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Events for Women's History Month

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"Guitar Heroine: Where Are the Girls in the Band?" Lisa Baker **Monday, February 28, 2022, 9:00-10:00 am., 540 McCallie 104**

Lisa Anita Baker is a Grammy-nominated guitarist as well as a song writer, composer, lyricist, and instructor. She was the first female at Northern Illinois University to earn a Master's degree in Guitar. She will give a presentation on women in guitar, interwoven with live performances.

Voting Rights Case Study

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 12:15-1:30 p.m. in Metro 231

The case study must be picked up from the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies office (Lupton 364). Todd Grainger of the Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy will lead a discussion.

Documentary on Voting Rights: *Can You Hear Us Now?*

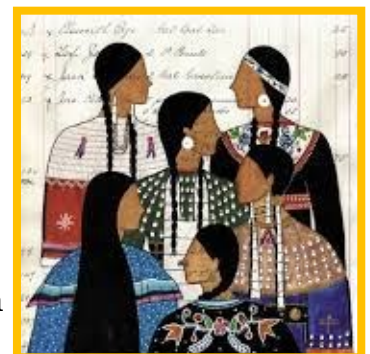
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:00 p.m.

The film focuses on the protests of thousands in Wisconsin over anti-union legislation and the gerrymandering that occurred. The documentary focuses on two women trying to run for State Senate in areas that are largely gerrymandered and have evidence of voter suppression. Dr. Groh will lead a discussion to follow.

Documentary: *Sisters Rising*

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., in Lupton 393

This film deals with the violence experienced by Native American women. It features six Native American women who struggle with the cycle of poverty and abuse while they also try to reclaim their tribal sovereignty.



Art Show Featuring Women and Queer Artists

Late March

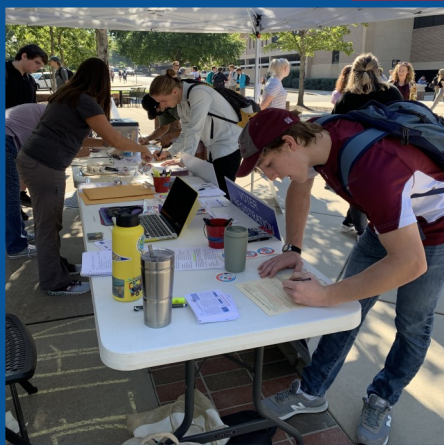
The Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program is working with the Honors College to put on an art show featuring women and queer artists in late March. Details and instructions for submitting art will follow.



National Voter Registration Day



The League of Women Voters of Chattanooga, the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program organized a voter registration drive for National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 28th, 2021. Voters were encouraged to download the GoVoteTN app on their phones to get information on voting easily. The gentlemen from Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity helped register over 40 new voters. About 2 dozen student volunteers along with 15 LWV members helped to register 172 new voters!



Alumni News

Chassey Foster is a teacher at Ivy Academy in Hamilton County. She gave birth to Lettie Jane Foster-Dillard on May 10th, 2021.

Blake Harris is an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Salisbury University. Last summer he started a summer stock theatre in Chattanooga with some collaborators called Obvious Dad, and is now planning a summer 2022 season.

Rachel Davis is a PhD candidate and graduate instructor at the University of Kentucky.

Kaitlyn Cottle is an associate at the Williams Mullen Law Firm, Richmond, Virginia.

Olivia G. Brown is a leasing manager at The District at Hamilton Place. Olivia also works as a leasing and marketing mentor, working with new employees at other properties. The property that she manages is 100% occupied and 100% preleased.

Carla Marie Fulgham-Ronilo, Health Sciences Librarian at Chattanooga State Community College, got married in July of 2021.

Karla Evans is Senior Financial Aid Counselor at Georgia State University.

Aubrie Taylor is a case manager at the Chattanooga Community Kitchen.

McKenzie Butera is the co-founder and CEO of Maroparents, a mobile app that helps parents navigate tough growing-up conversations about mental health, puberty, diversity, and empathy with their kids.

Lauren Shepard is working for a book distributor/vendor and playing roller derby.

Student Spotlight: Megan Doman

Megan is an exemplary WGSS major with a double major in Computer Science! She has moved around a lot but calls Chattanooga home. Megan began her time at UTC as a Civil Engineering major but switched to Computer Science so that she would have a broader range of classes that she could take. Since she switched her major, she was able to enroll in Introduction to Women's Studies with Sheena Monds and because of how much she enjoyed it, she decided to make Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies her second major. With these two very contrasting majors Megan says that majoring in WGSS "would fill in some of the gaps in Computer Science, like communication, and some of the soft skills that you don't get in the sciences." Her favorite WGSS course so far has been the Economics of Gender, Race, and Inequality, which she found challenging and interesting because she was able to learn about the data behind important issues and gain more concrete solutions. Megan intends to graduate in the Spring of 2023. After she graduates, Megan plans to apply to a master's programs for Computational Social Science to combine the skills she learned in computer science with her WGSS knowledge. In her work, she hopes to be able to help solve issues facing vulnerable women, especially those struggling with poverty and incarceration.

Alumni Spotlight: Emily Quinn & Emily Hurst

Emily Quinn and Emily Hurst just celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Both were Women's Studies double majors (Emily Hurst in English and Emily Quinn in History), and both have gone on to do amazing things since graduating in 2012.

Emily Hurst is an Innovation Coach over Digital Fabrication for the Hamilton County Board of Education. She oversees thirty-three digital fabrication labs (seven in elementary schools and twelve in middle schools) that feature 3-D printers and laser cutters to build collaborative, communicative, curiosity, and critical thinking skills for Hamilton County teachers. A former Brock Scholar who won the Outstanding Senior Award for both English and Women's Studies, Emily says that teaching humanities teachers to use technology was the furthest thing from her mind when she was a UTC student, but now she is passionate about it.

Emily Quinn is the former Associate Director of the Disability Resource Center here at UTC. She is active in the Association for Higher Education and Disability and on the board of the Tennessee State AHEAD. She is the co-author of four books published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers: *Turning Skills and Strengths into Careers for Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder* (2014), *Developing Workplace Skills for Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder* (2016), *Parties, Dorms and Social Norms: A Crash Course in Safe Living for Young Adults on the Autism Spectrum* (2016). and *Developing Identity, Strengths, and Self-Perception for Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder* (2015). The Emilys enjoy biking, traveling, and playing with their three dogs: Marshall, Lily, and Toby.

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New WGSS Scholarship

Leila J. Pratt Women's Studies Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship is now one of two scholarships offered exclusively to **WGSS majors**. Other requirements:

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled at or admitted to attend The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.
2. Applicants must hold current status in good standing
3. Applicants must demonstrate successful academic performance
4. Applicants must be a declared WGSS major in the College of Arts and Sciences
5. Applicants must have earned an overall 3.0 GPA or above in the Women's Studies course work
6. Applicants will have successfully completed or be currently enrolled in at least six hours of WGSS course work.

Application instructions are found in Lupton 364.