Gender, War, and Peace: Summer course at GW

It’s not too late to enroll in “Gender, War, and Peace” with Kerry Crawford! This upper division undergraduate and *graduate (*with permission of the instructor) course explores the ways in which war impacts men and women, as well as how international relations scholarship and practice might benefit from consideration of gender dynamics. We will explore the following questions: What is gender? How do definitions of gender in different societies relate to violence and war? How does war affect men and women, boys and girls? How do gender dynamics impact peacekeeping and post-conflict reconstruction? “Gender, War, and Peace” will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings during Summer Session II at GW. The first class will meet on July 8th. Kerry Crawford, the instructor, has done research on wartime sexual violence and the international community’s attempts to end it, and is a fellow in the Global Gender Program in the Elliott School of International Affairs. She recently presented two papers- one on women in peacekeeping and the other on US efforts to prevent sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo- at the International Studies Association meeting and she is a frequent blogger for Global Gender Current. Registration is still open and students are encouraged to enroll as soon as possible. Click here for a course description and more information. For enrollment information, please contact the Admissions Office.

Why it matters: Sally Nuamah on strides in equal education

By student contributor Asthaa Chaturvedi

In her recent TEDx talk, Sally Nuamah evoked Nigerian activist M.K.O Abiola’s saying, “no man can clap with one hand.” She explained the value of educating women through her case study in Ghana and the simple...
Events

**Cathy Russell’s nomination hearing for the position of Ambassador at Large for Global Women’s Issues**
*When:* June 5 | 2:30pm  
*Where:* Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 419  
Constitution Avenue and 1st Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

**After the 2014 Withdrawal: How to Sustain the Decade of Gains for Women in Afghanistan**
*Who:* The US Institute of Peace and Heritage Foundation  
*When:* June 6 | 2:00pm-4:15pm  
*Where:* The Heritage Foundation, Allison Auditorium  
214 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC

The Heritage Foundation and the United States Institute of Peace will co-host Congresswomen Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Donna Edwards (D-MD), Co-chairs of the Afghan Women’s Caucus, to speak about the gains Afghan women have made over the last decade and the challenges they face as U.S. and NATO forces withdraw. Following the Congresswomen’s remarks, an expert panel will discuss the issue in its security context as well as the challenges of the NGO community in carrying on its work in the health, education, and political sectors.

**More Than Victims: Women’s Roles in the Syrian Conflict**
*Who:* IREX and ICAN  
*When:* June 11 | 9:30am-11:00am  
*Where:* IREX  
1275 K St NW, Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005

Increased coverage of gender-based violence (GBV) as a weapon of war often narrowly portrays women’s participation in conflict solely as victims. Join IREX, ICAN and a panel of experts as they broaden the discussion of women in the Syrian conflict to also include their contributions as leaders, dividers, and connectors.

**Vision, Innovation, and Action to Address Child Marriage**
*Who:* Wilson Center  
*When:* June 17 | 2:00pm-4:00pm

idea that no nation can develop without lifting up all groups. Like Susannah Shakow, Saba Ismail, and Christina Fink, her work illuminates the relevance of why issues like equal political participation and education continue to be salient today, why women and development matter in this 21st century moment. Read more.

"Starting a business with limited resources in East Jerusalem, West Bank, is a challenge for women ow.ly/lt48m via @UNDP" - @UN_Women

http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7b2632136230b212de30b9018&id=1268baecbb&e=[UNIQID]
Where: Woodrow Wilson Center, 6th Floor
1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20004-3027

A panel on child marriage hosted by the Wilson Center, Environmental Change and Security Program, and Global Sustainability and Resilience Program.

Opportunities

**Job: Program Assistant**
*Who:* Global Gender Program  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Job: Communications Coordinator**
*Who:* Population Action International  
*Where:* Washington, DC  
*Deadline:* June 15, 2013

**Job: Human Rights Fellow for US Legal Program**
*Who:* The Center for Reproductive Rights  
*Where:* New York, NY

**Job: Program for Asia Pacific**
*Who:* Global Fund for Women  
*Where:* San Francisco, CA

Resources

**Elusive Peace, Pervasive Violence: Sri Lankan Women’s Struggle for Security and Justice**
The 8th brief in ICAN’s “What the Women Say” series focuses on women in Sri Lanka’s northern provinces in the aftermath of war. Drawing on a survey conducted in ten war-torn districts and discussions with over 450 women, it reflects on women’s legal gains and their activism for peace and human rights while also highlighting the critical security, economic and social risks that many women face.

**A Women’s Perspective On The Violent And Oppressive Bahraini Regime**
This AWID article shares the perspective of Bahraini activist and Bahrain Watch founder, Dr Ala’a Shehab, on the lack of reform and continued violence against citizens, particularly women’s rights advocates.

The right of the individual to decide how many children to have and when to have them has consistently been the guiding principle in international reproductive health standards, according to the World Health Organization. Since 2010, Haiti’s rising annual birth rate has been increasingly referred to as a “fertility crisis” by international population demographers. Read more.