ENGAGING OUTSIDE THE CAMPUS: HOW IS ACTIVISM AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FEMINIST?

A Panel Discussion
Monday, November 25
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The Leadership Scholars Certificate Program is a two-year selective, interdisciplinary certificate program that prepares Rutgers undergraduate women to be informed, innovative, and socially responsible leaders.

Leadership Scholars design and implement social action projects to expand their understanding of issues and problems and to develop leadership skills.

This project gives Scholars the opportunity to apply the theoretical knowledge they have gained about leadership, advocacy, and social change with the practical and experiential knowledge they have developed about a particular policy issue or problem through the field site placement. It also further develops leadership skills by giving undergraduates the opportunity to practice leadership through action.

To find out more please visit the Institute for Women’s Leadership’s website at [http://iwl.rutgers.edu](http://iwl.rutgers.edu).
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Join in a feminist discussion on activism and community service and gain valuable advice from professional women.

Food will be provided.

Panel Speakers:
16 Days Coordinator: Zarin Hamid
Coordinator of Professional Training: Lynn Kelly
Women Aware: Erin MacGuire
AmeriCorps Bonner Food Security Team Leader: Erin MacGuire
Water Watch Campaign Manager: Kaitlin D'Agostino

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7-9pm
Rutgers Institute for Women’s Leadership
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162 Ryders Lane
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
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29 Nov - 10 Dec
http://16days.cwgl.rutgers.edu
Rutgers students are involved in community service in New Brunswick.
Rutgers students are heavily involved in activism.
Problem = not enough opportunity to critique and discuss this through a feminist lens.

Community Service
Panel discussion by professionals and students engaged in activism and community service.

Defining feminism, activism, and how to think critically about your work.

Inspire and educate students to pursue their passion.

Provide resources for further action.
Benefits of Service

- Research points to clear educational, professional, and emotional benefits for students.
- Women who are involved in service are more civically engaged.
- Reflection and critical analysis takes time but is crucial to ensure that students develop their service understanding.
Local activism is being propelled by international campaigns to have an impact in the global arena.

16 Days Campaign is an example of how women involved locally can and do have a global reach.

Inspire women to be critical feminists with their own voice and perspective.
SOCIAL ISSUE ADDRESSED

- How advocacy is helping to raise awareness about violence against women locally and globally.
- Civic Engagement and its benefits.
LESSONS ABOUT LEADERSHIP

- Meaningful leadership is working towards goals, supporting and developing others to become leaders, and ultimately its about inspiring others through action.
- Experience in the area of work and having an open minded and inclusive approach produces better results.
- Clear communication and assessing your groups needs is essential.
PHOTOS TAKEN

- 16 Days Campaign Facebook page.
- Bonner Leader Program Facebook page.
- http://tinyurl.com/ne9a4g8- New Brunswick Map photo.


Scanlon, Jennifer. “Keeping our activist selves alive in the classroom: Feminist pedagogy and political activism” Feminist Teacher. 1993 Web