



Hello Bobcats!

Greetings to all of you Bobcats enjoying your Fall '06 Semester! Thanksgiving break is coming up, and we do not want you to forget about all of the scholarships that are available. If you have any questions about the Multicultural and Gender Studies minors, please feel free to come by and have a chat with us. We will gladly answer any questions you might have and are more than willing to open up our resources to you. Don't forget about the exciting events that are coming soon and we hope you enjoy the rest of the semester. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
MCGS Staff

Fall 2006
Newsletter

Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies

The Nina Vaca-Humrichouse Scholarship Fund

The Nina Vaca-Humrichouse Scholarship Fund provides an annual scholarship of \$500.

Criteria

- Full-time Texas State University- San Marcos student taking 12 hours minimum per semester
- Must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA
- A minority student minoring in multicultural studies (International, U.S., or Women's Studies)

To Apply

www.txstate.edu/mcgs/scholarships1.html

or visit Flowers Hall Room 336

Deadline

Nov. 15, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

deadline has been extended to Dec. 1 @ 5:00 p.m.

Selection of recipient(s) shall be the responsibility of the Texas State University- San Marcos Scholarship Committee of the Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies.

Nina Vaca-Humrichouse is a graduate of Texas State University with a B.A. in Speech Communications and Business Administration where she was honored as a Distinguished Alumna in 2005. Dr. Vaca-Humrichouse also holds a Doctor of Laws "Honoris Causa" from Northwood University. She founded Pinnacle Technical Resources in 1996 as an information technology services provider to the Fortune 500.



As the first two-time winner of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Woman of the Year Award, Dr. Vaca-Humrichouse appeared in Fast Company Magazine as one of the top 25 Women Business Builders in the country. She was also selected as one of the 50 Most Important Hispanics in Business and Technology by Hispanic Engineering & Technology Magazine, and is a two-time winner of Hispanic Business Magazine's Entrepreneur of the Year Award for InfoBusiness. She received the Ernst & Young 2005 Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Technology and Communications for the Southwest Region.

For more information on Nina's inspirational journey, visit her website at www.pinnacle1.com.

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Other Scholarships Of Interest

Cecil Mayo Scholarship for African American Males

Undergraduate African American male student - \$500

Hispanic Policy Network Scholarship

Undergraduate Hispanic students enrolled at Texas State University - \$1000

MLK/Rivera Scholarship

First generation students or students who have participated in a subsidized high school lunch program, Upward Bound, Talent Search, CAMP, or Educational Opportunity Center Program and is a Texas resident - \$2000

MCGS U.S. Ethnic & Women's Studies Minor Scholarship

Undergraduate students minoring in Ethnic Studies or Women's Studies - \$200

Athena Scholarship for Women

Full-time female student who is single and has custody of one or more dependents who are 17 years of age or younger - \$3000

Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

Underrepresented students pursuing bachelor's degrees in the sciences, mathematics, engineering, and technology - Up to \$2500

Featured Student!

Adele Walajtys



Adele is a first generation college student who worked arduously over seven years to get her B.A in sociology from Texas State. Born in Medford, New Jersey but raised in Round Rock, she transferred to Texas State University from Austin Community College in 2002 and graduated in 2004. Initially apprehensive about attending graduate school, encouragement from sociology professor Dr. Harold Dorton Jr. is what convinced her to continue her sociological studies at the next level. Previous experience with one of the professors involved with Women's Studies – Dr. Barbara Trepagnier – convinced her that Women's Studies would be a fun and challenging choice of graduate minors. What also intrigued Adele was the range of courses that she could take as a Women's Studies minor. Aside from the core classes that she was required to take, she noticed that disciplines such as English, History, and Communication Studies were also included in the requirements. As a result she was able to take a class that addressed another passion of hers: history.

Advice from Adele: "To others interested in Multicultural and Gender Studies: These courses offer a unique perspective on various aspects of our society that other courses and degrees may not address. I would encourage anyone to take at least one course and see how it affects their own perspective."

