Spring 2015 Courses on Gender

**Gender Advisor: Roles and Skills**
*Course Info:* IAFF 6503.27  
*Instructor:* Andrea Bertone | abertone@gwu.edu  
March 28-29 9:00-5:00

**Gender and Conflict**
*Course Info:* IAFF 3180.11  
*Instructor:* Aisling Swaine | aislingswaine@gwu.edu  
Wednesday 3:30-6:00 pm

**Migration, Gender, and International Development**
*Course Info:* IAFF 3183.11  
*Instructor:* Natacha Stevanovic-Fenn natachastev@gmail.com  
Tuesday 7:10-9:40 pm

**Women, War, and Peace**
*Course Info:* IAFF 6118.10  
*Instructor:* Aisling Swaine | aislingswaine@gwu.edu  
Tuesday 7:10-9:00 pm

**Violence, Gender, and Humanitarian Assistance**
*Course Info:* IAFF 6138.11  
*Instructor:* Beth Vann | bethvann@gwu.edu  
Tuesday 7:10-9:00 pm

**Gender, Tourism, and Development**
*Course Info:* IAFF 6138.14  
*Instructor:* Jane Henrici | henrici@email.gwu.edu

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Tuesday, November 25, marks the 14 year anniversary of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. This day commemorates the lives of the three Mirabel sisters who were assassinated for their political activism against the Dominican Republic dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo on November 25, 1960. In their home country of the Dominican Republic they are recognized as national martyrs, and in December of 1999, the United Nations decided that their cause deserved yearly commemoration.
Thursday 5:10-7:00 pm

Events

**Improving Global Health Through Clean Cooking Solutions: A Panel Discussion of Diverse Perspectives**

*When:* Monday, November 24, 12:30 pm  
*Who:* Milken Institute of Public Health  
*Where:* 950 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington DC Room B100B

Speakers: Jacob Moss, Ranyee Chiang, James Tielsch, Dean Still

Exposure to smoke from cooking with solid fuels kills more than 4 million people, predominately in the developing world, each year according to the World Health Organization. This event will feature a panel of experts discussing clean cooking solutions and their ability to lead to improvements in health, environment and the livelihoods of women and children. It will conclude with a demonstration of the newest biomass stoves developed by Aprovecho Research Center.

Please RSVP to Kallista Bernal at kallista@gwu.edu. A light lunch will be provided at 12pm

**Screening of “The Invisible War”**

*When:* Monday, November 24, 6:30 pm  
*Who:* Break the Chain  
*Where:* 950 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington DC Milken Institute School of Public Health, Room 100

The student advocacy group Break the Chain will be hosting this screening. The film is an investigative documentary about the epidemic of rape of female soldiers within the US military, and will be followed by a Q&A session.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women kicks off the yearly 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. The 16 days end on December 10, of each year which falls on International Human Rights Day. This year’s theme, [Orange the World in 16 Days](http://www.un.org/en/events/16days/), is tied into the UN’s [UNiTE to End Violence against Women](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/evaw/) campaign, which has designated the 25th of each month as Orange Day. Wearing orange on the 25th, is an opportunity to show support for this campaign to end the violence that affects 1 in 3 women around the world.

To find out more click [here](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/evaw/)..

**Interactive Map of the Org Spotlights**

As you, our readers know, every week the Global Gender Update includes a spotlight on an organization that focuses on gender issues around the world. We believe that it is important to highlight the hard work that people are doing in the United States and abroad to alleviate gender discrepancies. Each spotlight links to a longer blog post on our blog page, [global.gender.current](http://www.global.gender.current). The blog then contains a hyperlink to the organization's website so that any interested parties have the opportunity to educate themselves further, and maybe even get involved. We try our best to represent as many countries as possible. Evidence of this work can be found by going to the [Org Spotlight Archive](http://www.global.gender.current) and checking out our interactive map. As different organizations are spotlighted in the newsletter, there location is added to the map.

**Article of Note:**

Gender Indicators as
with representatives from organizations working to prevent sexual assault in the military. Currently, the power to decide if cases of sexual assault get prosecuted lies within the military chain of command, and attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the issue and sign a petition to remove this power from commanders. For more information, please contact lnbader@gwu.edu.

