

# **Feminist Activism in Conservative Times**

## **AGENDA**

**March 10, 2007**

**9:00 - 4:00**

**Antigonish, Nova Scotia**

- 8:30 - 9:00      Registration (Sharon)**
- 9:00-9:15      Introductions and Overview of the Day (Betsy)**
- 9:15 - 9:45      Stories, Approaches and Tools for Social Activism (Intro & Moderating - Betsy)**  
♀      Violence and equity issues:      **Maureen Shebib**  
♀      Feminist Activism and Racism:      **Doreen Paris**  
♀      Women's Studies and Social Activism:      **Nancy Forestell**
- 9:45 - 10:00      Questions to Panel (Betsy)**
- 10:00-10:30      Small Group Discussion at Your Table: (Betsy)**  
♀      What is your entry point to feminist social activism?  
- note connection to mapping exercise after break
- 10:30- 10:45      Break**
- 10:45-11:15      Mapping exercise: (Clare & Betsy)**  
♀      Locating our activism  
- have timeline beginning with 2007 and moving backwards  
- ask participants to identify the year and issue that engaged them in feminism and/or social action  
- there may be multiple entry points
- 11:15-12:00      The Feminist View: (Intro & moderating - Clare)**  
♀      Queer activism:      **Kyrie Mann**  
♀      Issues impacting aboriginal women:      **Michele Buckman**  
♀      Women's activism on campus:      **Marchell Coulombe**
- 12:00 - 12:15      Questions to Panelists: (Clare)**
- 12:15 - 1:15      Lunch: Salt N' Peppa Catering**  
♀      Music: Bethany and Anisa Loewen
- 1:15 - 1:45      Feminism - Then & Now: Angela Miles (Intro & Moderating - Clare)**
- 1:45 - 2:00      Questions to Speaker (Clare)**
- 2:00 - 2:15      Recent Federal Cuts: Lucille Harper. (Intro - Betsy)**
- 2:15 - 2:30      Break**
- 2:30 - 3:00      Small Group Discussion/ Mapping Exercise: (Clare)**  
♀      Identifying & Exploring the Issues ?  
- invite group discussion on issues on which they are taking action or with which they are concerned and the action they are taking  
- then invite women to individually write within a circle - what the issue are for them that they are concerned with or taking action on.  
- have participants post these circles on the wall - grouping like issues together

- 3:00 - 3:30      **Small Group Discussion: Issue Based (Betsy)**  
♀ Moving the Issues Forward  
- identify as a large group the issue areas that appear with the circle placement  
- assign tables for each issue area  
- ask participants to move to the table that fits for them for this discussion  
    ? Reflect on the linkages among the issues and how the issues impact each other  
    ? Develop a message or recommendation or commitment for taking action on their issue  
- record this on a larger circle
- 3:30 - 3:45      **Report Back to Large Group (Betsy)**  
♀ Recommendations For Action  
- each group to present  
- these will be circulated to conference participants
- 3:45-4:00      **Evaluation / Closure (Clare & Betsy)**  
    Evaluation: On different colored sticky notes - post on wall:  
        What stood out for you today?  
        What did not work for you today?  
        What commitment to action are you taking forward from today?
- Thank Yous: Gifts: Angela/,Panelists (6)/Musicians
- Closing Remarks: