

March 11

**“Excising the Spirit: A Literary Analysis of Female Circumcision”**

Dr. Linda Strong Leek, associate professor of women’s studies, discusses her recently published book, *Excising the Spirit*, that documents both the history of female circumcision and the political controversy surrounding the cultural practice.

March 18

**“Through the Lens: Social Change and Documentary Photography”**

Sarah Hoskins, documentary photographer with exhibitions throughout the United States, shares her philosophy of social change through the use of photography. Today’s presentation focuses on her documentary work in Kentucky, including transition housing for women in prisons, and the Lexington African American community.

April 8

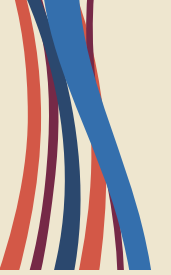
**“A Safe and Sustainable World: The Promise of Ecological Design”**

Nancy Jack Todd, vice-president of Ocean Arks International, and editor of environmental journal *Annals of Earth*, discusses her recent book, *A Safe and Sustainable World*. Her pioneering efforts call on the principles of ecological design to meet basic human needs of food, shelter, and energy. *Co-sponsored with SENS.*

April 22

**“Certain Choices”**

Playwrights Trish Ayers, Linda Caldwell, Sidney Saylor Farr, Mary Owens, Betty Peterson, and Brenda K. White perform their collaborative piece, “Certain Choices.” This play, created during the Advanced Kentucky Women Playwrights’ Seminar led by Trish Ayers, explores the times that women had opportunities to choose positive power.



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## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

### GWS Film Series

Films will be shown at 7:00 p.m. at Gaines Center's Bingham-Davis House, 218 E. Maxwell Street.

### March 4

#### "My Home, Your War"

Introduced by Ban Al-Attar, MA in UK Public Health and Diane King, Anthropology Department.

### March 31

#### "Bringin In Da Spirit"

Introduced by Rynetta Davis, English Department.

### Special Events

### February 27

#### "Beyond 'Eating Disorders': Why We Need to Re-think Everything We Thought We Knew"

2:00 p.m. Young Library Auditorium

Susan Bordo, Director of Gender and Women's Studies and Singletary Endowed Chair for the Humanities.

### March 2-5

#### Gender and War Series

Co-sponsored by Transylvania WS and GWS/UK

March 2, 4:00 p.m. Room 230 New Student Center Addition, UK

Anna Froula (East Carolina State University)  
"Visualizing American Women at War."

March 5, 4:00 p.m. Room 211 new Student Center Addition, UK

Francie Chassen-Lopez (Professor and Chair, UK History Department) "Women, War, and Body Politics in Nineteenth Century Mexico."

### March 11

#### "Is There Life after Graduate School?"

Mini Conference 1:30-5:30, Room 211 New Student Center Addition

1:30-3:00 UK PhDs Present Their Research:

Ann Ciasullo (Gonzaga University) "Sex and the City's Carrie Bradshaw and Twilight's Bella Swan: Heroines for a Postfeminist Era?"

Bernadette Barton (Morehead State University) "You'd Be Better Off Sleeping with Whores: Family Responses to Homosexuality in the Bible Belt."

Cheryl Hopson (Roanoke College) "The Maternal Question: Twenty-First Century Thoughts on Black Feminism and Motherhood."

4:00-5:00 Panel Discuss: "Is There Life after Graduate School?," with Ann Ciasullo Bernadette Barton and Cheryl Hopson.



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### March 3

#### "Why Paying Attention to Women Makes Us Smarter about the Iraq War"

4:00 p.m. Room 102 Cowgill Building

Cynthia Enloe (Research Professor of International Development and Women's Studies at Clark University)



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### March 25

The University of Louisville Women's and Gender Studies Department is pleased to bring filmmaker Anayansi Prado to campus for the 2009 Minx Auerbach Lecture. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Speed Museum.



## EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY



### February 21-28

#### Vagina Fest

Powell Lobby, Kenamer and SSB Auditorium

Days of yoga, meditation, movement, tabling, gynecological health, safe sex workshops, healthy food, male and female dialogues about consent and intimate partner violence, etc.

### February 26, 27, 28

#### "Vagina Monologues"

8:00 p.m. 2/26 and 2/27; 3:00 p.m. 2/28

SSB Auditorium

Tickets, \$5.00 for students, \$10.00 for general admission

### March 3

#### EKU Drag Show

7:00-10:00 p.m., SSB Auditorium

Sponsored by P.R.I.D.E. Alliance and WGS

### March 18

#### Women's Her/Story Conference: Student and Faculty Presentations and Panels

11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Keen Johnson Walnut Hall

Keynote speaker: Nikki Giovanni

Reception 5:00 p.m.

Lecture 6:00 p.m. SSB O'Donnell

### March 23

#### Cowan Women

4:00 p.m. SSB Auditorium

### March 25

#### Take Back the Night

6:00 p.m. ECU Ravine

### April 22

#### Rock against Rape

6:00 p.m. ECU Ravine

April 24, 25, 26

#### Come Together Kentucky

A weekend of concerts and events

### April 25

#### Magdalen Hsu

Concert and workshop by performer/Musician and Multicultural Speaker.



## BEREA COLLEGE

### Peanut Butter & Gender Lecture Series

204 Phelps Stokes – 11:55-12:55 – lunch provided free and open to the public

### February 26

#### "Fabric, Flames and Fervor: Girls of the Triangle"

Looking for Lilith Theatre Company will perform segments of their latest work based on the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire of 1911 in New York City. This play explores the lives of women and girls who were killed in the garment factory fire, the ensuing trial against the owner and how the labor rights movement was galvanized by this event.

### March 5

#### "Women and the World Food Crisis"

Dr. Vandana Shiva, physicist, environmental activist, author, and one of the world's most dynamic thinkers, discusses the role of women in the struggle for food sovereignty across the globe. *Co-sponsored by Convocations. Dr. Shiva speaks at 3:00 Convocation in Phelps Stokes Auditorium.*