Lecture on Women’s Health and the FDA

*When:* Tuesday, December 2, 12:00-1:00 pm  
*Who:* Milken Instituted of Public Health  
*Where:* 950 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington DC  
Lecture Hall B100B

The Milken Institute School of Public Health at GW will welcome FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg, MD, to campus to give the Edward N. Brandt, Jr. Memorial Lecture in Women’s Health. She will speak about "Women's Health and the FDA." The Edward N. Brandt, Jr. Memorial Lecture in Women's Health is co-sponsored by Milken Institute SPH and the Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center College of Public Health.

Men and Women in War and Peace

*When:* Tuesday, Dec. 2 - Friday, Dec. 5  
*Who:* United States Institute of Peace  
*Where:* 2301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington DC  
U.S. Institute of Peace

"Men and Women in War and Peace" is an inclusive approach toward understanding the dynamic impact of gender roles in conflict and peace processes. This three-day USIP course will provide both practitioners and policy makers with an overview of the key issues, frameworks, principles, and practices in gender and peacebuilding. Through a series of expert lecturers, case scenarios, interactive exercises, and mixed media presentations, participants will gain increased understanding of the different roles of women and men in preventing, mitigating and resolving conflict.

Global Governance: This Is Not Your Father’s World Bank, by Catherine Powell. April 2014.

Abstract: As feminism has come of age, it has powerfully instantiated itself into global governance. What are the tools feminism has borrowed – even co-opted – to embed itself within governance? Do these tools enhance or diminish the liberatory potential of feminism? This paper looks at one tool – the use of quantitative indicators to advance gender equality in global governance. The paper focuses on the World Bank’s relatively new Women, Business and the Law program, as a microcosm of the recent explosion and popularity of gender indicators. [open access]

Forthcoming chapter in Big Data, Big Challenges in Evidence-Based Policy Making, Kumar Jayasuriya ed., 2014; West Academic Press.

Click here to read more.

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Why invest in women? A woman multiplies the impact of the investment. #GES2014  
1.usa.gov/1HkabVH
16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence: US Launch of The Lancet Edition Dedicated to Violence Against Women and Girls

When: Wednesday, December 3, 10:00 am  
Who: The Global Women’s Institute, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the World Health Organization  
Where: 805 21st St. NW, Washington DC  
Jack Morton Auditorium

The special edition is focused on the elimination of violence against women and girls, and includes five papers which cover the evidence base in prevention, the health sector response, the role of men and women in successful prevention efforts, practical lessons from experience on the ground, and call for specific actions to eliminate violence against women and girls.

Printed copies of the special edition, containing the papers and accompanying Comments, will be available at the launch. A light lunch beginning at noon will follow the event.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence: Global Launch of A Multisectoral Violence Against Women and Girls Resource Guide

When: Wednesday, December 3, 2:00 pm  
Who: The Global Women’s Institute, the World Bank Group, and the Inter-American Development Bank  

The global launch of a new resource guide for integrating VAWG prevention and response across a range of development sectors.

The Women of the Wars of the Roses

When: Wednesday, December 3, 6:45-8:45 pm  
Who: Smithsonian  
Where: 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW, Washington DC  
S. Dillon Ripley Center

BusinessHumanRights @BHRRC  
Factory run by female workers in Saudi Arabia breaks stereotypes: bit.ly/1uHXyyO

Org Spotlight: SAHA Global

Saha Global is an organization that seeks to empower women in rural communities in the Northern region of Ghana and West Africa to solve their village’s need for clean water and electricity by providing leadership opportunities. The word “Saha” means opportunity in Dagboni, which is the local language spoken in Northern Region Ghana. In order to accomplish this mission, Saha recruits leaders from around the globe to come to West Africa through their Global Leadership Program. Participants in the Global Leadership Program train local women to start profitable social-entrepreneurship ventures. The revenue that is earned from these businesses is managed by the women and it stays in the community.
The Wars of the Roses is the name given to a series of 15th-century battles between the houses of York and Lancaster for the crown of England. It was a domestic drama, with the Plantagenet family locked in years of in-fighting over control of the country. The story usually focuses on the men who fought and died on the battlefield or survived to take the crown. But there is another story here. It is the story of wives and mothers and sisters—the women of the Wars of the Roses.

