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**Director’s Corner**

Greetings! As our days fill with brisk air, colorful leaves, and warm clothing, our fall term together comes to an end. I am excited by the possibilities that the next semester will bring, but even happier about the opportunities that the Women’s Center has provided to the campus community to promote awareness, advocacy, and action. In this newsletter, we proudly review some of the programs that we had over the past months, and highlight some of the wonderful interns we have as part of our Center.

The Women’s Center provides these opportunities through the support of a small, yet fierce staff, our Assistant Director, Cindy Vanzant and our Graduate Assistant, Lauren Ouwerkerk. Without their diligence and dedication, I would not be part of such a dynamic space and the Center would not function properly. So, I encourage you to visit our Center, and simply say “hi” or come to one of our many events.

I look forward to the rest of this semester, and many more to come.

Sincerely,

Nicole A. Carter, Ph.D.

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**Love Your Body Day**

Love Your Body Day was a collective combining of events that the Women’s Center hosted Wednesday, October 14th all day. The day began with the post it campaign that shared positive messages around body image, self-love and empowering others. The notes were posted all over offices in the Student Union, Millett Hall and a few bathroom mirrors to share the messages across campus.

While that program was going on all day the Women’s Center showed three films leading up to the Tracy Maxwell speaker co-sponsored with the office of Student Activities. Tracy shared a positive message of self-empowerment and the importance of positive thinking about oneself. Overall, the day was filled with positive messages to students, faculty and staff to truly love their body.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Vagina Monologues**
  - Friday, February 12 2016
  - 8p.m. Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center

- **Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality Symposium: “Gendered Bodies/ Gendered Lives”**
  - Friday, February 19 2016
  - Wright State University, Apollo Room, Student Union

- **Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day**
  - Wednesday, April 6 2016
  - Apollo Room, Student Union

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**Assistant Directors Corner**

Looking out my window and watching the leaves fall from the trees, I think about the change in weather and the need to wrap up warmly before going outside.Scarves, hats, coats, and boots are part of the new wardrobe to dawn, as the light summer clothes are put away and the heavier ones are rediscovered. This year, to help our WSU students additional warmth through the winter months, the WSU Service Knitting/Crocheting Circle has been making scarves of all widths and lengths for our “Scarf Frenzy,” to be held sometime in January 2016 (more details to come). So, grab a hot cup of tea, cocoa, or coffee and get ready to wrap yourself up in a book....... and a warm scarf.

Sincerely,
Cindy Vanzant

**Want to Support the Center?**

Every year, the Women’s Center advocates on the behalf of students, staff, and faculty. This work is done in part because of our supporters. To find out ways to support the Center through philanthropic efforts please visit our site at: https://www.wright.edu/multicultural-affairs-and-community-engagement/cultural-centers/womens-

**Womens Center Information**

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**Assistant Director:** Cindy Vanzant

**Graduate Assistant:** Lauren Ouwerkerk

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**Pop Up Activism**

The Pop-Up Activism Project is a new internship initiative through the WSU Women’s Center, bringing attention to women and minority issues as they happen. The project, which began in October, was named after pop-up shops, or flash sales, and are intended to saturate a space with information over a short timeframe. Pop-Up Activism has covered such issues as Trans Lives Matter, Senate Bill 214 and reproductive justice, and a Moment of Loudness for children and women of color who have been victimized by police brutality. The interns look forward to working in creative ways to start conversations throughout campus about issues that matter.

– Christina Luiggi, Women’s Center Intern

**Student Showcase**

After completing her Visual Communications degree from Sinclair, Andrea opened a photography business called Andrea Belle Studios. She is now attending Wright State to finish her Bachelor of Science in Psychology, with a concentration in Behavioral Neuroscience. After completion, she is going to enter a post-baccalaureate program to prepare her for medical studies. Andrea enjoys raising her two sons, coaching t-ball, books on tape while she’s commuting, dinner with her family, exploring Dayton, and finding parks with swings.

Andrea began interning with the Women’s Center because of her desire to help bring awareness to women’s issues in the campus & community. She is using her background in Visual Communications to help create content for their social media platforms and her photography to document activities and highlight the people connected with the Women’s Center. She considers the Women’s Center an important service to help educate students and finds support there as a single mother.