

## **Mission Statement (2008 - 2017)**

The Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology brings together feminist scholars and teachers at nine Boston area institutions devoted to graduate teaching and research in women's studies and to advancing interdisciplinary women's studies scholarship.

Our mission is to advance the field of Women's Studies. For the twenty-first century, Women's Studies needs to develop new scholarship and theory across disciplines and the integration of theory and practice as well as pedagogical innovations. A new Women's Studies agenda must address the shifting global context of women's social and economic lives, the effects of poverty and war, the implications of technology and a deteriorating environment, and the interconnected dynamics of gender and power across cultures.

In pursuit of this mission, the Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies—

- provides graduate courses;
- promotes faculty development;
- builds intellectual community;
- offers a model of institutional change.

*\*This mission statement is a revision adopted at the May 2008 GCWS Board Retreat. It is a modification of the mission statement featured in the 1997-2002 GCWS Strategic Plan that also included changes that recognized the move to MIT in 2005 and addition of three new member institutions in 2005 and 2006.*

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