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## CONFERENCES, TRAININGS, LECTURES, AND EVENTS

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**1. "How We Won: Reflections on the Repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,'" a talk by Aaron Belkin, Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights**

Aaron Belkin, Associate Professor of Political Science, San Francisco State University and Director of the Palm Center, a think-tank committed to commissioning and disseminating research in the areas of gender, sexuality, and the military.

Belkin, a scholar with more than a decade of hands-on experience in the repeal campaign, shares an insider's perspective on the strategies that he and others used to foster the changes of mind -- and heart - that led to Congressional repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The implications of Belkin's tactics extend far beyond DADT, and the lessons that emerge could help progressives persuade the public about the merits of other big, liberal ideas, including the benefits of higher taxes and the dangers of an excessively strong military

**Event Date: Tuesday October 30, 2012 from 4-6 pm**

**Location: Ballroom A, 3rd floor, Campus Center, University of Massachusetts Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA, USA**

**2. "Bring Me Men: Military Masculinity and the Benign Façade of American Empire, 1898-2001," a conversation with the author, Aaron Belkin, Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights**

Reflecting on some of the unintended consequences of the successful campaign to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," Belkin notes that the strategies he pursued required him to glorify both the military and American foreign policy more broadly, thus adding to the ever-increasing militarization of American culture and politics. *Bring Me Men* is his effort to have a countervailing effect. In it he exposes the complex contradictory masculinities required by the American military, their profound effects on American culture, and their links to empire.

**Event Date: Wednesday October 31, 2012 from 12-2 pm**

**Location: Room 2115, University of Massachusetts Boston Campus Center, Boston, MA, USA**

**3. Gender, Militarisation & Violence Roundtable, London School of Economics, London, UK**

The London School of Economics is hosting a roundtable discussion concerned with analysing the importance of gender in recent research on military masculinities, border militias, violence within militaries, the militarisation of everyday life, and the ethics of war and peace.

**Event Date: Friday November 2, 2012**

For more information,

visit: <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/genderInstitute/events/eventsProfiles/201213/genderMilitarisationViolence.aspx>

#### **4. "Reading and Remembering Adrienne Rich: A Celebration and Tribute," Boston, MA, USA**

With: Alison Bechdel, Robin Becker, Cynthia Enloe, Evelyn Hammonds, and Kate Rushin

"The death of Adrienne Rich a few months ago struck so many of us as the passing of a literary icon but also of a pivotal figure in forging the powerful fusion of literature and politics out of which so much feminist energy flowed. Certainly for those of us so involved with the feminist bookstore and 'women in print' movements, Adrienne was a towering figure.

This inspired Laura, Gilda and Joni (founders of the Center for New Words -- the organization that gave birth to WAM!) to imagine that there should be a feminist tribute to Adrienne - and that, if New Words were still around, of course New Words would be at the center of that. So, we've reconstituted ourselves as the 'New Words Remnants Collective' and we've planned an Adrienne Rich tribute event." - The New Words Remnants Collective

**Event Date: Sunday October 28, 2012 at 4 pm**

**Location: Stata Center, MIT, Boston, MA, USA**

For directions, visit: <http://whereis.mit.edu/>

#### **5. Asia-Pacific Regional Women's Hearing on Gender-Based Violence in Conflict, Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

This event aims to bring together survivors from Cambodia, Bangladesh, Nepal and Timor-Leste to share their experience and find the common causes of gender-based violence in conflict; to discuss with international experts on gender issues in and after conflict; and to advocate jointly through a statement issued by the Hearing Panel.

**Event Date(s): October 10 - 11, 2012.**

For more information, visit: <http://www.awid.org/Get-Involved/Events/Events-Around-the-World/Women-s-Hearing>

## **JOB OPENINGS AND INTERNSHIPS**

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#### **6. Strategist, Women Deliver, New York, NY, USA**

Catapult is a crowdfunding platform that connects people to projects that benefit girls and women worldwide. Catapult's goal is to drive donations and engagement to help achieve a gender equal world.

Position Objective: to provide general strategic and project management leverage across organizational domains (e.g. development, marketing, finance, etc.).

For more information, visit: <http://www.womendeliver.org/about/careers>

Applicants must be eligible to work in the USA.

