Women and Gender Studies Information and Topic Files

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**Purpose of Thesis:**

The Women and Gender Studies Program not only houses the Women Studies minor and sponsors extracurricular events but also maintains a Resource Center. Because of the presence of the center, and in fact by the nature of the program itself, students and faculty often turn to Women and Gender Studies for information on various topics of concern to women. To facilitate retrieval of information, I have begun laying the foundation for information and topic files. These topic files, considered a work-in-progress, always open to new and updated information, serve as a ready-reference area where students, faculty and community members may come to find answers to their questions and find the references they may need. They are currently located in North Quad 115, the Women and Gender Studies Program Resource Center. A list of current headings follows.
OUTLINE OF CURRENT TOPICS:
As of 5/96

1995 UN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN--Beijing
AIDS
AGE
  Elder Abuse
  Health
  Marital Status
  Poverty & Personal Finance
ART
CANCER
  breast
  cervical
  ovarian
  lung
  prevention
  other
CHILD CARE
  general information
COMMUNICATION
  inclusive/exclusive language
  language and sexual orientation
  references: gender and talk
COSMETICS/COSMETIC SURGERY
DIVORCE
  alimony
  child custody, child support
  laws
  possible grounds
  property division
EATING DISORDERS/DIETING
EDUCATION
  athletics
  campus environment: safe space, chilly climate
  classroom success by women faculty
  standardized testing bias
  sexual relations, sexual harassment in schools
  encouraging discussion by women
  equitable treatment of boys and girls
  scholarship and grant info
  statistical information
FAIRY TALES
  feminist interpretation
FEMINISM
  androgyny
backlash
creation of patriarchy
pedagogy
references in
rejecting the label
research methods
types

FILM
female buddy movies
film reviews
coming of age films
on prostitution
on women's issues

HEALTH
disabilities
drug, alcohol abuse & smoking
heart disease
hysterectomy, mastectomy
mental health
menopause, menstruation, PMS
osteoporosis
sexually transmitted diseases
WHO publications

HISTORY
HOMELESSNESS & POVERTY
Welfare

INTERNATIONAL ISSUES
general information
genital mutilation
infanticide
women in foreign politics
women's rights in other countries

INTERNET
feminist list addresses
addresses of congress members
media addresses
in the classroom

LAW
women in the legal profession

LEADERSHIP & EMPOWERMENT
women in authority
empowering young girls

MEDIA
biases
discrimination within the field

MEN'S STUDIES
MILITARY
laws restricting women, treatment of women in the military, military education
women in the military

POLITICS
Equal Rights Amendment
gender gap in voting patterns
women in state, local, and federal gov't
political action committees

POPULATION STATISTICS

RACE
women of color and identity
feminism and multiculturalism
women of color in the academe
backlash by men of color against women of color

RELIGION

REPRODUCTION & CHILDBIRTH
general
abortion, RU-486
adoption
birth control, sterility, infertility
childbirth methods, breast feeding
motherhood
Planned Parenthood and other clinics

PSYCHOLOGY
women and the APA, women as psychologists, treatment of women’s issues by the APA

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
in education, women as professionals

SEX INDUSTRY
prostitution, pornography

SEX/SексUALITY

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

SEXUAL ORIENTATION
legislation
discrimination

SUFFRAGE
175th anniversary: 1995
general information

VIOLENCE & SAFETY
self defense
child abuse/molestation
domestic violence
help for/info on violent men
rape/sexual assault
screening for violent injuries
women criminals, women in prison

**WOMEN AND WORK**
- business professions
- glass ceiling
- occupational information, pay equity
- sexual/pregnancy discrimination

**WOMEN/GENDER STUDIES**
- at Ball State
- strengthening the core of a program
- references in curricula
- syllabi
- not alienating men, readings for men
- dealing with conservative students

**Sources:** Information came from a variety of courses, all of which are labeled accordingly. Sources include, but are not limited to: WMST-L archives on the internet, various World Wide Web pages, pamphlets and brochures from area service agencies, newspaper articles from Muncie, Alexandria, Ft. Wayne, etc., magazine and journal articles, student research and feminist statistical source books.