by Kat Mills  
5:00 – 7:00pm in the Perspective Gallery in Squires  
A community gathering to celebrate Artists Jessie Mann and Liz Liguori and their exhibit  
"Electromagnetograms".  
Free and open to the public

**March 17 and 18, 2017**

(be)longing sponsored by the Moss Arts Center  
7:30pm in the Street and Davis Performance Hall's Anne and Ellen Fife Theatre  
\$25 general admission, \$10 students with ID and youth 18 and under  
More information and tickets: <https://www.artscenter.vt.edu/Online/article/belonging>

**March 18, 2017**

Talking Crap: What We Can Learn from Cheap Goods lecture by Dr. Wendy Woloson  
12:30 – 1:30pm in the Graduate Life Center Multipurpose Room  
\$20 registration fee for the conference as a part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives  
in History Graduate Conference.

**March 20, 2017**

Meeting of the Minds: Women in Judaism sponsored by the Multicultural Engagement Center  
12:00 – 1:30pm in the Multicultural Center (140 Squires)  
The "Meeting of the Minds on Mondays in the MCC" is a series of culturally relevant, timely and  
intersectional conversations hosted in the Multicultural Center. In recognition of Women's History  
Month and Jewish Cultural Month, join us for a conversation about the role of Jewish women in the  
home, in the community, and in the workplace.

**March 21, 2017**

Women's Month Connect Lunch for Graduate Students sponsored by the Graduate School Office of  
Recruitment and Diversity Initiatives  
12:00pm in the Graduate Life Center Room G  
To all graduate student women: we hear you loud and clear! Please come to a lunch hosted by the  
Graduate School to review the results of the Climate Survey and provide you opportunities to give  
feedback.

**March 21, 2017**

A Leadership Dialogue: Student Government Association Women Presidents from Virginia Tech  
sponsored by Family and Alumni Relations and the Leadership Education Collaborative in the Division of  
Student Affairs  
5:00 – 6:30pm in the Graduate Life Center Multipurpose Room

Please join Family and Alumni Relations and the Leadership Education Collaborative to learn from two former SGA women presidents about leadership lessons learned during their time at Virginia Tech. This interactive session will include panelist reflections, facilitated dialogue, and the opportunity to ask questions.

**March 21, 2017**

Department of Religion and Culture Film Series Presents “Mean Girls”  
6:00pm at the Lyric Theatre  
Free and open to the public.

**March 22, 2017**

Ladies Night in the Weight Room sponsored by Hokie Wellness and the Body Matters Project  
5:00 – 7:00pm in the McComas Hall Training Weight Room  
Ladies Night in the Weight Room is a chance for all female students, faculty and staff to experience the weight room in a comfortable, educational, and open setting. Female personal trainers will be available to answer any questions, guide you through workouts, and offer support.

**March 22, 2017**

REDYELLOWORANGE a keynote by Lesley Lokko  
7:00 pm in Hancock 100  
Lesley Lokko, architect, author and Head of the Graduate School of Architecture at the University of Johannesburg will give a keynote talk moderated by VT Faculty Sharone L. Tomer. Professor Lokko will sketch out a vibrant picture of African architecture and the African continent as it grapples with change.

**March 22, 2017**

A Seat at the Table, and A Microphone  
6:00pm in the Newman Library Multipurpose Room  
A dialogue on the experiences of women of color in the workplace sponsored by the Black Graduate Student Organization, the Women’s Alliance, and the Black Caucus at Virginia Tech.

**March 23, 2017**

Women and Gender in International Development Discussion Series presents “Unpacking Gender for Inclusive and Equitable Development: A Practitioner’s Perspective from Africa” featuring Dr. Batamaka Somé  
12:30 – 1:30pm in the Newman Library Multipurpose Room  
Dr. Batamaka Some, a male Gender Specialist and Anthropologist from Burkina Faso will be discussing his experiences in working with women and gender.  
Free and open to the public.

**March 23 and 24, 2017**

2017 International Archive of Women in Architecture Symposium  
10am – 5pm in the Art and Architecture Library (300 Cowgill Hall)  
The 2017 IAWA Symposium will feature panel discussions, speakers, workshops, and exhibits.

**March 27 – 31**

Body Matters Week at Virginia Tech

For a full list of events, go here:

[http://hokiewellness.vt.edu/students/programs/Campaigns and Signature Events/Body Matters Project and Body Matters Week/bodymattersweek.html](http://hokiewellness.vt.edu/students/programs/Campaigns_and_Signature_Events/Body_Matters_Project_and_Body_Matters_Week/bodymattersweek.html)

**March 27, 2017**

Ask a Professional sponsored by Body Matters Week at Virginia Tech, Hokie Wellness, and Schiffert Health Center

1:30 – 4:30pm in McComas Hall Lobby

A mini health fair where you will have the opportunity to chat with professionals in an informal and festive atmosphere about your eating attitudes, body image, healthy eating, and exercising. Giveaways, raffle prizes, and lots of great information. In the hallway leading to the McComas gym. This event is brought to you by the Cook Counseling Center.