Interested candidates should send a resume, letter of interest to: [careers@womendeliver.org](mailto:careers@womendeliver.org)

### **7. Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA, USA**

The Departments of Political Science and History of the University of Massachusetts Amherst invite applications for a tenure-track assistant professorship starting Fall 2013. The position requires expertise related to public policy in contemporary history; it is open to substantive policy area but the department is particularly interested in candidates with substantive research agendas focused on environmental policy, immigration policy, or labor and family policy. Candidates will be judged on their scholarly research as well as teaching. A Ph.D. in history, political science, public policy or a closely related discipline is required at the time of the appointment.

The department strongly prefers that applicants submit their cover letter, curriculum vitae, and writing samples in electronic form through the Academic Jobs Online website at <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/1828> and arrange for electronic transmission of three letters of recommendation to the same site. If necessary, printed materials may be sent to Stephen Marvell, Political Science, 322 Thompson, UMass Amherst, 200 Hicks Way, Amherst, MA 01003-9277.

**Application Deadline: November 2, 2012**

For more information, visit: [https://www.h-net.org/jobs/job\\_display.php?id=45154](https://www.h-net.org/jobs/job_display.php?id=45154)  
or e-mail inquiries to: [position@polisci.umass.edu](mailto:position@polisci.umass.edu)

### **8. Assistant Professor of International Relations, Binghamton University (SUNY), Binghamton, NY, USA**

The Department of Political Science at Binghamton University (SUNY) invites applications for a faculty position in International Relations, to begin in August 2013. The search is open with respect to rank but the department is especially interested in candidates at the assistant professor level. Preference will be given to candidates whose research rigorously combines theoretical insight and empirical exploration. Strengths in formal theory, econometrics, or experimental methods are a plus.

Candidates should submit letters of interest, CVs, samples of research, and evidence of teaching effectiveness. Candidates for tenured positions should submit names of references; candidates for tenure-track positions should submit three letters of recommendation. The Department encourages and actively seeks applications from women and members of traditionally underrepresented groups.

**Application Deadline: Applications received by October 10, 2012 will be given first consideration, although we will accept applications until the position has been filled.**

For more information, visit: <http://binghamton.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=34495>  
Send letters of reference directly to Professor Benjamin Fordham, International Relations Search Committee Chair, Department of Political Science, Binghamton University, P.O. Box 6000, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000

### **9. Assistant Professor, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, USA**

The Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program at Washington University in St. Louis seeks to hire an Assistant Professor on the tenure track with a research focus in Sexuality Studies. Responsibilities of the position include academic leadership, research and publication, teaching at the Undergraduate and Graduate levels, advising students and service, including participation in Program governance.

Requirements:

- Candidates must have completed the Ph.D. by summer 2013.
- We strongly encourage applications from scholars developing a strong research profile in any area of sexuality studies, and we are particularly interested in candidates who focus on queer theory, transnational studies, and/or masculinity studies.
- Candidates should be well-versed in women, gender, and sexuality studies as they will be expected to contribute to core teaching in the program. We welcome applicants with disciplinary grounding in English, Ethnic Studies, History, Anthropology, Sociology, Philosophy, Psychology, Political Science, Economics and other Humanities and Social Sciences. We also welcome applicants with Ph.D.s in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

**Application Deadline: October 15, 2012.**

Please send a letter of interest, a CV, three letters of recommendation, and an unpublished or published article length publication to: Rebecca Wanzo, Search Committee Chair, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, Washington University in St. Louis, Campus Box 1078, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130

For more information, visit: <https://jobs.wustl.edu>

Job ID: 24237

## **10. Country Director, War Child Canada, Malakal, Upper Nile and Juba, South Sudan**

War Child Canada (WCC), a registered Canadian charity based in Toronto, Canada that provides humanitarian assistance to children and families affected by war, is currently looking for a qualified individual to fill the position of Country Director, South Sudan.

WCC's Country Director will be based in Malakal for at least the first six months of posting, then will split their time on an approximate 50/50 basis between Malakal and Juba. The Country Director, reporting to WCC's Director of International Programs in Toronto has overall responsibility for leading and managing the WCC country program and operations including all start-up operations and recruitment of local staff. The Country Director will establish a country strategic plan until 2016 and ensure that WCC programs and operations are consistent with the strategy. Additionally, the Country Director will ensure that the program is effectively implemented, monitored and evaluated, seeking opportunities for fund development and representation among key networks in Juba to ensure the sustainability of the program.

