

Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women 2010-2011 Academic Year in Review

The Pembroke Seminar on “The Power and Mystery of Expertise,” led by David Kennedy, involved a number of faculty and students from Brown and elsewhere, as did many of the Center’s other programs, as evidenced below.

The Pembroke Center continues to be a major center of intellectual excitement and innovation at Brown, as well as an important factor in the recruitment of faculty and students, and a significant recipient of financial support by alumnae/i.

The following is a summary of the Center’s programs and activities for the year:

2010-2011 Pembroke Seminar “The Power and Mystery of Expertise”

Seminar Leader: David Kennedy, Harvard Law School

Postdoctoral Fellows

Arnulf Becker Lorca, Law, Harvard Law School
Laura Heffernan, English, University of Pennsylvania
Sophia Roosth, History & Anthropology of Science, M.I.T.

Faculty Fellows

Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Sociology and International Studies
Evelyn Lincoln, Italian Studies and History of Art and Architecture
Michael Steinberg, The Cogut Center, Departments of History and Music

Graduate Fellows Graduate students are selected through an application process to participate in the Pembroke Seminar as Graduate Fellows; they each receive a \$1000 research stipend.

Maggie Hennefeld, Modern Culture and Media
Rebecca Warne Peters, Anthropology
Katerina Seligmann, Comparative Literature

Undergraduate Fellows Two to three undergraduate students are selected through an application process to participate in the Pembroke Seminar as Undergraduate Fellows; they each receive a \$1,000 stipend and have the unique experience of working in a yearlong research seminar with faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and distinguished visitors.

Sean Feiner, Modern Culture and Media
Taylor Lane, Comparative Literature

Affiliated Research Faculty (Visiting Scholars)

Rachel Koffe Falmagne, Psychology, Clark University

Brown faculty participants

Shiva Balaghi
Debbie Weinstein
Denise Davis
James Der Derian
Leslie Bostrom
Michael Kennedy
Lynne Joyrich
Suzanne Stewart-Steinberg
Kay Warren

Graduate student participants

Jennifer Eyl, Religious Studies
Nicholas Werle, '10

Pembroke Seminar Lecture Series (in conjunction with Seminar)

John Guillory, English, New York University, "Reading for a Living: Observations on the Difference Between Lay and Professional Reading", November 23, 2010

Annelise Riles, Cornell Law School, "Collateral Knowledge: Legal Reasoning in the Global Financial Markets", May 3, 2011

Pembroke Seminar Research Roundtable: "The Power and Mystery of Expertise", April 20-21, 2011

Sheila Jasanoff, Harvard University
Rachel Buurma, Swarthmore College
Evan Kindley, Princeton University

Pembroke Center Co-Sponsorships

The Pembroke Center and Pembroke Center Associates co-sponsored numerous departmental and student-run programs. *In addition to the programs listed above:*

Departmental Co-Sponsorships

Comparative Literature, October 5, 2010
Simone de Beauvoir event

Comparative Literature, October 28, 2010
Dominick LaCapra Lecture

English, November 17, 2010
Rita Felski Graduate Student Lecture

Anthropology, 2010-2011 series
"Circulations of Gender in Global Politics"

Modern Culture and Media, February 11, 2011
"Aesthetics of Transport"

Sarah Doyle Women's Center, February and March, 2011
Women's History Month
Annelise Orleck, "Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire and the Women's Labor Movement"

Africana Studies, April 4-8, 2011
"Black Women in Land Rights Struggles in Columbia and Brazil"

Women Writers Project, April 15-16, 2011
Women in the Archives Conference

Modern Culture and Media, April 22, 2011
"We Are Who We Watch: Reality Television, Citizenship, Celebrity"

German Studies, April 22-23, 2011
"(Re)Making Myths: The Creation, Use, and Abuse of Myths in German Literature, History and Culture"

Women Writers Project, April 24, 2010

A colloquium, "Women in the Archives, England/New England", keynote lecture given by Elizabeth Maddock Dillon, "New England and its Others: Women, Assemblage, and the Archive"

The John Hay Library, April 29, 2011

Florence Howe, "A Life in Motion"

Student Program Co-Sponsorships

South Asian Identity Week

Asian/Asian American History Month

"The Human Scale: Bodies, Space, Perception and Interaction", Graduate Student Lecture, History of Art & Architecture

"Bradley Manning and WikiLeaks: The Perils and Possibilities of Military Whistleblowing", Anti-War Action

Rhode Island Student Political Bootcamp, Democracy Matters

Transgender Day of Remembrance, LGBTQ Resource Center

Project in Hispaniola, Engineers Without Borders

Semana Chicana

Latino History Month

Latino Commencement Dinner

Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

The Gender and Sexuality Studies concentration has remained lively during a transition in leadership from Suzanne Stewart-Steinberg to Debbie Weinstein, and the number of concentrators is on the rise. Five Gender and Sexuality Studies concentrators graduated in 2011; 8 are scheduled to graduate in 2012.

