From the Coordinator

As we continue to deliver our services remotely this spring semester, we are extremely grateful for your continued interest, participation, and support of the Women & Gender Studies program.

This past year has been extraordinary and like many, we continue to face unexpected challenges and losses. At the beginning of this term, we lost our full-time Program Specialist position, which has adversely impacted our program. As we pivot, we remain committed to offering expectational educational events about local and world issues that impact our students, college and community.

We invite you to peruse the rest of this newsletter to learn more about our Inspiring Women Leader - Charlie Kahn-Lomax, upcoming events, student resources and to take the Its On Us Pledge to End Sexual Assault.

Warm regards,
Marjorie Clark
Inspiring Women Leaders

For the past 21 years, Charlie Kahn-Lomax has been a fierce advocate for students, access, diversity and gender equity at EVC. Her commitment to student success and social justice is evident in the leadership roles she has always assumed at EVC.

As a founding member of the EVC Women & Gender Studies (W&GS) program, Charlie currently serves as the Co-Chair of the W&GS Advisory Council. As a woman of color, Charlie is keenly aware of the intersection of gender and race and skillfully weaves her knowledge and experiences into her Introduction to Women & Gender Studies and African American Culture courses that she teaches at EVC. In addition to teaching, Charlie works as a fulltime Counselor/Coordinator for the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) at EVC. She serves on the Matriculation Task Force, EOPS Region 4 Scholarship Committee and is a scholarship reader for EVC Financial Aid and Scholarship program. Charlie also serves as an Advisory Board member for the EVC Umoja Affirm program and has also served for over a decade on the EVC Academic Senate.

Having a strong connection to her community and keeping abreast of national issues on race and gender is of great importance to Charlie so she remains an active member of the Association of American University Women (AAUW), National Organization for Women (NOW). The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). National Council of Negro Women, (NCNW) and the African American Community Service Agency (AACSA) in San Jose.

Of all of her numerous accomplishments Charlie is most proud of her daughter who has followed in her footsteps and works in education with special needs students in the Campbell Union School District.
Its On Us Pledge

We urge our college community to combat sexual assault by taking the ITS ON US pledge today.

Upcoming Events

Movies for Mental Health (Online) is a 2-hour virtual workshop that uses the power of film to unite folks in community, connection, and conversation. Register at bit.ly/evc-m4mho.
THINGS MEN CAN DO TO PREVENT GENDER VIOLENCE

1. Approach gender violence as a MEN’s issue involving men of all ages and socioeconomic, racial and ethnic backgrounds. View men not only as perpetrators or possible offenders, but as empowered bystanders who can confront abusive peers.

2. If a brother, friend, classmate, or teammate is abusing his female partner -- or is disrespectful or abusive to girls and women in general -- don’t look the other way. If you feel comfortable doing so, try to talk to him about it. Urge him to seek help. Or if you don’t know what to do, consult a friend, a parent, a professor, or a counselor. DON’T REMAIN SILENT.

3. Have the courage to look inward. Question your own attitudes. Don’t be defensive when something you do or say ends up hurting someone else. Try hard to understand how your own attitudes and actions might inadvertently perpetuate sexism and violence, and work toward changing them.

4. If you suspect that a woman close to you is being abused or has been sexually assaulted, gently ask if you can help.

5. If you are emotionally, psychologically, physically, or sexually abusive to women, or have been in the past, seek professional help NOW.

6. Be an ally to women who are working to end all forms of gender violence. Support the work of campus-based women’s centers. Attend "Take Back the Night" rallies and other public events. Raise money for community-based rape crisis centers and battered women’s shelters. If you belong to a team or fraternity, or another student group, organize a fundraiser.

7. Recognize and speak out against homophobia and gay-bashing. Discrimination and violence against lesbians and gays are wrong in and of themselves. This abuse also has direct links to sexism (e.g. the sexual orientation of men who speak out against sexism is often questioned, a conscious or unconscious strategy intended to silence them. This is a key reason few men do speak out).

8. Attend programs, take courses, watch films, and read articles and books about multicultural masculinities, gender inequality, and the root causes of gender violence. Educate yourself and others about how larger social forces affect the conflicts between individual men and women.

9. Don’t fund sexism. Refuse to purchase any magazine, rent any video, subscribe to any Web site, or buy any music that portrays girls or women in a sexually degrading or abusive manner. Protest sexism in the media.

10. Mentor and teach young boys about how to be men in ways that don’t involve degrading or abusing girls and women. Volunteer to work with gender violence prevention programs, including anti-sexist men’s programs. Lead by example.

