

Women's History Month MARCH 2008

The
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of Akron

“Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility”

Women's Studies

Here is the schedule of events in celebration of Women's History Month, March 2008. Most events are hosted by The University of Akron Women's Studies Program and will be held on campus, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 330-972-7008.

Feb. 15 and Feb. 16

“Vagina Monologues”

6 p.m., Folk Hall 165

Join us for an evening to end violence against women and celebrate each woman's beauty by attending Eve Ensler's “Vagina Monologues.” Performance proceeds will go to the Rape Crisis Center of Medina and Summit counties. Cost: \$8 for UA students; \$12 for general admission.

Feb. 23

Kid's Career Day

8:30 a.m. - noon, Student Union

Sponsored by Women in Engineering

This program brings young girls to campus to be introduced to science, technology, engineering and math careers. For more information, contact 330-972-7701.

March 1

Women's Basketball, Akron vs. Miami

2 p.m., James A. Rhodes Arena

For tickets, call 330-972-6920.

March 3

Carol Costello

7 p.m., Martin University Center

Come listen to the exciting journey of this award-winning journalist, who began as a weekend reporter for WAKR-TV in Akron. She went on to anchor “CNN Daybreak” and is now a contributor to CNN's “The Situation Room.” Refreshments.

March 4

The Red Flag Campaign

Noon - 2 p.m., Student Union 335

Watch for the red flags. They are part of our awareness campaign to promote prevention of dating violence. Join us for discussion. Refreshments will be served.

March 4

“Smashing the Stereotype of the Pro-Life Woman”

5 - 6 p.m., Student Union 312

Sponsored by UA's Students for Life

Denise Mackura, J.D., executive director and counsel for the Thomas More Society Pro-Life Law Center in Chicago, Ill., and former director on Ohio Right to Life, will share her views, followed by a panel discussion with members of Students for Life. Refreshments.

March 4

Women of the Year Awards Dinner

5:30 p.m., Martin University Center

Sponsored by the Women's History Project

This annual event honors local women for improving the quality of life of those around them. Cost: \$50. A cash bar will be available. For reservation information, call 330-929-3382.

March 5

“Diary of a Stressed Black Woman”

Noon to 1 p.m., Simmons Hall 306

Sponsored by Counseling, Testing and Career Center

Sources of stress for African American women and ways to improve mental and emotional health will be discussed at this presentation.

March 5

Women's Basketball Game, Akron vs. Bowling Green

7 p.m., James A. Rhodes Arena

For tickets, call 330-972-6920.

March 5

“Game Show: To Tell the Truth”

7 p.m., Student Union, Gardner Theatre

Sponsored by Students in Free Enterprise and The University of Akron Research Foundation

Come and join the excitement of guessing the career of accomplished Northeast Ohio women. Refreshments and prizes available.

March 6

Women's Health Fair

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Polsky Building, third floor

Booths, displays and presenters focusing on women's health issues. Join us for a free and fun-filled day of giveaways, demonstrations and literature.

March 6

“Love Shouldn't Hurt”

6 p.m., Student Union 308

Sponsored by Counseling, Testing and Career Center

Are you ever afraid of your partner or has your partner ever hit or pushed you? If so, you may be in an abusive relationship. Please attend for more information and support.

March 6

Women Trailblazers

7 p.m., Martin University Center

Sponsored by Office of Multicultural Development

The accomplishments of distinguished, successful and diverse female leaders from around the country will be highlighted at this panel discussion.

March 10

“Real Beauty”

Noon - 2 p.m., Student Union 312

This workshop is designed to promote positive body image and healthy self-esteem for young women using Dove's campaign for real beauty. Refreshments.

March 10

Ann Curry, UA Forum Series

7:30 p.m., E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall

Sponsored by The Dorothy Garrett Martin Memorial Delta Gamma Lectureship on Values and Ethics

News anchor for NBC's “Today Show” since 1997, Ann Curry is one of the most visible and personable female broadcast journalists in America today. She will discuss her career as well as the roles and responsibilities of the media in our society, on politics, on business and on the family. Cost: \$8 general admission; \$4 for UA students.

March 11

“Body Image, The Media and You”

1 to 2 p.m., Simmons Hall 306

Sponsored by Counseling, Testing and Career Center

The media barrages women with negative messages about their bodies and appearance. Learn to recognize these messages, how they impact women's lives and what to do to celebrate every body type.