Enrollments remain solid in GNSS and related courses. "Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies" (funded every year by the Pembroke Center) had 47 students in 2011. Debbie Weinstein, Lecturer in Gender and Sexuality Studies, taught her course, "Health and Healing in American History," which had 28 students. Professor Gail Cohee's First-Year Seminar, "Bodies Out of Bounds" enrolled 20 students. The Pembroke Center Postdoctoral Fellows taught GNSS courses again during 2010-11, with a total enrollment of 16 undergraduate students.

Gender and Sexuality Studies Lecture

Lynne Joyrich, Associate Professor, Modern Culture and Media

"Media Madness: Multiple Identity (Dis)Orders in MADMEN" – September 28, 2010

Prizes and research grants

Ruth Simmons Prize in Gender and Women's Studies

Emily Fishman '11, Modern Culture and Media

"Fabricating Identity: Fashion and the Role of Personal History in the Construction of the Individual"

Joan Wallach Scott Prize

Stephanie Paris '11, Gender & Sexuality Studies

"Whoring in America: Sacred Sex, Subjugation, and Stigma in the Land of Liberty"

Marie J. Langlois Dissertation Prize (Co-recipients)

Corey McEleney '11, English

"The Pleasure in Error: Early Modern Romance and Poetic Futility"

Kathleen Millar, '11, Anthropology

"Reclaiming the Discarded: The Politics of Labor and Everyday Life on Rio's Garbage Dump"

Helen Terry MacLeod Research Grant
Taylor Lane '11, Comparative Literature
"The Gateway Equation, A Chosen Population"

Barbara Anton Internship Grant
Samuel McGowan '11, Africana Studies
"Patients and Power: The Development of a Health Infrastructure Gone Awry in Kibera, Kenya"

Linda Pei Undergraduate Research Grant
Christine Zaleski '11, Environmental Studies
"Sustaining Harvests: Community Based Management of an Oyster Fishery in the Gambia"

2010 – 2011 Pembroke Center Associates Programs

Journalism Today: What's New in the News

This event was held on October 22, 2010 during Family Weekend to celebrate the digitization of the *Pembroke Record*. Brown alumnae working in the news media discussed the challenges journalists and their organizations face in adapting to an ever-evolving media environment.

- Amy Goldstein '79, Staff Writer, The Washington Post
- Kavita Kumar '00, Reporter, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch
- Emmy Liss '11, Deputy Managing Editor, The Brown Daily Herald
- Barbara Raab '81, Senior Newswriter, NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams

A Mirror on International Development and Humanitarianism

This event was held in Washington, DC on April 27, 2011. Speakers discussed the challenges of international development and humanitarianism, including cases where donor pressures undercut highly successful local NGOs, transnational labor migration and human trafficking confront conventional country-focused assistance, and human rights based approaches seek to displace charity by focusing on rights and responsibilities. Co-sponsored by the Women's Leadership Council.

- Professor Kay B. Warren, Director, Pembroke Center
- David Waskow '88, Program Director for Climate Change, Oxfam America
- Jasmine Waddell '99, Visiting Lecturer of Sustainable International Development, Heller School for Social Policy & Management, Brandeis University

Award Winning Brown Playwrights - Commencement Forum

Held on May 28, 2011, Brown playwrights discussed how they write to inspire, provoke, and engage theater audiences around the world. They discussed issues they address in their plays – such as race, class, gender, and sexuality – and the playwriting process.

- Lynn Nottage '86 Pulitzer Prize winning playwright
- Adam Bock AM '89 Obie Award winning playwright
- Eng-Beng Lim, Assistant Professor, Theatre Arts & Performance Studies, Brown University

Archives

Oral histories for this years 50th and 25th reunion classes were completed and will be preserved in the Christine Dunlap Farnham Archives.

The Associates are working with the Brown University Library to digitize oral histories from previous years and make them available online. For more than two decades, the Pembroke Center has recorded oral histories with many Brown women from across the generations. The digitization project will convert old audio and videotapes to a digital format for preservation and to make them more accessible to students and researchers.

Publications and Publicity

The Pembroke Center has been featured this year in a university press release, Today at Brown, Featured Events at Brown, the Brown Insider, and on the University's homepage.

The Pembroke Center Associates newsletter was published three times. The Center's annual research newsletter was published and distributed on campus, to alumnae/i, and to an international list of scholars, including members of the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes and the National Council for Research on Women.

The Pembroke Center Associates published a new membership brochure that has been very useful in supporting fundraising efforts. An updated version of "Who Are the Pembroke Center Associates?" has been made available online.

The Associates continue to take advantage of social networking and have 106 members on its Facebook page, which is a useful tool in engaging alumnae/i and the broader Brown community in the Center's work.

Membership

As of June 30, 2011, the Pembroke Center Associates raised \$119,250 in membership contributions from 475 members. With membership support on the rise, the Pembroke Center Associates plan to make the most of our 30th anniversary next year to encourage even greater support.