

Are you looking for a guest speaker for this semester?

The Women's Center offers several presentations that support the academic offerings of a wide variety of disciplines. Our sessions are designed to:

- examine current events;
- to enhance knowledge and critical thinking skills on the intersections of these topics and gender and diversity locally, regionally, nationally and internationally; and
- to cultivate skills and knowledge that serve to support the academic success and future productivity of students as employees and citizens.



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An Alternative To Canceling Your Class When You Have a Scheduling Conflict

Scheduled to attend a conference or professional meeting during the academic year?

Personal or family obligations that require your attention?

The Women's Center staff is available to provide guest lectures during those times when faculty are unavailable to teach. The staff can work with you to develop a presentation tailored to your specific course content or you can select from one of our sessions designed specifically for this initiative.

Topics include:

- *Sexual Harassment*
- *Workplace Issues/Climate*
- *Women's Rights – What you need to know in the political sphere*
- *How to be an Ally*
- *Diversity*

Elizabeth (Betsy) Cracco, Ph.D. Coordinator, Violence Against Women Prevention Program

As a counseling psychologist, Betsy has spent over ten years working in college mental health and teaching a variety of courses at the college level that focus on the intersection of gender, relationships, student development and mental health. She has particular expertise and research background in the areas of gender, violence, and trauma.

Kathy Fischer - Associate Director

Prior to coming to UConn in 2001, Kathy worked for Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services as the Coordinator of Education and Outreach, and served as a counselor and advocate for more than 8 years. Her current work is to promote awareness and understanding of women's issues through planning and coordinating educational, social and recreational programs and events, as well as conducting training programs for administrators, faculty, staff and students. Kathy serves on a variety of University and UCPEA committees, as well as state and national boards including the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's Centers' Advisory Council for the National Women's Studies Association.

Kathleen Holgerson - Director

With over 17 years of experience working on issues of gender equity, multiculturalism, and violence against women, Kathleen has held several positions both at the Women's Center and in community-based and non-profit women's organizations, in the areas of community education, counseling/crisis intervention, and program development. She has served on a variety of University committees and initiatives including the Provost's Commission on the Status of Women; the University Senate; and as the Co-Project Director for University of Connecticut/Connecticut Consortium's Grant to Combat Crimes of Violence Against Women on campus.

Recent praise for the "Don't Cancel Your Class" program:

"Thank you again for the very high quality program you provided for our students. They told me that they enjoyed it very much, and that they were very impressed with you and the Women's Center. My students wrote insightful reactions which showed that they were completely engaged in the topics. In fact, they are still discussing the issues raised! I really appreciate it!"


- Anne Dauphin, UCAELI Instructor

"Almost everyone said that they were surprised by something or the other...They said that they found it very interesting. That's actually very high praise because in my experience, students usually judge guest lecturers really harshly...Thanks for connecting your talk with consumerism. Some of the students noticed that and found the connection really interesting. I'm looking forward to having you come to my classes in the future!"

- An Assistant Professor

"I just met with my students and they expressed great interest and enthusiasm for the activity and material discussed. And it certainly tied in perfectly with the class material/readings from last week and today...They stated that they felt comfortable to express their opinions in class and that the concepts were explained clearly...Basically, it was a success. Thanks so much!"

- Guillermo Rebollo-Gil,
Assistant Professor, Sociology

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