Women’s Center

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**WOMEN’S CENTER**

**Ongoing Initiatives:**
- Fall Open House (September/October)
- Womyn’s Heritage Month: Sister Solidarity (February)
- Take Back the Night (April)
- Weekly Sit-in-Knit w/DRC
- Bi-Weekly Newsletter
- Collaboration w/CARE Office & SHOP with regards to sexual violence and women’s health

**Present/Future Women’s Groups:**
- Grad Women of Color Writing Collective
- Transwomen Peer Support Group
- Women of Color Topical Discussions/Group

**Upcoming Initiatives:**
- Women’s Center Herstory Archival Project/Create Volume II
- 2016 Fall Open House: 30th Anniversary & Cardiff House Grand Opening (September/October)
- Feminist Movie/Discussion Series
- MINT (Matriculating, Influencing, Network, and Triumphant) Program
- Rebranding the Center - Mission Statement & Logo
The Women’s Center affirms the dignity of all women. The Center continues to challenge feminist traditions by creating a community space for all women and their allies to achieve individual and social change.

Women’s Center Fall Open House

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
UCSC Women’s Center
Time: 4:00-7:00 PM
Location: Grannary Book Talk: 5:00-6:00 pm
Refreshments provided:

Come meet students, staff and faculty! Join us to learn about upcoming programs, tour the center, and foster community. The open house will feature guest author and UCSC alumna Kate Schatz. Schatz will discuss her new book *Rad American Women A-Z* that celebrates U.S. women’s contributions to history. The book will be available for purchase by the Bay Tree Bookstore, and may be signed by Schatz.

Special Guest – Kate Schatz is a writer, editor, educator, and left-handed vegetarian Bay Area-born-and-bred feminist mama. Her book of fiction, *Kid of Me-A Story*, was published in 2006 as part of the acclaimed 33 1/3 series. Her writing has been published in *Oxford American*, *Drunken Quarterly*, *Joyland*, and *West Branch*, among others, and her short story “Fibromus, Survivor” was included in *Notable Short Stories* 2011. Schatz received her MFA in Fiction from Brooklyn University, and a double BA in Women’s Studies/Creative Writing from UC Santa Cruz.

“I feel honored to be included in this book: Women need to take radical steps to become feminists and to be strong to fight for their rights and those of others facing oppression and discrimination. The world needs rad women to create a just society.”

— Dolores Huerta, Labor Leader, Civil Rights Activist

Sponsored by UCSC Women’s Center
For more information and accommodations please call (831) 459-8072 or email us at womencenter@ucsc.edu. This is a fragrance free event.
Empowering Survivors through Community Healing
Monday, April 18
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
McHenry Library
Interactive art and writing activity to raise awareness in ending sexual violence and delivering messages of support & healing for survivors. All students are encouraged to participate.

May I Kiss You?: Sexual Communication and Consent
Tuesday, April 19
4:00 - 6:00 PM
Red Room, College 8
Making out? Sex? Intimacy? Hooking up? This panel takes a look at ways in which we are engaging to express ourselves, how we can only be healthy and healthy-when we express healthy sex and a way to improve on asking for consent. This is a space for you to talk about it. In this workshop, we will be discussing: understanding personal boundaries, communicating your boundaries, practicing negotiation with a partner, and relationship communication skills.

Radical Monarchs
Radical Youth Activism: Cultivating Intergenerational Community
Monday, May 23rd
12:00-2:00 PM
Location: Cardiff House, Lower Campus
Lunch will be provided!

Come meet Radical Monarchs co-founders, Analynette Martinez and USCSC alum, Marlen Hollond in a discussion around empowering the radical scouting troop by affirming their experiences as youth of color, encouraging bonds of sisterhood in their community, and the deconstruction of societal labels of “ghetto.” The founders will also share their experience and motivation to create a radical youth organization through community activism in the Bay Area. The Radical Monarchs mission is to create opportunities for youth girls of color to form fierce sisterhood, celebrate identities and contribute radically to their communities.

For additional information on the Radical Monarchs, go to: radicalmonarchs.org

I Own My Voice
Take Back the Night 2016
Thursday, April 21
5:30-6:30 PM
Quarry Plaza
More info to come!

Healthy Frictions
Wednesday, May 4th
3:00-4:30 PM
Muwekma Chione Conference Room
(Bay Tree Building)

Healthy frictions is centered around deconstructing stigma on self-pleasure such as masturbation and orgasm with Pure Pleasure.

Join us for a stimulating dialogue and interactive workshop around sexual empowerment through reclaiming one’s body through mastering and reaching orgasm as a form of healing, self-care, and sex positivity.

For additional information on disability accommodations, please contact Ana Lopez, Women’s Health Educator, Disability Awareness Coordinator at: alopez@uscsc.edu or (310) 459-2372.