

CALL FOR PAPERS!

The 10th Annual Women's Studies Student Conference presents

THIS BRIDGE CALLED CHANGE: TRANSITIONING FEMINISM

December 1-2, 2011

Feminism has come a long way, and we have made great strides in gender equity and other liberation movements. But could this be the end of "feminism"? Is this theoretical and activist framework obsolete? As the world changes and transitions, how is feminism also changing and proving not only that it still exists but **MUST** exist? What are the new demands concerning social in/equality and in/justice?

As our conference celebrates a 10-year milestone, we invite papers, creative works, performances, media analyses, activist-oriented sessions, workshops, etc. that explore various "hot topics" and other concerns relating to what feminism has come to mean in championing and effecting "Change."

Possible topics may include but are not limited to:

- Transgender issues: how has transgender activism transformed feminism?
- Reclaiming oppressive terms: whom do they serve?
- Globalization and economic crises: what are the effects on women's lives? What are the feminist approaches to movements like Occupy Wall Street?
- Media representations of women: have they improved, stayed the same, or gotten worse?
- Technology and the high-tech age: why are women still under-represented in these fields while being over-represented as sex objects in new media?
- Sexual Violence: What has improved, what has gotten worse? How can feminists rethink anti-violence activism beyond criminalization and militarization? How do new movements like SlutWalk address these concerns?
- Reproductive Rights or Reproductive Justice?
- Conservative women (Sarah Palin/Michele Bachman, etc.): Pseudo Feminism or a different kind of feminism?
- Backlash against feminism and women's improvements: How and why does this occur? What does it reveal about women's status at the moment?
- Environmental Justice and Sustainability: How are these feminist issues?
- Feminisms in the Nonprofit Industrial Complex/Academic Industrial Complex: Effective change or effective cooptation?

Please submit 200-word abstracts and proposals to wstudent@albany.edu no later than Wednesday, **November 2, 2011**. For more information, please visit www.albany.edu/wstudent_conference