Essentially, this conflict was a personality-driven dynastic battle, and some of the main personalities were queens and princesses. The royal rivalries were managed by seven remarkable women, who publicly and privately exerted the influence and wielded the power that shaped the conflict. Their stories are filled with intimacy and intrigue, with love and betrayal. Tudor and Renaissance scholar Carol Ann Lloyd Stanger introduces us to seven women who helped spin and shred the web of conspiracies that blanketed the English throne: Margaret of Burgundy, Marguerite of Anjou, Margaret Beaufort, Cecily and Anne Neville, Elizabeth Woodville, and Elizabeth of York.

SAVE THE DATE: In honor of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

When: Thursday, December 4, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Who: IGWG and PAHO
Where: 1825 I St. NW, Washington, DC
12th floor

An Interagency Gender Working Group (IGWG) and Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) panel and discussion on Setting the Stage: Asking Women about Violence and Responding Within Health Settings. This is the first in an Interagency Gender Working Group series this coming year on Identifying and Responding to Violence: Experience, Recommendations, and Next Steps for Health Care Settings. Panelists to include Claudia Garcia Moreno of WHO and Alessandra Guedes of PAHO/WHO plus voices from the field.

Women Entrepreneur Revolution: Ready! Set! Launch!
When: Thursday, December 4, 12:00-1:30 pm
Who: US Chamber of Commerce
Where: 1615 H St. NW, Washington DC
Hall of Flags

Speakers: Jenn Aubert, Halelly Azulay, Kimberly Wilson, Kassie Rempel

Are you ready to join the women entrepreneur revolution? Join CWB for a discussion with author and entrepreneur Jenn Aubert as she talks about the unique challenges faced by women entrepreneurs. Aubert will interview fellow women entrepreneurs: Halelly Azulay, president of TalentGrow LLC; Kimberly Wilson, founder of Tranquil Space; and Kassie Rempel, owner of Lillybee.

Lessons for Girls' Education from Bhutan, Jordan, and South Africa: Research from the 2014 Echidna Global Scholars

When: Thursday, December 11, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Who: Center for Universal Education
Where: 1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC
Falk Auditorium

The Center for Universal Education at Brookings cordially invites you to research presentations featuring this year’s Echidna Global Scholars, who hail from Bhutan, Jordan, and South Africa. Launched in 2012, the Echidna Global Scholars Program is a five-month visiting fellowship that aims to build the research and analytical skills of future girls' education leaders from developing countries. The Scholars will present their final research that address the "second generation" issues affecting girls' education in their home countries. Presentations will be followed by a moderated discussion and recommendations for ways forward to improve learning opportunities for girls around the world. To conclude, questions will be taken from the audience. This event will be followed by a networking lunch. Please RSVP to CUE@brookings.edu.

Modern Times in North Korea: Scenes from its Founding Years, 1945-1950
When: Monday, December 15, 4:00-5:30 pm  
Who: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Where: 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC  
Moynihan Board Room, 6th Floor

North Korea is often portrayed in mainstream media as a backward place, a Stalinist relic without a history worth knowing. But during its founding years (1945-1950), North Korea experienced a radical social revolution when everyday life became the primary site of political struggle, including quite deliberately a feminist agenda. With historical comparisons to revolutions in the early 20th century, Suzy Kim introduces her recent book through rarely seen archival photos, situating the North Korean revolution within the broader history of modernity.

2014 SID-Washington Annual Gala Dinner Honoring Ambassador Melanne Verveer

When: Wednesday, December 17, 5:30-9:00 pm  
Who: Society for International Development  
Where: 1919 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, DC  
Washington Hilton Hotel

This year, Ambassador Melanne Verveer, Executive Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, will receive the SID-Washington Award for Leadership in Development for her considerable achievements in international development.