Adele is an active campus citizen and holds membership in several clubs and honor societies. She is currently president of Sociology's Honor Society Alpha Kappa Delta. She is a member of the Sociology Club and has helped organize many fundraisers to benefit the club's growth and ability to serve the community. Some of these events include Bobcat Build, Relay for Life and Komen Race for the Cure. Adele is also the treasurer of a newly formed club on campus, Beyond Borders, that serves to raise funds and awareness for the less fortunate at home and abroad. Adele is happily married to Matthew, who has supported her dream of getting a college education for many years. She is currently working on her master's thesis titled "Employment 2.0: Experiences of Retirees Returning to the Workforce." This huge Bobcat football fan hopes to graduate in May 2007, when she plans to take a year off to work before returning to school to pursue her Ph.D. in sociology or social gerontology.

List of General Requirement Block
Courses available for
Minor in Ethnic Studies
Spring 2007

Anthropology 3315 -Archaeology of the Southwest- An examination of the prehistory and early cultures of the Greater Southwest from the first arrival of humans as early as 20,000 years ago to the coming of the Spaniards in the 16th century. The course covers several mammoth kill sites at the end of the Pleistocene; the emergence of Archaic hunters and gatherers and the appearance of agriculture about two thousand years ago, leading to the three major cultures in the Southwest-The Mogollon, the Hohokam, and the Anasazi; the last in multi storied pueblos and cliff dwellings.

Anthropology 3331A -North American Indians- Analysis and interpretation of selected topics of special interest in the area of the American Indian. Topics discussed and instructors will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.

Anthropology 3331C -Indians of the Southwest- Analysis and interpretation of selected topics of special interest in the area of the American Indian. Topics discussed and instructors will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.

Anthropology 3375C -Selected Topics in Anthropology- Analysis and interpretation of selected topics of special interest in the area of social, physical, and/or archaeological anthropology. Topics discussed and instructors will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated with different emphasis for additional credit.

History 3329 -Spanish Borderlands, 1521-1821-A survey of the social, economic, and political development of the frontier regions of Spain's empire in North America. (May be taken for either Group A or Group B credit)

Music 3375 -History of Jazz-Jazz originated in America free of European influence, and has been of great importance in the development of 20th Century music. Topics will include the structure and history of jazz, the contributions of jazz to contemporary music, and the chronological development of jazz experienced through recordings and live performances.

Political Science 4331 -Minority Politics-This course examines and analyzes the political participation of American minorities (Blacks, Hispanics, women, and other minorities) in the American political system and the impact of various public policies on minority groups. The course will emphasize the following topics: electoral participation (public policy participation, representation and implementation) protest politics, and political behavior. Some reference will be to Texas and the Southwest. May be repeated once with different emphasis.

Spanish 3306 -Survey of Spanish-American Literature-A study of Spanish-American literature from 1880 to the present and its antecedents in Spain. Prerequisite: SPAN 3308.

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Courses available for
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Spring 2007

Anthropology 1312 - Cultural Anthropology- Examines the nature of culture and its various aspects as these are manifested in contemporary and traditional societies. Provides for increased flexibility of human culture. ANTH 1312 and 3301 may not both be counted for credit.

Art History 4301 -Issues in Contemporary Art-An issue-oriented survey of the diverse forms and concepts present in American art since 1965. Modernism and Post Modernism are explored.

Communication 3329 -Intercultural Communication-Presents theory and application of communication skills for a culturally diverse world. Develops verbal and nonverbal abilities in social and professional intercultural contexts. Prerequisites: COMM 2315, 2330, 2338; Full major or minor status.

English 3346 -Southwestern Studies II: Consequences of Region-The second of a two-course sequence in a broad interdisciplinary survey of geophysical, cultural, social, literary, and political history of the Southwest, emphasizing regional and ethnic expressions of culture in architecture, art, economics, law, literature, philosophy, politics, popular culture, religion, social science, and technology.

