 GCWS Mother Board Writing Prize

The GCWS is pleased to announce The Mother Board Writing Prize 2015.

This prize is an annual award honoring graduate student research and writing in the field of Women’s and Gender Studies. One student will be recognized each year with an award for unpublished written work that exemplifies the three tenets central to the GCWS mission: interdisciplinary inquiry; innovative thinking; and epistemologically self-conscious investigation.

Eligibility
Students currently matriculated in a Masters or Doctorate program at one of the nine GCWS member institutions and who have been or are currently enrolled in a GCWS seminar. Papers need not have been written for a GCWS course. Submissions will be reviewed by a 2-person selection committee of GCWS affiliated faculty. The award of the writing prize will be announced at the end of the Spring semester.

This writing prize is dedicated to the ‘Mother Board’, the seven feminist intellectuals who together conceptualized and brought the Graduate Consortium in Women’s Studies into existence in 1988. From their initial conversations around Ruth Perry’s kitchen table, founding faculty Joyce Antler (Brandeis University), Laura Frader (Northeastern University), Carol Hurd Green (Boston College), Barbara Haber (Radcliffe College), Alice Jardine (Harvard University), Ruth Perry (MIT), and Christiane Romero (Tufts University) built the Consortium to be a program that would train the next generation of feminist scholars in the interdisciplinary thinking and research that is at the heart of Women’s Studies.

For more information please contact Andi Sutton, GCWS Program Manager, at arsutton@mit.edu.

Submission requirements
- Three hard copies of the submitted paper (maximum 30 single-sided, double-spaced pages)
- Completed Mother Board Writing Prize submission form (attached)
  - Please note: The comments section of the submission form must be filled out by a faculty member who is familiar with your work and can speak to the merits of the submitted paper. You may not comment on your own paper. Good candidates are: an advisor, a faculty member from your GCWS course, another faculty member from your home institution with whom you have worked closely.
- Curriculum vita (with current address)
- Confirmation of past or current enrollment in a GCWS course (Print copy of a grade transcript, email or letter of confirmation signed by the GCWS Program Manager)

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE ON MAY 15th, 2015.

Submission packets should be postmarked May 15th, 2015 (at the latest), and mailed to:

Andi Sutton
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GCWS Mother Board Writing Prize Submission Form

To be filled out by the student author of the submitted work:

Name: ___________________________________________ Degree Program: MA / PhD

Address: ___________________________________________ Est. Date of Graduation: ____________

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Department: ___________________________ Institution: ____________________________

email: ___________________ home phone: ___________________ cell: ____________________

Title: ____________________________________________

GCWS Course Title: ________________________ Semester/Year: ____________

To be filled out by a faculty member:

Relationship to Student: ___________________________ (Advisor, GCWS course instructor, Dissertation Advisor, etc.)

Is this student matriculated in a graduate program at the institution listed above? yes / no

Please briefly comment on the specific merits or contributions this paper makes to the appropriate discipline or field of study. In your written statement, please include ways in which this piece might exemplify any or all of the three tenets of the GCWS mission: interdisciplinary inquiry; innovation; and epistemologically self-conscious investigation.

NOTE: This must be filled out by a faculty member. It is not to be filled out by the person submitting the paper. Emails will be accepted as well. Please have the person commenting on the paper email Andi Sutton at arsutton@mit.edu.

Use an additional sheet if more space is needed. Thank you!