Ambassador Verveer's contributions to the field are many, including her service as the first US Ambassador for Global Women's Issues. She was also a major driver of incorporating gender equality and women's empowerment into US development policy during the first term of the Obama administration at the State Department, and helped to redefine how we view development - empowering marginalized populations such as women, the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and ethnic/religious minorities.

WILPF 2015 Conference  
Uniting a Global Movement of Women's Power to Stop War

When: Monday, April 27-Wednesday, April 29
Who: WILPF International  
Where: World Forum, The Hague, Netherlands  

100 years after over 1300 of WILPF’s founding women first came together in The Hague in protest of World War I, we still live in a world where women’s voices and experiences are excluded, bringing continued violence and war. We know now what we knew then, that only when we analyse conflict from a gender perspective, integrating disarmament, human rights, the environment, social justice, and the women, peace and security agenda holistically will we be able to eradicate the root causes of conflict.

In 2015, at our International Conference and by connecting, strengthening and celebrating the work of all women peacemakers across the world, WILPF will once again be as progressive in our security analysis and aim to establish new and radical approaches on how to stop and prevent wars and establish principles of permanent peace.

Opportunities

Jobs

International consultancy -Violence Against Children Study - Research Coordinator  
When: November 27  
Who: UN Children's Fund  
Where: Kigali, Rwanda

Program Officer, Initiative for Adolescent Girls' Rights  
When: November 30  
Who: NoVo Foundation  
Where: New York

Gender and Development Specialist  
When: December 1  
Who: UNICEF  
Where: New York

Local Field Monitors/data collectors, Mission Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism  
When: December 1
Who: Social Impact  
Where: Tanzania

**Senior Fellow for Economics, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East**  
When: December 15  
Who: Atlantic Council  
Where: Washington, DC

**Adolescent Girls Legal Defense Fund Program Manager**  
When: Open until filled  
Who: Equality Now  
Where: New York, NY

**Behavior Change Communication Gender Technical Coordinator SSQH**  
When: Open until filled  
Who: Pathfinder International  
Where: Haiti, South

**Big Data Analyst**  
When: Open until filled  
Who: CapTech  
Where: Washington, DC (with the ability to work at CapTech's client locations)

**Research Associate**  
When: Open until filled  
Who: The Israel Project  
Where: Washington, DC

**Director of Marketing**  
When: Open until filled  
Who: Mercatus Center  
Where: Washington, DC

**Director of Marketing Strategy**  
When: Open until filled  
Who: Generation Opportunity  
Where: Washington, DC

**Policy Advisor**  
When: Open until filled
Who: HIAS
Where: Washington, DC

**Client Solutions Manager**
When: Open until filled
Who: BlueLabs
Where: Washington, DC

**Deputy Chief of Party**
When: Open until filled
Who: Population Services International
Where: Lusaka, Zambia

**Grants Management**
When: Open until filled
Who: Population Services International
Where: Washington, DC

**GBVSS Senior Monitoring & Evaluation Technical Advisor**
When: Open until filled
Who: World Vision: Zambia
Where: Lusaka, Zambia

**Director, HIV and TB Programs**
When: Open until filled
Who: Population Services International
Where: Washington, DC

**Technical Advisor, Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH)**
When: Open until filled
Who: Population Services International
Where: Washington, DC

**Associate Director, Prospect Research and Strategy**
When: Open until filled
Who: Atlantic Council
Where: Washington, DC

**Research Assistant, Arab-Israeli Programs**
When: Open until filled
Who: United States Institute of Peace
Where: Washington, DC
**Vice President, Public Policy and Governmental Affairs**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* Organization for International Investment  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* International Sector for Research on Women  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Communications Manager**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* Change.org  
*Where:* San Francisco, CA; Washington, DC; or New York, NY

**Director of Monitoring, Research, and Evaluation**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* Women for Women International  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Associate Director, Monitoring, Research, and Evaluation**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* Women for Women International  
*Where:* Kenya

**Technical Advisor, Gender Based Violence**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* International Rescue Committee (IRC)  
*Where:* Amman, Jordan

**Program Coordinator- Francophone West Africa**
*When:* Open until filled  
*Who:* International Foundation for Electoral Systems  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Internships**

