Women's History Overview

In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women. President Jimmy Carter’s Message to the nation designating March 2-8, 1980 as National Women's History Week.

Who created Women’s History Month?

In 1980, the National Women's History Project (NWHP) was founded in Santa Rosa, California by Molly Murphy MacGregor, Mary Ruthsdotter, Maria Cuevas, Paula Hammett and Bette Morgan to broadcast women's historical achievements.
Did you know about the top 16 Women’s Diversity Facts around the world?

1. In **China**, women make up 11.1% of corporate boards.

2. In **Canada**, the Capital Markets Mid-Year Report 2015 reported an average of 16.4% female directors among all companies.

3. In **Finland**, women have 29.9% of corporate board seats.

4. In **Russia**, women have paid maternity leave before and after birth.

5. In the **United States**, as of 2013, female full time workers were making on average only 78 cents for every dollar earned by men.

6. **157 million**: number of females in the United States, compared to 151.8 million males.

7. **85.4 million**: number of mothers in the United States.

8. **$36,931**: median annual earnings of women 15 or older who worked year-round, full time.

9. **30.7 million**: number of women 25 and older with a bachelor’s degree or more, compared to 29.2 million men. Women had a larger share of high school diplomas (including equivalents), as well as associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees. More men than women had a professional or doctoral degree.

10. **11.3 million**: number of college students in fall 2010 who were women.


12. **46.2%**: percentage of female citizens 18 and older who reported voting in the 2010 congressional election, compared to 45 percent of men.

13. **58.6%**: percentage of females 16 and older who participated in the labor force, representing about 71.9 million women, in 2010.

14. **40.6%**: percent of employed females 16 and older who worked in management, professional and related occupations, compared with 34.2 percent of employed males.

15. **205,500**: total number of active duty women in the military, as of Sept. 30, 2010.

16. **64.9 million**: number of married women 18 and older in 2011.
March Calendar Events

March 2nd Women's Empowerment Summit

9am - Twilight Ballroom, check in and registration is at 8:30 am

Develop relationships with impactful women, learn professional development skills, discuss current issues for women, learn how to improve personal wellness and more during the second annual Women's Empowerment Summit. This day includes keynote speakers and workshops. All current and rising female student leaders, SFA faculty and staff members, and community members are invited. The event is free, but seating is limited. Preregister at sfasu.edu/oma.

March 27th Vagina Monologues

6 p.m. — Twilight Ballroom

Vagina Monologues is a play performed by female SFA faculty and staff members, students and community members. The production, written by Eve Ensler, is based on real-life conversations she had with women at various stages of life about their gender, sexual experiences and how they felt about their bodies in gender-specific terms. The Monologues are meant to advocate for the halt of violence against women and advocate women empowerment. They bring awareness to the issue of violence against women and celebrate women. Proceeds will benefit the Nacogdoches Family Crisis Center/Women's Shelter. Admission is $2.
Important Announcements!!!

1. Come and join our Book Club! The OMA Book Club is open to students, faculty, staff and members of the community who wish to have discussions on books that embrace cultural diversity that way we may not normally come across in our day to day lives. The Book Club will meet biweekly on 

   Thursday at 5:00 pm.

Where? Meetings will take place in the Resource Library inside the Office of Multicultural Affairs

When? Every other Monday at 4pm

What? You will need to read the chapters before the meetings so that you can engage in conversations regarding the book chapters.

The first 5 students who sign up, will receive a copy of the book! Here is the form below that you will need to complete in order to receive a copy of the book.

http://www.sfasu.edu/multicultural/357.asp

The OMA Featured book of the month is:

An overview of this book includes: Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger.

Protestors are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr.

The Hate U Give
Announcements Continued...

Join us for our Diversity Week Programming!