Geography 3329 -Geography of Texas-The physical and cultural geography of Texas with special emphasis on human resources and economic activities.

History 3380 -The Desegregation of the South from 1944-1970-Course will address the history and the historiography of the desegregation of the South from 1944-1970.

Political Science 3319 -Metropolitan Politics-An examination of the political institutions and processes of urban and suburban America, including such topics as urban sprawl, reform movements, ethnic politics, and city-county consolidation.

Psychology 3334 -Psychology of Human Diversity- Explanations about how the environment, genetics, and culture shape human differences. How these differences are linked to world progress and understanding are also addressed.

Sociology 3327 -Multicultural Relations-The nature and the problems inherent in racial and other minority groups, with special reference to the American scene.

Social Work 4310 -Social Services to Minorities- Exploration of the roots of minority social work, practice, and the quality of present day social work with minorities. Primary focus is on knowledge skills necessary for effective practice with women and select ethnic minorities of the Southwest (African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans). Prerequisites: SOWK 1350 or consent of instructor.

List of Courses available for
Minor in Women's Studies
Spring 2007

Anthropology 3324 -Mexican American Culture-An examination of the history and culture of Mexican Americans with an emphasis on the analytical concepts of culture, race, class, and gender. Lectures, films, and selected readings (including chapters from anthropological and literary books and journals) will be used to portray the diversity of Mexican American experiences in this country. Topics include religion, politics, economy, identity politics, popular culture, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

Criminal Justice 4326 -Women and Criminal Justice-This course is designed to explore women's involvement in three primary areas of criminal justice: as victims, criminals, and practitioners employed in criminal justice agencies. It will analyze the impact of sex and gender on such things as criminological theory, sentencing, prison subcultures, victimization and career choices.

English 3388 -Women and Literature-A survey of women's writing in English, in various genres, over a period of 600 years (14th century to the present)

History 3373B -Women's History-Topics course that focuses on women as a force in American history from colonial to modern times, with emphasis on religious, social, and political movements. Women's activities are analyzed within the context of a multicultural, patriarchal society, the roots of American feminist, and the implications for women's future roles in society are explored. May be repeated for credit with a different emphasis.

Mass Communications 4308 -Women and Minorities in the Media-Analysis of the images of women and minorities in the media and their status as media professionals. Includes study of the alternative media.

Political Science 4330 -Women in Politics-A study of the role of women in political life. The course will examine women's influence on politics as well as how various public policies affect women. Topics may include feminism, electoral politics, political representation, and the internal politics of women's groups.

Sociology 3350 -Men, Women, and Societies-This course examines the relations between male and female roles throughout the world, including the United states, Europe, and the third world countries. Special attention is given to changes in these roles and the consequences of such changes for societies, including familial, marital, and sexual relationships.

Sociology 3370 -Industrial Sociology-The social setting and formal organization of work; individual and group adaptation in industrial organization.

Speech Communications 3328 -Communication and Gender-Investigates the interactive nature of communication and gender, the creation of gender identities, and the role of gender and communication in a variety of settings. (Prerequisites: COMM 2315; full major or minor status)

Important Events

November is National Native American Indian Heritage Month!



Nov 13-17: International Education Week

Nov 15: SACA Film Series Presents: Hotel Rwanda @ 7:00PM in LBJSC Ballroom

Nov 19: Men's and Women's Chorus @ 3:00PM in Evans Auditorium

Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day

Dec 14: Multicultural Graduation Celebration! 6:00PM - 9:00PM at LBJSC Teaching Theatre and George's

Jan 29: Music Lecture Series presents a Lecture Recital with Dr. Nico Schüler and Sunnie Oh, Piano "Protest & Dissent: German Workers' Songs of the Late 1920s and Early 1930s"

"The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn... and change." – Carl R. Rogers

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