Welcome to the second edition of Got Gender?, the official newsletter of the Women's & Gender Studies program at UT-Arlington. I am looking forward to the 2015-2016 academic year as the Women's History Month Lecture Series marks its 30th anniversary. Our theme, which will be celebrated year-long, “Remembering the Past, Embracing the Future,” commemorates our program’s history and celebrates another milestone of the Women’s and Gender Studies program at UT Arlington. The program began in 1991 under the direction and leadership of Dr. Kathleen Underwood (1991-1994) and experienced numerous advances under the direction of Dr. Dana Dunn (1994-1997), Dr. Beth Anne Shelton (1997-2010), and Dr. Desiree Henderson (2010-2014). These advances included, but are not limited to, the creation of the Introduction to Women’s Studies course in 1997, the establishment of the Friends of Women’s Studies luncheon in 1997, the sponsorship of Expanding Your Horizons (1997-2010), a workshop designed to nurture young women’s interest in mathematics and science, the name change to Women’s & Gender Studies in 2011, the hosting of Lunafest, films by, for, and about women in 2011, and the creation of the Introduction to Gay and Lesbian Studies course in 2013.

This past year marked my first as Director of the program. We accomplished a number of things. In spring 2015, we launched the graduate certificate in Women’s & Gender Studies, an interdisciplinary program that advances knowledge and research in the fields of women’s and gender studies and demonstrates students’ understanding of the issues related to women, gender, and sexuality that have shaped social structures, institutions, and identities across human history. It is worth noting that UT Arlington is the first major public institution in North Texas to offer a graduate certificate in Women’s & Gender Studies. This fall, students pursuing the graduate certificate will have the opportunity to select from five graduate courses that focus on gender issues!

Our Women’s & Gender Studies minors remain steady. Currently, we have 27 undergraduate minors. In fall 2015, these minors and other students across campus will have the opportunity to take 19 cross-
listed courses in Women’s & Gender Studies. In addition, we have over twelve community partners that provide internship experiences for our students. This past year, I secured two new internships with BrandEra Marketing and the Bethesda Senior Living Community. In fall 2014, a student interned with Planned Parenthood, one of our most popular internships. In spring 2015, I developed an on-campus internship housed in the Women’s & Gender Studies office. The on-campus internship was developed to enhance the overall student experience and knowledge of the Women’s & Gender Studies program and to provide students without transportation with an internship experience. In April 2015, three of our Women’s & Gender Studies minors were awarded $1,000.00 scholarships, courtesy of the Junior Woman’s Club of Fort Worth Endowment to the Women’s & Gender Studies program. The winners included Christina Carney, India Garms, and Taylor Long.

Throughout the year, we hosted several events (Women in the Americas Lecture Series, Lunafest, Women’s History Month Lecture and Film Series, Open Houses) that sought to engage the broader Arlington and DFW communities. Our academic year culminated with a high school STEM workshop for girls that focused on bridging the gender gap in STEM. Fourteen teenage girls participated in an all-day workshop that featured keynote speaker, Janeen Uzzell (General Electric), a Lego activity led by the Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS), and talks by Dr. Lee Ann Frederick (Assistant Professor in Practice, Department of Biology), Stephanie Jacob (nursing major, UTA), and members of WTS. This workshop was made possible with the support of corporate and community sponsors such as BNSF Railway, General Electric, AAUW, and the Melting Pot as well as the collaboration between the Women’s & Gender Studies program and Adrienne Williams from WTS.

The 2015-2016 program year promises to be just as exciting and engaging. Please join us at the Women in the Americas Lecture Series. This fall’s talk will be led by Dr. Lori Celaya, Assistant Professor of Spanish at the University of Idaho. She will discuss, “Human Trafficking at the US-Mexico Border and the Role of the Commercial Sex Trade Client” on September 23, 2015 from noon-1 in the University Center (Neches). Her talk is co-sponsored by the Center for Mexican American Studies and the Department of Modern Languages.

Provost Post-doctoral Fellow Dr. Whitney Peoples will chair the Women’s & Gender Studies regional symposium, “Minding the Field: Exploring and Expanding Women’s and Gender Studies in North Texas.” The symposium will highlight cutting edge research in Women’s and Gender Studies programs at the faculty, graduate and undergraduate levels. The symposium will be held on October 29, 2015 in conjunction with our annual women’s film festival, Lunafest. For more information on the symposium, go to page 6.

I look forward to our upcoming 2016 Women’s History Month Lecture Series (“Remembering the Past, Embracing the Future”). Our keynote speaker is expected to be Amy Richards, nationally known feminist activist, scholar and author of Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and the Future and Opting In: Having a Child without Losing Yourself. I look forward to seeing all of you during the upcoming program year. Please stop by our Open House on Friday, September 18th, UH 205 12-2pm.
Research inquiries related to the intersection of journalism and gender marked my starting point and primary area of study in the field of journalism and mass communication. Throughout my time in academia, however, my interests have broadened in distinct ways, resulting in the production of research in interrelated areas. Along with continuing to critically examine women in relation to the practice and history of journalism, more recent work also investigates the evolution of journalism in our rapidly changing media environment and questions what these technological and structural changes mean to democracy and civic engagement within the context of marginalized groups — specifically, women and racial and ethnic minorities. At the most basic level, all of my research investigates the role of mass media in establishing and reinforcing hierarchies of power within a given society.