DIVERSITY WEEK 2018
PRESENTED BY SFA’S OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

APRIL 2
Diversity Week Kickoff
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. | BPSC Plaza

APRIL 2
Lumberjack Cultural Association Festival
6 p.m. | BPSC Plaza

APRIL 3
Peace Meal
6 p.m. | The Yellow House

APRIL 4
Diversity Poetry Slam
6 p.m. | BPSC Theater

APRIL 4
Pieces of SFA
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
BPSC Spirit Lounge

APRIL 5
Cultural Scavenger Hunt
4 p.m. | BPSC Plaza

For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at (936) 468-1073 or oma@sfasu.edu.
1789 - US. Constitution is ratified. The term “persons”, “people”, and “electors” allow for interpretation of those beings to include men and women.

1837 - Oberlin College in Ohio becomes the first coed college in the U.S.

1840 - Catherine Brewer becomes the first woman to receive a bachelors degree form Georgia Female College (now called Wesleyan College) in Macon, Ga.

1839 - The state of Mississippi becomes the first state to grant married women’s rights to hold property in their own names, independent of their husbands.

1843 - Isabella Baumfree takes the name Sojourner Truth and goes on to become a famed abolitionist and women’s rights activist.

1848 - First women’s rights convention is held in Seneca Falls, N.Y. to sign the declaration of Rights and Sentiments.

1849 - Elizabeth Blackwell becomes the first woman to receive a medical degree form Geneva Medical College.

1869 - First women’s suffrage laws passed in Wyoming.

1872 - Victoria Woodhall becomes the first woman Presidential candidate for the Equal Rights Party.

1872 - Susan B. Anthony is arrested for trying to vote.

1918 - Jeanette Rankin of Montana becomes the first woman elected to Congress.

1920 - 19th Amendment gives women right to vote.
1924 - Mariam Ferguson (Texas) and Nellie Taylor Ross (Wyoming) became first women elected to Senate.

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1932 - Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

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1973 - In Roe. v. Wade, Supreme Court protects woman’s rights to terminate pregnancy.

1973 - Equal Pay Act is passed by Congress to close gender pay gap.
Diversity Week Programming April 2nd-April 5th

LUMBERJACK CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
FESTIVAL

APRIL 2 | 6 P.M.
BAKER PATTILLO STUDENT CENTER PLAZA

Join Lumberjack Cultural Association as they celebrate diversity with a festival! Food, prizes and games will be provided. In addition, come meet other endorsed organizations within the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

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Diversity Week Programming April 2nd-April 5th Continued...

**PEACE MEAL**

6 P.M.
Tuesday, April 3
The Yellow House
201 E. College St.
Nacogdoches, Texas 75965

**GUEST SPEAKER**
OLMECA

Participants will have the opportunity to break bread with individuals from all walks of life while engaging in meaningful dialogue pertaining to our diverse communities during the annual Peace Meal. Olmeca, a prolific writer and producer who has been featured on BBC London, Huffington Post, CNN Latino and more, will be speaking at the meal. Olmeca has toured Canada, Latin America and Europe, and has helped spawn a new trend of bilingual hip-hop. Olmeca’s work focuses on social commentary and community efforts that intersect various identities and demographics.

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Audition for the Diversity Poetry Slam!

When? Wednesday, April 4th

Location & Time: BPSC Movie Theater, 6pm

Celebrate the arts through poetry, music and spoken word at OMA's first poetry slam. You will get the chance to listen to amazing artists, including a performance from Sha'condria "iCON" Sibley, a nationally acclaimed championship poet and spoken word artist. The winner of this competition will receive a cash prize.

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Participate in the Pieces of SFA activity!

On Wednesday April 4th, come out and decorate puzzle pieces to create “SFA” letters to demonstrate how our diverse student body comes together to be lumberjacks.

Time & Location: BPSC Plaza Spirit Lounge, 11am - 2pm
OMA’s Cultural Scavenger Hunt will conclude Diversity Week at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 5 in the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Teams will compete against one another to discover various cultures through an Amazing Race-Esque Scavenger Hunt for cash prizes and more! To compete, register by March 30.

Here is the website information where you will need to sign up your team for the scavenger hunt. Select sign up here. http://www.sfasu.edu/multicultural/597.asp

Once you fill out the form with your information, select register at the bottom right corner.