**Spring Development Intern**
*Who:* IWPR  
*Where:* Washington, DC  
*Deadline:* December 15

**Digital Assets Management Intern**
Who: Population Action International  
Where: Washington, DC  
Deadline: January 1

Science Policy Fellowship  
Who: IDA/Science and Technology Institute  
Where: Washington, DC  
Deadline: January 30

Innovation and Strategic Investments Internship  
Who: Vital Voices  
Where: Washington, DC  
Deadline: Rolling

Intern  
Who: Blue Star Strategies  
Where: Washington, DC  
Deadline: Rolling

East Asia - PRC Foreign Policy Internship  
Who: Stimson Center  
Where: Washington, DC  
Deadline: Rolling

Spring Intern: Russian Studies  
Who: American Enterprise Institute  
Where: Washington, DC  
Deadline: Rolling

Development and Engagement Intern  
Who: Vital Voices  
Where: Washington, DC  
Deadline: Rolling

Other Opportunities

Training on Engaging Men in Accountable Practice to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls  
Who: IRC  
Where: Bangkok, Thailand  
Deadline: November 26

Hollaback Survey  
Hollaback! is dedicated to fighting street harassment. The
following questions are being asked of people across the world to help inform their public policy agenda and to help men and women around the world who encounter street harassment.

**East Africa Women’s Mentoring Network**
This is an online platform that will match, support, and guide a one-year relationship between a mentor and a mentee. We are calling upon women leaders who have worked in family planning and reproductive health as service providers, midwives, program managers, policy makers, teachers, advocates, and other relevant positions to support the aspirations of younger women. We are seeking mentees interested in learning from seasoned professionals and mentors with experience, wisdom, and enthusiasm.

**Community Innovation Fellowship**
*Who:* Regender  
*Where:* Worldwide  
*Deadline:* December 1

**GWI Research Fellowship Program**
*Who:* Global Women's Institute  
*Requirements:* GWI affiliated faculty and post-doctoral students are encouraged to apply for funding to support future sponsored research grants that will help advance gender equality and the cause of women and girls both globally and locally.  
*Deadline:* December 1

**International Fellowships**
*Who:* AAUW  
*Where:* See [website](#) for more information, non-US citizens and permanent residents only, women only  
*Deadline:* December 1

**Call for Proposals: Critical Intersections--Conflict, Gender, and Power**
*Who:* George Mason University, The Center for the Study of Gender  
*Where:* GMU, Arlington Campus  
*Deadline:* December 1
THINKING GENDER 2015 - Call for presentations: Power, Contested Knowledge, and Feminist Practices
Who: UCLA Center for the Study of Women
Where: Graduate students who are registered at US or international colleges or universities
Deadline: December 15

Career Development Grants
Who: AAUW
Where: See website for more information, US citizens and permanent residents only, women only
Deadline: December 15

Calling for Applications to the 2015 Echidna Global Scholars Program
Who: The Brookings Institution
Where: Washington DC
Deadline: December 19

Women Stop War: Essay Contest
Who: WILPF International
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: December 31

Call for Papers: Journal of City, Culture and Architecture
Who: MacroWorld
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: January 5

Selected Professions Fellowship
Who: AAUW
Where: See website for more information, US citizens and permanent residents only, women only
Deadline: January 10

Community Action Grants
Who: AAUW
Where: See website for more information, US citizens and permanent residents only, women only
Deadline: January 15

2015 Avon Communications Awards for Excellence
Who: Futures Without Violence
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: January 31

Call for Submissions: Special Issue on Gender and Leadership
Who: Leadership Quarterly
Where: New York, NY
Deadline: March 31

Call for Papers: Special Issue on Perpetrators
Who: The Journal of Human Trafficking
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: April 3

Research on the Health of LGBTI Populations (R21)
Who: National Institutes of Health
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: May 8

Dedicated Outreach Volunteer
Who: Ten Thousand Villages
Where: Alexandria, VA
Deadline: Rolling

For more national and international job and internship opportunities, visit the Association for Women's Rights in Development's job resource page or the United Nations Jobs on Gender Twitter.

Resources

Transforming Gender Norms, Roles and Power Dynamics for Better Health
The Health Policy Project (HPP) and the MEASURE Evaluation Project, together with the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) and the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)

With funding from the Asia Bureau at USAID, the authors undertook a systematic review of the impact of gender-integrated programs on health outcomes. The report presents comprehensive and up-to-date evidence showing
how gender-integrated programming influences health outcomes in low- and middle-income countries: in particular, reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health; HIV prevention and the AIDS response; gender-based violence; tuberculosis; and universal health coverage. The findings are primarily intended to inform the work of government officials, donors, nongovernmental organizations, and other key stakeholders involved in health programming in India, as well as other low- and middle-income countries around the world.

The review found gender-aware programs generally improved health status, health behaviors, and health knowledge. Transformative programs typically went further, shaping gender-equitable attitudes, increasing the frequency of joint decision making by men and women, and increasing women’s self-confidence and self-efficacy. Notably, only 45% of evaluations of gender-aware programs reported achieving gender-related outcomes and just two (of 146) evaluations examined the added value of gender integration to achievement of health outcomes.

_Transforming Scholarship: Why Women's and Gender Studies Students Are Changing Themselves and the World, 2nd Edition_

_by Michele Tracy Berger, Cheryl L Radeloff_

This book offers practical guidance and inspiration for students considering, or about to complete, a Women’s or Gender Studies degree. It helps students think critically about what they know, how to demonstrate what they know, and how to prepare for life both personally and professionally. It includes exercises to help flesh out talents, passions, and skills, and how to link them to employment, information about the diversity of employment opportunities (and further professional training) available, and a plan to help prepare for graduation. New "Point of View" boxes have been added throughout the book, where scholars focus on contemporary issues and deepen a student’s understanding of the organizations and individuals fighting to end sexist oppression.
Blog Notes

#MyDressMyChoice: Kenyans hold rally to support woman beaten for wearing miniskirt

The #MyDressMyChoice campaign began after a woman was brutally assaulted outside a Nairobi bus stop for wearing a miniskirt. Protesters took to the streets Monday in support of the victim.

Thousands of protesters gathered in Nairobi Monday to rally in support of a woman who was assaulted and stripped by a group of men last week. The attackers accused the victim, who wore a miniskirt, of "tempting" them because she was wearing "indecent" clothing. The incident was captured on a video that was published on YouTube.

The video has since been removed from YouTube, but it has caused an uproar in Kenya where thousands have taken to social media using #MyDressMyChoice in support of the victim. The MyDressMyChoice hashtag had been mentioned more than 50,000 times by 3:30 PM (UTC), according to Topsy.

In Search of Belugas at Soldier Field (Or, Notes for a Panel on Monday!)
by Deborah Siegel

Here I sit contemplating equality, the topic of a panel I'm on tomorrow, surrounded by jubilant Bears fans streaming out from Soldier Field. My partner and twins are busy visiting penguins, dolphins, and whales, while I'm illegally parked, waiting in my car. Who else but a non-jock family (and recent Midwest transplants) would head for the Shedd Aquarium on a day when the Bears were playing on home turf next door? For my New York friends, this is equivalent to shopping at Macy's during the Thanksgiving Day Parade, hoping for a place to park.

Pondering the question, "Is what you do about equality, liberation, or both?" in such an atmosphere feels a bit like being teleported to the 50 yard line and declaring to the
crowd, "Which way to the fish?"

And in truth, that's also what it feels like to be concerned about women's "equal" or even "equitable" representation on the page, in the media, or online at a moment when the media conversation about women is focused on whether Lena Dunham is a child molester, whether Kim Kardashian is a feminist icon, and whether the word "feminist" itself should be banned. The noise from the crowd threatens to drown out everything else.

And yet. I've been caught up with the question of women's representation for a few decades, and with the question of women's "equal" representation on the page now for a while, through my work with two initiatives—one focused, for starters, on changing the gender ratio of bylines at the world's opinion forums (The OpEd Project) and the other on disrupting publishing by creating supportive community and, later, "a third way" (She Writes / She Writes Press). Tomorrow's panel is asking me to interrogate, with precision, what all that effort means.