My work is grounded in the real-life practice of journalism, which I know well from my professional history as a news reporter. As a scholar, I now use that first-hand knowledge to guide my academic inquiries. Theoretically, my work draws broadly on critical media and cultural studies analyses, and methodologically, I apply mainly qualitative research techniques. I do, however, believe in the value of mixed (qualitative and quantitative) methods and the variety of theoretical perspectives available to me as a communications scholar. My work illustrates this philosophical perspective and demonstrates my familiarity with the theories and methods of the broader field.

Together, my book and the various articles and book chapters forming my body of research illustrate what I believe is a deeper interest in the news media as a cultural industry, one that helps to construct and reinforce power relations and ideologies in a global environment. Through empirical investigation, historical analysis, and social critique of the news’ role, I seek to make an academic contribution to the future of journalism and mass communication’s role in social life.

My interest in the area of women, journalism, and mass communication continues to be of central importance in my work. Recently, my work in this area has paid particular attention to two distinct areas — media coverage and discourse of female politicians and of violence against women. My published and in-progress research has examined coverage of female governors and also Sarah Palin, Hillary Clinton, and Wendy Davis. For example, my interest in the blogosphere and alternative (versus mainstream) media outlets as a site for inquiry illustrates this intersection (“Gendering and selling the female news audience in a digital age” in The Routledge Companion to Media and Gender; and “The gendered blogosphere: Examining inequality using network and feminist theory” in Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly). This interest is driven by my concern for ways in which the voiceless might now gain a voice through the Internet and digital technologies, in what some argue is a more accessible public sphere for communication. My interest in marginalized communities and their ability to gain access to this public sphere has led to several published research articles (“Alternative media in a digital era: Comparing information use among U.S. and Latin American activists” in Communication & Society/Comunicacion y Sociedad; and “The whole online world is watching: Profiling social networking sites and activists in China, Latin America, and the United States” in International Journal of Communication).

Along with research articles, I am currently working on a book about media discourse of female politicians and political candidates.
News from Affiliated Faculty & Friends of Women’s and Gender Studies

Dr. Myrtle P. Bell, Professor of Human Resource Management, received the Humanities and Social Sciences Distinguished Research Fellowship at Queen Mary, University of London. In addition, she served as the Keynote speaker for the 10th anniversary of the university’s Center for Research in Equality and Diversity.  
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Dr. Stephanie Cole, Associate Professor of History published the co-edited volume Texas Women: Their Histories, Their Lives (University of Georgia Press 2015). The volume is part of the Southern Women: Their Lives and Times series. Texas Women: Their Histories, Their Lives engages current scholarship on women in Texas, the South, and the United States. It provides insights into Texas’s singular geographic position, bordering on the West and sharing a unique history with Mexico, while analyzing the ways in which Texas stories mirror a larger American narrative.

Elizabeth Hayes Turner is a professor of history at the University of North Texas. Stephanie Cole is an associate professor of history at the University of Texas at Arlington. Rebecca Sharpless is an associate professor of history at Texas Christian University.
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Dr. Marko Miletich, Assistant Professor of Spanish. Dr. Miletich’s article, "Women Interpreting Masculinity: Two English Translations of Don Segundo Sombra" was accepted for publication in Perspectives: Studies in Translatology.

Dr. Julie Nagoshi, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work submitted the following co-authored articles for publication: “Perceptions of gender roles, gender identity, and sexual orientation among self-identified heterosexual, gay/lesbian, and transgender individuals” (Journal of Ethnographic & Qualitative Research) and “Gender Dysphoria: Cultural Factors” (The SAGE Encyclopedia of Abnormal and Clinical Psychology). Dr. Nagoshi presented the following co-authored papers: “Interaction of Gender Roles and Acculturation on Substance Use in Mexican American Adolescents” (APHA, New Orleans) and “The Intersection of Gender and Sexual Identity Development in a Sample of Transgender Individuals” (Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans). Dr. Nagoshi is a co-investigator on the following research projects: 1) The Intersectionality Project (TIP): Qualitative research on intersectionality as a source of resilience and oppression. Co-investigator with Pillai, C. Nagoshi, and Maleku. 2) Transitions Project: Qualitative research on the transition process for trans-individuals. Co-investigator with Hess III, Boscia, and C. Nagoshi. 3) Transphobia project: A qualitative exploration of transphobia within the LGBT community. Co-investigator with Hohn, Evans, and C. Nagoshi.