**Application Deadline: October 22nd, 2012**

To apply, e-mail a curriculum vitae and cover letter to: [jobs@warchild.ca](mailto:jobs@warchild.ca)

For more information, visit: <http://www.warchild.ca/about#careers>

## **11. Program Manager, Girls Global Innovation, Woking, UK**

In October 2012, Plan is launching a major global campaign on girls and gender equality, named Because I am a Girl (BIAAG). The campaign includes a \$72m portfolio of six flagship programmes on key aspects of girls' empowerment and rights, collectively known as the Global Girls Innovation Programme. This post will guide and support Plan's Country Offices as they implement the global programme.

The flagship programmes will be designed to drive learning and results at scale, across countries, based on high quality technical approaches. Together, the ambition is that they will form a coherent effort that strengthens our outcomes and efficiencies and positions Plan as a recognised leader in global debates and practice. They will also inform the BIAAG campaign's communication and fundraising activities, as well as global advocacy engagement.

**Application Deadline: October 12th, 2012**

For more information, and to apply online, visit: <https://jobs.plan-international.org/templates/PlanIntl/jobdetail/143.aspx/Jobs/Girls%20Global%20Innovation%20Programme%20Manager>

## **CALLS FOR PAPERS, PROPOSALS, AND SUBMISSIONS**

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### **12. Call for Proposals: European Conference on Politics and Gender, Feminist Security Studies**

Feminist Security Studies is sending two panel proposals for the Barcelona European Conference on Politics and Gender (deadline is October 1st, 2012). To date, Feminist Security Studies still needs to fill proposals for at least one paper and two chairs. Feminist Security Studies is seeking empirical studies about narratives, experiences and practices that define women's security, military service and political activism.

**Application Deadline: As Soon As Possible**

For more information, contact Sarai Arahoni at [sarai.aharoni@gmail.com](mailto:sarai.aharoni@gmail.com)

### **13. Call for Proposals: The New Faces of War, Historians Against the War National Conference**

Historians Against the War invites proposals for papers, panels, roundtables, and workshops for our upcoming national conference at Towson University, Baltimore, Maryland, April 5-7, 2013, co-sponsored by the Towson U. College of Liberal Arts.

Potential topics include emergence of protracted US wars that stay below the radar of public debate, the concentration of war powers in the office of the president (e.g., the "kill list"), the downplaying of US "boots on the ground" in favor of drone warfare and the human toll in foreign countries, the outsourcing of military functions to private corporations, the militarization of policing in the US itself, the legalization of torture, and the proliferation of spying on US citizens in tandem with denial of citizen access to government records. We also seek to explore the connections between militarism, war, and the current economic crisis, as well as appropriate strategies for opposing war and militarism in their new forms.

Please include a title and a short (200-300 words) description of your proposed contribution (including each part of a group proposal, as in a panel with three papers or a roundtable with four participants), a short bio for each contributor or participant, and complete contact information.

**Application Deadline: October 30, 2012**

For more information, contact [conf@historiansagainstar.org](mailto:conf@historiansagainstar.org)

### **14. Call for Papers: Gender Justice and the International Criminal Court, *International Feminist Journal of Politics***

This Special Issue of *International Feminist Journal of Politics* (IFJP) will explore the theme of gender justice and the International Criminal Court during its first decade in operation. In line with the remit of IFJP, we invite contributions that address ICC developments from the interdisciplinary perspectives including international relations, politics, law and gender studies.

Submitted papers should conform to the guidelines set out by IFJP (which are available online) and should be no longer than 5,000-8,000 words in length. You can see the journal's house style at [www.ifjp.org](http://www.ifjp.org). All papers for review and possible publication should be submitted directly to IFJP ([ifjp@ufl.edu](mailto:ifjp@ufl.edu)). Papers will then be reviewed and a final selection chosen for publication in *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, Volume 16, Issue 4, due out in late 2014.