**March 27, 2017**

“As We Forgive” screening sponsored by The River Church

7:00pm at the Lyric Theatre

The film is a 53-minute documentary about Rosaria and Chantal – two Rwandan women coming face-to-face with the men who slaughtered their families during the 1994 genocide.

Learn more here: <http://www.thelyric.com/event/as-we-forgive>

\$5 for tickets, open to the public

**March 27, 2017**

Collegiate Women in Business 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Power Panel

6:30pm in Old Dominion Ballroom in Squires

Collegiate Women in Business will host a panel with four professional VT alumni all working in different industries for different companies.

**March 28, 2017**

“The Hunting Ground” screening sponsored by It’s On Us at Virginia Tech

7:00pm in the West Ambler Johnston Junior Common Room

**March 28 and 29, 2017**

The Clothesline Project sponsored by Montgomery County NOW, the United Feminist Movement, The Women’s Center at Virginia Tech, and the Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley

9am – 5pm workshop at the Women’s Center

9am – 5pm display at the Drillfield (rain location in Squires Student Center)

Survivors of violence – and friends and families of victims – create shirts emblazoned with direct messages and strong illustrations. Over 580 shirts created in the New River Valley are hung side by side on clotheslines, educating the public about the scope of gender-based violence and the impact it has on individuals.

**March 29, 2017**

Black Liberation Talk: Cultural Impact of Body Images and its Effects on the Black Community

12:00 – 1:30pm in the Black Cultural Center in Squires

The Black Liberation Talk (BLT) series at the Black Cultural Center of Virginia Tech creates space to share lunch and discuss timely, pop-culture and social-justice related issues relating to the Black Community led by faculty, professors and community members. For Body Matters Week, our BLT will center body image issues and ideals within the black community and talk about the intersections of race, culture,

and mental health. Dr. Charlotte Amenkhienan and Dr. Virginia Jones of the Cook Counseling Center will lead the discussion. This event is sponsored by the Black Cultural Center and the Intercultural Engagement Center.

**March 29, 2017**

Women's Alliance Meeting

12:00 – 1:30pm in 310 Kelly Hall

The Women's Alliance, in solidarity with caucuses and other university and community allies, provides the Virginia Tech community a forum to achieve shared goals and promote opportunities for underrepresented groups.

**March 29, 2017**

Women's Month Selected Reading Book Discussion sponsored by the American Indian Indigenous Community Center (122 Squires)

5:30pm in the American Indian Indigenous Community Center (122 Squires)

15 free copies of the book "I am Woman: A Native Perspective on Sociology and Feminism" will be available. Claim a copy here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-K0IbWii-8z8R\\_cyxu\\_ToYHtMDZhL-fBUL6Nrq-mr5Q/edit?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-K0IbWii-8z8R_cyxu_ToYHtMDZhL-fBUL6Nrq-mr5Q/edit?pli=1)

**March 30, 2017**

"Embrace" screening sponsored by Body Matters Week at Virginia Tech, Hokie Wellness, and Schiffert Health Center

Doors open at 3:30, documentary starts at 4:00pm at the Lyric Theatre

"When Body Image Activist Taryn Brumfitt posted an unconventional before-and-after photo in 2013 it was seen by more than 100 million people worldwide and sparked an international media frenzy. EMBRACE follows Taryn's crusade as she explores the global issue of body loathing, inspiring us to change the way we feel about ourselves and think about our bodies."

**March 30, 2017**

Take Back the Night Rally and March sponsored by the United Feminist Movement

7:00pm at the Henderson Lawn Outdoor Stage (rain location in Graduate Life Center Auditorium)

This 28th annual rally and march raises awareness of gender-based violence, shares local resources, and gives individuals tools to help create positive change. Enjoy pre-rally music at 6:30 pm; the rally begins at 7 pm. People of all genders, ages, and other identities are encouraged to participate, either as individuals or as part of a group, in the rally and march through Virginia Tech and Downtown Blacksburg. Organizations are invited to bring signs or a group banner. Raise your voice to help lessen violence in our community. Together we'll Take Back the Night!

Free and open to the public.

**March 31, 2017**

Women in Agriculture and Life Sciences Panel Discussion sponsored by the CALS Diversity Council

10:00am – 11:30am in the Latham Ballroom at the Inn at Virginia Tech

5-6 alumni women will share their experiences, challenges, and lessons learned along their diverse career paths.

**March 31, 2017**

Body Project Workshop Series for Faculty/Staff Women sponsored by Hokie Wellness

11:30am – 1:30pm in McComas Room 143

A special offering of the Body Project Workshop Series (BPWS) for VT faculty and staff women. This is a two-part workshop series that helps women challenge personal body-related concerns, talk more positively about their bodies, and respond to future pressures to achieve the thin ideal. The BPWS is personally enriching, and participants can use the experience gained to help create a healthy, body-positive environment for sisters, daughters, friends, colleagues, and all women.

Participants attend two, two-hour sessions. Part 1 is on Friday, March 31st from 1130-130. Part 2 is on Friday, April 4th from 1130-130. Lunch will be served. The workshop setting is welcoming, encouraging, and friendly. **You MUST register online to attend**. Due to the very limited space in the workshop, please do not register if you cannot complete both sessions.