Dr. Whitney Peoples, Provost Post-doctoral Fellow, Women’s & Gender Studies currently has two articles in progress for publication in 2016. The first is a jointly authored piece on Henrietta Lacks and biomedicine, entitled "Reframing Henrietta Lacks: The Biomedicalization of Black Life Narratives" that will be included in the edited volume A History of African American Autobiography (Cambridge University Press). The second is a solo authored piece, "Buying to Live: Women's Reproductive Health, Gendered Consumption and Direct-to-Consumer Advertising," which has been accepted for inclusion in the edited volume Feminists, Feminisms, & Advertising. In addition, she presented her research at three major conferences during the 2014-2015 academic year: National Women's Studies Association (NWSA), American Culture/Pop Culture Association (ACA/PCA), and Digital Diversity 2015: Writing, Feminism, Culture.

Dr. Amy Speier, Assistant Professor of Anthropology published the following articles in 2015: “Czech Hosts Creating ‘A Real Home Away From Home’ for North American Reproductive Tourists,” (Anthropologica 57(1):27-39) and “Kinship Travel: Relatedness through International Tourism and Travel Networks” (Anthropologica 57(1):13-18.)

Dr. Rachel Stohr, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication has an article accepted for publication in the Journal Communication Theory entitled, "Transnational feminism, global governance, and the re-imagination of the organization-society relationship: A case study of the Women's Environment and Development Organization.”

Dr. Sonja S. Watson, Director of Women's & Gender Studies and Associate Professor of Spanish presented “Short Stories by Melanie Taylor Herrera: Expanding Definitions of Black Female Panamanian Identity” at the College Language Association Conference in April 2015. She is currently revising the article for the journal Signs.
Women’s and Gender Studies Fall Symposium; Dr. Whitney Peoples, Chair

In honor of the 30-year anniversary of our Women's History Month Lecture Series (1986-2016), the Women’s and Gender Studies program at UT Arlington invites proposals for papers and panel presentations at a one-day symposium entitled “Minding the Field: Exploring and Expanding Women’s and Gender Studies in North Texas.” The symposium will be held October 29, 2015 in conjunction with our annual women’s film festival, Lunafest. As an academic field and activist enterprise, Women's Studies has been active in the Dallas/Fort Worth area since 1974. With six Women’s and Gender Studies programs and the first Ph.D. program in the field to be located in the South Central region of the U.S. at Texas Woman’s University, North Texas is an important part of the contemporary network of Women’s and Gender Studies in higher education nationally.

The purpose of this symposium is to foster dialogue and networking among Women’s and Gender Studies faculty, students and staff for future collaboration across campuses; highlight cutting edge research in Women’s and Gender Studies programs at the faculty, graduate and undergraduate levels; and, finally, to recognize and reflect on the rich history of Women's Studies in the area while imagining future possibilities for the discipline. We invite papers that engage new and ongoing debates in Feminist and Women’s Studies. In order to demonstrate the wide-reaching and interdisciplinary nature of Women's Studies, we encourage submissions including work in literature, fine arts, popular culture, the social sciences and the natural sciences. Though not exhaustive, some examples of themes and subject matter relevant to the symposium include:

•Examinations of the shifting roles of women and feminism in popular culture.

•Analyses of the state of women’s sexual and reproductive freedoms nationally and in the state of Texas.

•Women's Studies, critical anti-racist feminisms and contemporary racial violence in the U.S.

•Women and work in both the paid public sphere and the unpaid private sphere.

•The work of Women's and Gender Studies in movements for Trans rights and inclusion.

•The challenges, possibilities and complexities of teaching Women’s and Gender Studies in the state of Texas and in the D/FW area more specifically.

•The role of community partnerships and service learning in Women's and Gender Studies

Please submit short proposals of up to 250 words to
mindingthefield2015@gmail.com
by September 11, 2015.
All accepted presenters will be notified by October 1, 2015.
“Human Trafficking at the US-Mexico Border and the Role of the Commercial Sex Trade Client”

Wednesday, September 23, 2015 NOON-1PM
University Center, Neches
Guest Speaker: Dr. Lori Celaya
Assistant Professor of Spanish, University of Idaho

This event is co-sponsored by the Women's & Gender's Studies program, the Center for Mexican American Studies & the Department of Modern Languages.
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UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

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Fall 2015 Symposium:
“Minding the Field: Exploring and Expanding Women’s & Gender Studies in North Texas”*
and
The Annual Lunafest Film Festival

Thursday, October 29th, 2015
Symposium 9a.m.-6p.m., University Library
Lunafest 7-9p.m. Lonestar Auditorium, MAC

Deadline to submit proposals: September 11, 2015
Please submit proposals to, mindinthefield2015@gmail.com
Please direct your questions to Dr. Whitney Peoples, Provost Post-doctoral Fellow in Women's and Gender Studies at UT Arlington

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