

The Centre for Women's Studies & Gender Research was established in 1987 as a centre to focus on the needs and inclusion of all women. In February 2008, on the 21st anniversary of the foundation of the Centre, a **Commemorative Colloquium** involving scholars and students from all across Australia was held. Distinguished international Professor of Women's Studies from Duke University, Robyn Wiegman gave a Public Lecture at Victorian State Library focused on ways in which the social, political and identity projects of women's and gender studies evolve and change. The Dean of Arts, Professor Rae Frances thanked Professor Wiegman for her very stimulating and challenging address and pointed to the intellectual vibrancy of the field of study. On the following day, the Centre hosted a **Women's and Gender Studies Convenors' Meeting** where the opportunities for women's and gender studies across Australian universities were discussed. Simultaneously, a two day **Graduate Master Class** was held for postgraduates from the Centre, nominated postgraduates from PSI and students from women's and gender studies programs across Australia. Professor Robyn Wiegman led the Master Class with Professor Annamarie Jagose from Auckland University and Dr Elizabeth Wilson, ARC Australian Research Fellow, from UNSW.

The three interlinked events reflected the commitment of the Centre to women's progress, to women's education and to feminist scholarship. The Public Lecture was well-attended by a broad range of scholars, politicians and community members; it was particularly pleasing to have so many people with strong past associations to the Centre. The **Women's and Gender Studies Convenors' Meeting** involved program convenors from 7 Australian universities and the **Graduate Master Class** was attended by 25 students and was very successful. The School of Political and Social Inquiry was a generous supporter of this event through funding, significant administrative support and the many colleagues who attended.

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