FALL SEMESTER 2020 MID SEMESTER

Can you believe that mid-terms are just around the corner?

The Center for Women’s Studies hopes that the Fall 2020 semester has started well for everyone, despite the unusual circumstances in which we find ourselves - in the midst of a global pandemic.

We hope that all of our students will continue to take care to protect themselves and others from COVID-19. Social distancing and wearing a cloth face covering or mask will help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

As a reminder, various services are available to assist students in mitigating the adverse effects resulting from COVID-19. Student Counseling Services, University Case Management, The Pantry, and University Health Services are just a few of the resources that are available here on campus.

The Center for Women's Studies is open from 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday. Please stop by! We also encourage you to participate in the events we have planned for the second half of the semester.

We wish you a successful close to the Fall 2020 semester.
Upcoming Events

October 5th, 7th & 9th: Purple Ribbon Days. Pick up a purple ribbon from our table in front of the GUC between 12:00-2:00pm on Monday, October 5th, Wednesday, October 7th or Friday, October 9th and pin it to your shirt or backpack to show your support for ending domestic violence.

October 15th - 22nd: Clothesline Project. Stop by the Center for Women's Studies on Thursday, October 15th & Friday, October 16th or join us under the bridge in front of the GUC on Monday, October 19th & Tuesday, October 20th from 12:00-3:30pm to design a t-shirt to increase awareness about violence against women. T-shirts will be on display by the Amphitheater on Thursday, October 22nd & Friday, October 23rd.

October 26th-October 30th: Breast Cancer Honor and Remembrance Tree. The Breast Cancer Honor and Remembrance Tree will be on display in the lobby of Collier Library during the last week in October. Stop by to help decorate the tree and honor the women in your life who have been affected by breast cancer.

October 29th & 30th: Trick or Treat! Stop by the Center for Women's Studies on Thursday, October 29th or Friday, October 30th and grab some Halloween candy!

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CENTER FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

Free Printing is available at the Center for Women's Studies. Do you need to print a mid-term paper? Stop by!

A Lactation Room is available on a first come, first serve basis to mothers who are breastfeeding. The room locks for privacy and contains a comfy chair and a refrigerator. A sink is available in the communal kitchen and/or gender-neutral bathroom located next to the lactation room.

The Center for Women's Studies contributes to the Period Project at UNA. This Fall the Center for Women's Studies is providing free feminine hygiene products in the women's and gender-neutral bathrooms in Collier Library.

The Director and the Coordinator of the Center for Women's Studies serve as a Title IX Confidential Reporting Resource. This means that the Director and the Coordinator of the Center for Women's Studies are legally obligated to inform the Title IX Coordinator at UNA of incidents of sex-based discrimination or incidents of sexual and gender-based harassment and violence. We of course recommend that you reach out to the Title IX Coordinator; however, if you'd like to discuss an issue confidentially, you are welcome to discuss that issue with the Director or the Coordinator of the Center for Women's Studies.
**PURPLE RIBBON DAYS**

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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

According to the National Coalition of Domestic Violence, "10 million people a year are physically abused by an intimate partner."

Domestic violence, also referred to as intimate partner violence, "is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship" (National Domestic Violence Hotline). According to Safeplace, domestic violence "can include a variety of tactics that involve physical, verbal and emotional abuse. These patterns of behavior can occur over a short period of time or over the span of a longer relationship."

The Power and Control Wheel, developed by the Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs, describes what occurs in an abusive relationship.

On October 5th, 7th & 9th from 12:00-2:00pm, the Center for Women's Studies will distribute purple ribbons to the UNA community in an effort to raise awareness about domestic violence.

During these three days, we are also asking folks to consider donating personal care items to our local domestic violence shelter - Safeplace. Personal care items include feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons, panty liners), shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, and mouthwash. You are also welcome to donate personal care items that children need - diapers, wipes, shampoo, and lotion.

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**Upcoming Events**

**November 4th:** Women's Studies Minor Informational Session. Interested in learning more about the women's studies minor? Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, November 4th from 12:00-1:00pm! Visit our website - "Upcoming Events" - to register for the Zoom meeting.

**November 19th:** Domestic Violence Awareness Informational Session with Safeplace, Student Counseling, and the Title IX Office. Visit our website - "Upcoming Events" - to register for the 5:30-7:00pm Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 19th.

**November 16th - 24th:** Free snacks. Stop by the Center for Women's Studies to pick up a free snack Monday, November 16th - Tuesday, November 24th.

You may drop off your donations for Safeplace at the Center for Women's Studies or at our table in front of the GUC on October 5th, 7th or 9th from 12:00-2:00pm.
CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

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In 1990, "a member of the Cape Cod's Women's Defense Agenda learned that during the same time 58,000 soldiers were killed in the Vietnam War, 51,000 U.S. women were killed by the men who claimed to love them" (The Clothesline Project). The Clothesline Project was then created to draw attention to the violence so many live with.

"The Clothesline Project is a visual display of shirts with graphic messages and illustrations that have been designed by women survivors of violence or by someone who loves a woman who has been killed [or has experienced domestic or sexual violence].

The purpose of the Project is to increase awareness of the impact of violence against women, to celebrate a woman's strength to survive and to provide another avenue for her to courageously break the silence that often surrounds her experience" (The Clothesline Project).

Join us at the Center for Women's Studies on October 15th & 16th or join us under the bridge in front of the GUC on October 19th & 20th from 12:00-3:30pm to design a t-shirt to honor someone who has experienced domestic or sexual violence.

T-shirts will be displayed on the hill behind the Amphitheater on October 21st and 22nd. Resources to educate about domestic and sexual violence as well as resources for those who may be experiencing domestic or sexual violence will be available.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

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Safeplace is a domestic violence shelter serving the counties of Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion and Winston, located here in Northwest Alabama. Safeplace aims to promote healthy relationships by providing education, intervention and safe places. Safeplace offers a variety of services including counseling services, support groups, legal & court advocacy, housing, rental and utility assistance, transportation assistance, childcare and relocation assistance. Safeplace has a 24-Hour Helpline: 256-767-6210 or 1-800-550-9215. You can also reach Safeplace by contacting their administrative office: 256-767-3076. Safeplace welcomes volunteers as well as donations off their wishlist. Visit their website at: http://www.nwalsafeplace.org/