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Women & Gender Studies

Sexual Assault Resources and Events

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network Free Confidential 24/7 Hotline 800-656 HOPE

English and Spanish 24/7 Support Hotline 800-572-2782

Bay Area Women Against Rape

Click for more information

Bay Area Women Against Rape
Hotline 510-845-7273

Nonprofit providing leadership and resources for sexual assault prevention

Click for more information

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Click for more information

April is Child Abuse Prevention & Sexual Assault Awareness Month

All workshops are FREE register here: bit.ly/EliminateRapeCulture

April 6, 2021
SAAM Day of Action
Download the SAAM coloring page, color it, use it as a conversation starter to talk about rape culture and consent. Tag @yourywca and use #dismantlerapuculture to enter our drawing. One lucky winner will win a Nirvana Soul $25 giftcard. Drawing will take place April 20. bit.ly/SAAMColoring

April 8, 2021
6PM Sexual Assault 101 Workshop
Learn and discuss the myths & facts related to Sexual Assault, explore how rape culture perpetuates violence, and learn how to support a survivor of sexual assault.

April 13, 2021
6PM Child Abuse Prevention Parent Workshop
Learn the statistics, definitions, and indicators of child sexual abuse, risk reduction techniques we can implement, and ways we can respond to disclosures of abuse.

April 15, 2021
6PM Children's Stortime: Some Secrets Should Never Be Kept
A book reading about unsafe touching, bribes, and secrets, followed by a child abuse prevention workshop for children (ages 3-10).

April 20, 2021
(Re)Imagine: Our Community Free from Sexual Violence
A panel that brings community activists, community dreamers and community members together to envision a new community free.

April 27, 2021
6PM How Can We Talk About Sexual Assault if We Can’t Even Talk About Sex?
A panel about what our cultures teach us about sex and our bodies, and what it means to change the conversation around sex so we can better talk about sexual assault.

April 28 is Denim Day!
Make a social statement by wearing jeans on this day as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence. Take a picture and post it on Instagram. Tag @yourywca and use #denimday.

End Chichina Culture
Dismantle Rape Culture Embrace Consenting Culture

Click for more information
The mission of EVC Womyn For Womyn Mentoring program is to cultivate meaningful mentoring relationships that provide female-identifying students and employees with resources for personal growth, support, career development, and leadership opportunities at EVC, in business, and beyond.

Womyn For Womyn Mentoring Program

Apply to become a mentor or mentee using the buttons below

MENTOR  MENTEE

Applications
Mentors: https://tinyurl.com/w4wmentor
Mentees: https://tinyurl.com/w4wmentee

Abelow, Yvette
Anderson, Caritha
Banerjee, Sravani
Burnham, Cynthia
Calvo, Judith
Clark, Marjorie
Dorais, Catherine
Gendler, Helen
Giles, Katharine
Goka, Margaret
Gonzales, Mark
Hahn, Robin
Kahn-Lomax, Charlie
Huma, Saleem
Kramer, Elizabeth
Lujan, Lori
Martian, Cam
Narveson, Eric
Nava, Elizabeth
Rahim, Nasreen
Salak, Robin
Thekkiam, Sruthi
Tyrrell, Elizabeth
Vasquez, Elizabeth
Vora, Roohi
Wambach, Nancy
Zeiszler, Nancy
Scholarship Opportunities

Women & Gender Studies Scholarship

**DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

**ONE $300 SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE**

**SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**
- Major: Any
- Minimum G.P.A.: 3.0
- Completed EVC Units (minimum): 12 with at least one course in Women’s and Gender Studies
- Current units enrolled at EVC: 6
- Required units to be enrolled in upcoming semester: 12 units at EVC
- Essay topic: Explain the skills, knowledge and support you believe women need to succeed in the 21st century society?

**Deadline May 2, 2021**

Click for more information

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AAUW Annual Scholarship

**NOW AVAILABLE**

**Annual Scholarship for Qualified Women**

2021 scholarship amounts range from $3,000 to $5,000

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**
- Women who have a principal address in Campbell, Milpitas, Santa Clara or San Jose, California
- Completion of two full years of study at an accredited college or university
- Acceptance from a four-year institution as a junior or senior, Fall 2021
- Minimum GPA of 3.0

Qualified finalists will be interviewed by the AAUW San Jose Local Scholarship Committee

Application Deadline: Online: April 15, 2021, 11:59 pm PT or Postmarked by April 15, 2021

For more information contact Ruth Dusan at scholarships@aauwsanjose.org

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Evergreen Valley College Scholarships

**Spring 2021 Scholarship Applications NOW OPEN**

**Deadline to apply: May 2nd, 2021**

https://tinyurl.com/EVCScholarships

Click for more information
The CalFresh Program, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), issues monthly electronic benefits that can be used to buy most foods at many markets and food stores. The CalFresh Program helps to improve the health and well-being of qualified households and individuals by providing them a means to meet their nutritional needs.

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