

# Important Changes in ISD



Roxanne Donovan was recently named the Interim Associate Dean in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Roxanne says, "I am excited to take on the new challenges inherent in this interim position, and look forward to serving our college, faculty, and students in this role."

## Gender & Women's Studies

Kudos to Laura Davis, longtime Coordinator of the Gender and Women's Studies program. She has stepped down and Stacy Keltner was elected to assume that role in this popular program, which has had 27 percent growth just in one year!

Gender & Women's Studies is also proud to announce the development of a brand new joint-venture with Coles College of Business. The undergraduate Gender & the Workplace Certificate is available to students beginning in Fall 2014.

MAST Graduate Student, Jessica Bull, works for the LGBTQI Student Retention Services. Below are several events that she helped organize that may be of interest to your students, faculty or staff, and the local community.

October 2nd, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.- Zuckerman Museum of Art  
Opening Reception for 'Opening Doors, Outing History': An LGBTQ History Exhibit

In October, doors will spring up across campus. To celebrate LGBT History Month, GLBTIQ Student Retention Services will be partnering with students, organizations, and departments to create a unique history exhibit. In an effort to "queer" the idea of a history exhibit, we will use doors as the structure of our exhibit.

October 9-10, 2014 - 8:00 p.m., Onyx Theatre, Wilson Annex  
The Coming Out Monologues



'The Coming Out Monologues' is a theatrical production hosted in partnership with the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies that is comprised of 'coming out' stories that reflect the humorous, poignant, serious, embarrassing, and creative coming out experiences of KSU's campus community.

Admission for this event is \$5.00 without a valid student ID. Student admission is free! Seating is limited. For reservations and ticket sales, please contact the Box Office at 470-578-6650.



Laura Davis



Stacy Keltner

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## ISD Chair's Message

ISD is growing and we have big plans for this year. We have more than 1,000 students in Fall 2014 classes, we welcomed a new jointly appointed faculty member this fall, and consolidation with SPSU may bring others to our ranks.

The department's main focus this coming year will be on curriculum development. Our proposal for a certificate in Diversity and Community Engagement has been approved by the department's Curriculum and Assessment Committee and department faculty members. The proposal received very strong support from, among others, the Executive Director of Engage KSU, the Dean of Coles College of Business, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Our fall retreat featured spirited discussions about the first stages of developing a department major.

We are also starting to develop a strong list of community organizations and contacts for student internships/engagement projects, and these sorts of contacts may also prove useful for fundraising purposes. If you have ideas about local agencies or organizations interested in diversity and social justice issues to which ISD might connect, please let us know!

Finally, ISD is hosting a number of exciting events this fall, including a screening of Maestra—a new documentary on the literacy campaign in Cuba after the revolution—and discussion with filmmaker, Catherine Murphy on Tuesday, October 21 at 5:00 p.m. in SO 1019.

We also have an opportunity to hear from Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, whose new book, *An Indigenous People's History of the United States*, may be "the most important U.S. history book you will read in your lifetime," according to Robin Kelley. Dunbar-Ortiz will speak at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20 in SO 5074. Keep an eye out for publicity for these events, and please help spread the word.



Marie-Dominique Ahebee, originally from the Ivory Coast, is our new student assistant in the ISD Suite. She is a Senior majoring in International Affairs. Marie is currently interning with the Carter Center and was just invited to attend Jimmy Carter's 90th Birthday party. She plans to work for an international agency after graduation.

Welcome to the ISD team, Marie!

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*Robbie Lieberman*

Note our department's new phone and fax numbers: 470-578-2431 (phone) and 470-578-9141 (fax)