Dear students, colleagues, staff, and friends,

Welcome to Women’s History Month 2013! As each year’s Women’s History Month attends to the ways in which women and other marginalized groups strive to overcome inequalities, this year’s theme reflects the ongoing work of imagination and innovation that propels empowerment. Our theme, “Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Women in STEM and Humanities,” reflects the tenacity of women who contribute to the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and the humanities.

We invite you to our exciting Opening Reception on March 5th, at 3 p.m., in the University Room (BB 2.06.04), where we are thrilled to present Dr. Kristine Garza as this year’s keynote speaker. Dr. Garza, the executive director for The Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), will address avenues of mentoring and consciousness-raising for women in academics. At the reception, we will also honor our Advocate of the Year: San Antonio’s Girls Inc. We will recognize the extraordinary work of Rhonda Wilson Williamson, the Girls Inc. staff, and the girls of Girls Inc. who have been involved in science-focused programs such as Operation SMART and a girl’s engineering Lego League.

This year’s WHM calendar includes many inspiring events. To highlight a few: the girls from The Martinez Street Women’s Center Girl Zone join us again this year to showcase their artwork inspired by female scientists. Also, Dr. Andrea Tyler, Director for Graduate STEM Research at Tennessee State University will conduct an interactive lecture focused on increasing underrepresented populations in STEM fields, and later in the month, Dr. Elizabeth Travis, the Matie Allen Fair Professor of Cancer Research at M.D. Anderson, will discuss the success of women in the fields of math and science. We will also honor the work and poetry of Carmen Tafolla during a tribute later in the month. Our month culminates with the English Graduate Symposium on March 30th where Dr. Julia Serano, transgendered writer, musician, and spoken word artist, will deliver a keynote address.

This year we celebrate the 10th anniversary of UTSA’s Women’s Studies Institute! During the past decade, many people and organizations have contributed to WHM celebrations that have culminated in hundreds of events! We thank those at UTSA and in San Antonio who have generously supported us. As we look forward to WHM 2013, we thank those who are hosting the many speakers and performers. This year’s calendar attests to the collective efforts of faculty, staff, students, and organizations. Thank you for your ongoing energy and commitment!

Cheers!

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March 6, Wednesday
Perceptions of Social Support Networks and Climate in the Presence of Latinas Pursuing an Undergraduate Engineering Degree
1 p.m. • MH 3.04.G8
Dr. Rosa Banda discusses her research on support strategies that Latinas and underrepresented females utilize in persisting within engineering programs.

March 7, Thursday
Film: Killing Us Softly 4, Advertising’s Image of Women
9:30 a.m. • MB 2.222
Jean Kilbourne uncovers a steady stream of sexist and misogynistic images and messages in the media.

March 8, Friday
“But it’s a joke – I’m not sexist:” A Panel on Gender Equality
5 p.m. • UC 1.102
A panel of students, faculty, and staff address the presence of popular sexist language, slogans, jokes, images, and sentiments in our current world. Interactive discussion to follow.

March 10, Monday
A Tribute to Carmen Tafolla
3 p.m. • BV 1.338, UTSA Downtown
A tribute to Carmen Tafolla, San Antonio’s first poet laureate. Join us as we celebrate Tafolla’s work through poetry readings, a student presentation, music, and dance.

March 15, Wednesday
Feminism and Globalization Informational Event
10 a.m. • Sunshillla
UTSA's Feminism and Globalization class distributes information to raise awareness about global women’s issues, such as domestic violence, reproductive justice, global labor, and domestic work.

March 19, Tuesday
Women in Business: A Panel Discussion
9:30 a.m. • UC 1.102
Andrew Randt leads a panel of businesswomen, employed with a nationally recognized company, as they offer comments on women’s experiences in male-dominated business environments.

March 20, Wednesday
Gender Equity within the STEM Fields: Empowering Women in Science and Technology
3:30 p.m. • MB 2.316
Dr. Andrea L. Tyler, Tennessee State University Director for Women’s Initiatives, discusses diversity, equity, and empowerment within STEM.

March 21, Thursday
Film: “STRONG!”
9:30 a.m. • UC 1.102
Cheryl Hannaux, America’s top Olympic weightlifter, struggles to defend her champion status in a film that explores the contradiction of a body that simultaneously celebrated and shunned.

March 22, Friday
Toughfold
2 p.m. • UC 2.212
Dottie Lester, CEO of Lester Global Inc. and UTSA Alumni, discusses human trafficking and the industries reliant on modern day slavery. Lester answers questions regarding intersectionality, gender inequality, and youth exploitation.

March 23, Saturday
Girls Eye View, Martin's Street Women's Center Girl Zone
2 p.m. • BV 1.338, UTSA Downtown
Girl Zone artists from the Martin’s Street Women’s Center display their art inspired by female scientists. Local artist and scientist Lauran Bowers, who leads the project, will also speak.

March 24, Tuesday
Women in Science and Medicine: What Are We T alk… About Women Having It All? Female Professors at UTSA
2 p.m. • BB 2.06.04
UTSA faculty and administrators discuss being women with PhDs and working in higher education as they focus on hiring, tenure, and work/life balance.

March 25, Wednesday
Feminism and Globalization Informational Event
3:30 p.m. • MB 2.316
A panel of students, faculty, and staff discuss their GLBTQ experiences at UTSA, addressing the presence of popular sexist language, slogans, jokes, images, and sentiments in our current world. Interactive discussion to follow.

March 26, Thursday
Film: A Tribute to Carmen Tafolla
1 p.m. • MB 0.222
A film surveying GLBTQ characters in television while highlighting the tension that marks such identities.

March 27, Friday
Women in Science and Medicine: What Are We T alk… About Women Having It All? Female Professors at UTSA
2 p.m. • MB 2.222
UTSA students speak about their GLBTQ identities how such identities are represented in popular culture. Interactive discussion to follow.

March 28, Saturday
English Graduate Symposium: Technologies and Locales of Knowledge: An Interdisciplinary Symposium
1 p.m. • UC 1.102
A forum discussing the presence of popular sexist images and messages in the media.

March 29, Sunday
Women in Science and Medicine: What Are We T alk… About Women Having It All? Female Professors at UTSA
2 p.m. • UC 2.212
An interactive discussion to follow.

March 30, Monday
English Graduate Symposium: Technologies and Locales of Knowledge: An Interdisciplinary Symposium
1 p.m. • UC 1.102
A forum discussing the presence of popular sexist images and messages in the media.

March 31, Tuesday
Women in Science and Medicine: What Are We T alk… About Women Having It All? Female Professors at UTSA
2 p.m. • MB 2.222
An interactive discussion to follow.

March 31, Wednesday
Women in Science and Medicine: What Are We T alk… About Women Having It All? Female Professors at UTSA
2 p.m. • UC 2.212
An interactive discussion to follow.