



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### **Women Mobilizing for Change: Past, Present, Future**

A Conference Hosted by the Florida Consortium for Women's and Gender Studies  
October 2-4, 2009  
University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida

The Florida Consortium for Women's and Gender Studies will host their fourth annual conference on October 2-4, 2009. This interdisciplinary conference will be held at the University of Tampa, Tampa, Florida.

Plenary speaker at the conference will be Sonia Fuentes, first woman attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Co-founder of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and Federally Employed Women (FEW).

The breadth of this conference allows for research in a wide historical area, allowing for papers which: a) revisit and reexamine well-known historical landmarks for women to explore their legacies for the present and the future; b) investigate contemporary interaction of women's movements with local, regional, and global communities, organizations, and institutions; c) demonstrate efforts of women to influence and change existing political, economic, education and community culture and structures to improve the lives of women and children; d) look to the future to explore how underlying ideological concerns today will impact women's roles tomorrow.

Individual papers, panels and roundtables or workshops are welcome. We encourage a broad range of theoretical and methodological avenues of approach and welcome innovative presentational formats.

Areas in which women mobilize for change incorporate a wide range, including for example:

- corporate culture
- access to economic, political, and civil leadership and power
- gay/lesbian/queer culture
- women's participation in the sciences
- civil rights
- literature and cultural/intellectual exchange
- domestic violence/sexual assault
- fine arts and performing arts
- women and mass media

- women and the environment
- women's health and/or women healers
- feminism and race, ethnicity, class, and age
- gender and work
- gender and education
- women and technology
- consumerism
- fine and performing arts
- first, second, and/or third wave feminist movements

Individual conference papers should be no more than 20 minutes in duration. Once the papers have been accepted, they will be grouped into sessions by the conference organizers.

Panels will last 90 minutes and presenters should allow at least 20 minutes of that time for general discussion after the papers. Therefore, we recommend that no more than three presenters should constitute any panel.

Roundtables and workshops will also be 90 minutes. Since round tables and workshops provide an interactive forum, they should be limited to between two and four presenters and encourage audience interaction.

Selected conference papers may be included in the Consortium anthology. Past anthologies of conference papers include: *Many Floridas: Women Envisioning Change* (2007), *Florida without Borders: Women at the Intersections of the Local and Global* (2008) and *Femininities and Masculinities in a Global Context* (currently in press), all from Cambridge Scholars Press.

For more information visit the website: <http://web1.cas.usf.edu/wst/fcws/>

Abstracts should be at least 250 to 500 words double-spaced, include the presenter's contact information and brief vita, and must be received by June 1, 2009. Abstracts may be sent electronically or by regular mail to:

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