**Application Deadline: January 30, 2013**

For more information, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FeministSecurityStudies/message/217>

### ***15. Call for Papers: Stability: International Journal of Security & Development***

*Stability* aims to bring inter-disciplinary perspectives to a wide range of issues at the security-development nexus, including but not limited to: conflict prevention/risk reduction, peace-building, governance and state-building, organized crime and trafficking, security sector reform, judicial reform, public administration reform, peacekeeping, stability operations/stabilisation and whole-of-government or whole-of-system approaches in fragile and conflict-affected contexts. Content should be informative and reflect a grasp of the relevant academic literature, though it is equally crucial that articles be presented in an accessible manner suitable for policymakers and practitioners.

**Submission deadline: Rolling.**

To submit manuscripts, visit: <http://www.stabilityjournal.org/about/submissions>

For more information, visit: <http://www.stabilityjournal.org/>

## **REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES**

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### ***16. Article: "The Proposed Fifth World Conference on Women - A Time to Take Stock and Demand Implementation," AWID***

Discussion about the implications of the proposed United Nations (UN) Fifth World Conference on Women in 2015 reveals diverse opinions on the challenges, opportunities, purpose and conditions for the proposed conference, but with some common threads.

To access the full article, visit: <http://awid.org/eng/Library/The-Proposed-Fifth-World-Conference-on-Women-A-Time-to-Take-Stock-and-Demand-Implementation>

### ***17. Article: "World Needs to Build a Culture of Peace, Says Ex-Envoy," Inter Press Service***

"Unless women are in the forefront of this culture of peace, long-term solutions will elude us,' says Ambassador Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, the prime mover of the 1999 General Assembly resolution that adopted the U.N. Declaration and Programme of Action on the Culture of Peace."

To access the full article, visit: <http://www.ipsnews.net/2012/09/world-needs-to-build-a-culture-of-peace-says-ex->

[envoy/](#)

### **18. Report: "Implementation Plan Of The National Action Plan On Women, Peace, And Security," US Department Of State**

The report released by the State Department details the role of women in preventing conflict and building peace throughout the world in areas plagued by violence, insecurity and war.

To access the full report, visit: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/196726.pdf>

### **19. Report: "From the Ground Up: Women's roles in local peacebuilding in Afghanistan, Liberia, Nepal, Pakistan and Sierra Leone," ActionAid, IDS, and Womankind**

Despite the increased international attention to women's participation in peacebuilding, the achievements and challenges facing women building peace at the local level have been largely overlooked. This study addresses some of these gaps by providing qualitative evidence on the roles of women in local peacebuilding in five countries.

To access the full report, visit: <http://www.womankind.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2012/09/From-The-Ground-Up-FINAL.pdf>

### **20. Report: "Research Themes and Questions to Guide Research on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings," World Health Organization, UN Action, Sexual Violence Research Initiative and Medical Research Council South Africa**

Through the multi-stage and consultative process described in the executive summary above, key themes and specific questions for research on sexual violence in conflict was identified. This document outlines the specific research questions under each theme identified as priority.

To access the full report, visit: <http://www.svri.org/Researchthemes.pdf>

### **21. Video: Panel Discussion on Gender Integration, 23rd Meeting of the Human Rights Council, United Nations**

At its 6th session the Human Rights Council adopted resolution 6/30 entitled, "Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system," by which it decided to incorporate into its programme of work an annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout its work and that of its mechanisms, including the evaluation of progress made and challenges experienced.

To access the full video of the Panel Discussion, visit: <http://webtv.un.org/watch/panel-discussion-on-gender-integration-23rd-meeting-human-rights-council/1851728583001/#full-text>

### **22. Book: *Feminisms, HIV and AIDS: Subverting Power, Reducing Vulnerability*, Vicci Tallis**

Women globally, and especially in sub Saharan Africa, are disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS. Despite an intensified focus on women and girls in an attempt to reduce vulnerability to HIV, there has been little progress made. This is in part because the sophisticated analysis of risk, vulnerability and understanding of the pandemics is not matched by equally sophisticated responses.

Male domination, evident at every level of society, fuels the pandemics, and makes women vulnerable. Using feminist understandings of power and domination this book explores the notion of subverting power. Through a series of case studies the notion of negative and positive power is examined; positive power includes power with, power to and power within. Examples of women's resistance individually and collectively using the different types of power are highlighted, showing that women are not powerless and can affect change in their lives.

For further information and to order the book, visit: <http://www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?pid=500365>

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