March 11

Jessica Valenti

7 p.m., Martin University Center

The author of “Full Frontal Feminism: A Young Women's Guide to Why Feminism Matters,” and founder of Feministing.com, will share a young woman's perspective on feminism. Refreshments and book signing.

March 12

“Creating a Safe Zone: How to be an LGBTQ Ally”

1 - 2 p.m., Simmons Hall 306

Learn ways to support the LGBTQ community and help create a safe and affirming campus climate.

March 12

Self Defense

6 p.m., Polsky Building, Red Room

Sponsored by Criminal Justice Association

Learn some basic moves that will keep you from becoming a victim — taught by Officer Joanne Boling of UA Police. Women only. Reservations needed. Please call 330-972-8267.

March 13

Women's History Month Luncheon

Noon, Martin University Center

Sponsored by Women In Higher Education

WIHE will sponsor its annual luncheon where outstanding women students at The University of Akron will be honored. Check in at 11:45 a.m.

March 13

“Women in Crime: Children of Incarcerated Parents”

3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Student Union 312

Sabine Gearhardt, assistant professor of early childhood development, will lead this discussion to explore the challenges faced by children of incarcerated mothers. They include parenting from behind bars, visitation, communication practices and concerns, material, emotional, structural and dynamic changes to the family, fostering family resiliency and more.

March 13

Movie: “Jury of Her Peers”

5:30 p.m., Student Union 310

This well-renowned film, about a woman who is the prime suspect in her husband's murder, opens the possibility for the creation of an alternate feminist justice and judgment. Discussion will follow.

March 25

Christina Page

6 p.m., Martin University Center

The author will discuss her book, “How the Pro-Choice Movement Saved America: Freedom, Politics and the War on Sex.” A consultant for national pro-choice groups, her policy proposals have been adopted by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the New Jersey Legislature. Refreshments and book signing.

March 25

Singer: Phyllis Heitjan

7:17 p.m., Student Union Starbucks

Sponsored by Department of Residence Life and Housing

Self-described as pop/rock with gospel and acoustic elements, Phyllis Heitjan is steadily gaining momentum on radio stations. Here is your chance to catch this rising star.

March 26

“Interracial Relationships”

1 - 2 p.m., Simmons Hall 306

Sponsored by Counseling, Testing and Career Center

Examine social beliefs and attitudes about interracial relationships, biracial children and learn general strategies for getting along with others.

March 26

Women's Softball, Akron vs. Youngstown State

3 p.m., Lee Jackson Field

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March 26

Women's Endowment Fund Annual Meeting

6 p.m., Hilton Akron/Fairlawn, 3180 West Market St.

This event celebrates women and girls. The guest speaker will be Cleveland Plain Dealer columnist Regina Brett, whose articles covering her battle with breast cancer earned her a prestigious National Headliner Award in 1999. Cost: Individual, \$50; Patron, \$75; Friend, \$100. For tickets, call the Akron Community Foundation at 330-376-8522.

March 27

“Women in Philanthropy”

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Martin University Center, Library Room

This discussion about managing your money and philanthropic strategies will help you make contributions with more impact. For more information, please contact Kristi Brant 330-972-6112.

March 29

“Election Reform”

9 a.m. - noon, The Quaker Square Inn at The University of Akron, 135 South Broadway

Co-sponsored by League of Women Voters of the Akron Area and American Association of University Women

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. It works to increase understanding of major public policy issues. Ann Henkener and Peg Rosenfield will be the guest speakers. Please join us. For information, call 330-808-4346. No registration fee.

March 31

“Women and the Space Program”

7 p.m., Student Union 312

Co-sponsored by Women and Engineering

This talk will show the “bottom-up” nature of the push for civil rights in employment in the 1970s, and how African-American women, in particular, played important “bridge” roles between historically excluded groups at NASA. Kim McQuaid, professor of history at Lake Erie College, will speak. Refreshments.

April 2

Singer: Jessica Sooner

7:17 p.m., Student Union Starbucks

Sponsored by Department of Residence Life and Housing

Jessica has been capturing audiences with her compelling lyrics and soulful voice since 2005. Her song releases include “Rescue Me,” “Fool” and “Open Your Eyes,” which are fan favorites.

Month-long display planned at the Student Union and Polsky Building bookstores.