

**Weavers of Hope:  
Women Waging  
Peace**



A Chilean woman's arpillera celebrating the end of the Pinochet dictatorship and democracy dawning anew

**March 2013**

**Women's History  
Month  
Calendar of Events**

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- March 4, 4:00, Heth 14. Opening Film: *Beyond Belief*.** 9/11 widows reach out to the widows of Afghanistan
- March 5, 3:00, Bonnie 249/250. Professor Joseph Jones** (Teacher Education & Leadership). "Homophobia on the College Campus: What Can We Learn from Virginia's Colleges and Universities?"
- March 5, 5:00, Heth 14. Professors Mary Atwell, Lori Elis, Lucy Hochstein and Samantha Lynn** (Criminal Justice). "Gender and Justice Issues"
- March 6, 1:00, Heth 16. Circle of Life Intergenerational Dialogue (50+ inner circle) Professor Jenessa Steele** (Psychology)
- March 6, 5:00, Heth 43. Dr. Kathleen Barry, author of *Unmaking War, Remaking Men*.** "Overcoming Masculine Violence in War and at Home: A Call to Action"
- March 6, 6:30, Heth 43. Film: *I Came to Testify*.** Victims of rape camps in Bosnia bear witness to crimes against humanity at International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
- March 7, 2:00, Bonnie 249/250. Film: *Tough Guise: Violence, Media, & the Crisis in Masculinity***
- March 7, 3:30, Bonnie 249/250. Dr. Kathleen Barry.** A Program for Women and Men: Creating Empathy, Building Activism
- March 7, 7:00.** Potluck dinner with Dr. Kathleen Barry
- March 18, 4:00, Muse Banquet Hall. Dr. Polly Atwell, author of *Wild Girls*.** Fiction reading and book signing
- March 19, 3:30, Bonnie 250. Dr. Rebecca Scheckler** (Educational Technologist Waldron College) "Women as Outliers in Science"
- March 20, 1:00, Heth 16. Circle of Life Intergenerational Dialogue (30s & 40s inner circle) Professor Jenessa Steele** (Psychology)
- March 20, 5:00, Young 305. Film: *Pray the Devil back to Hell*.** 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Leymah Gbowee leads Liberian women in their activism to stop the civil war and oust dictator Charles Taylor
- March 21, 12:00, Bonnie 248.** "Diversity Dialogue: Intersections among Women's Issues and LGBTQ Issues"
- March 21, 2:00, Bonnie 250. Film: "Flirting with Danger."** Examines the line between consent and coercion in heterosexual relationships and hook-ups

- March 21, 3:30, Bonnie 248. Marisa Fraley, James Grenier, Jonathan Kirk, John McGee, & James Stratton** (Mathematics) "Emmy Noether: A Pioneer in Mathematics"
- March 21, 4:30, Bonnie 249/250. Professor David Floyd** (CORE). "Love (& not-so-lovely) Poems." Poetry reading
- March 22, 2:00—4:00, Heth 43. Women in Science Symposium. Paper Presenters: Professor Donna C. Boyd** (Forensic Science Institute), "Redefining Activism through Scientific 'Truths,' Impartiality, and Objectivity," and **Professor Sara O'Brien** (Biology), "Building the Future of Women in Science." **Discussion Panelists: Professors Georgia Hammond** (Biology), **Christine Hermann** (Chemistry), **Elizabeth McClellan** (Geology), **Tara Phelps-Durr** (Biology), **Cassady Urista** (Anthropological Sciences)
- March 22 & March 23, 7:30, Peters Albig Studio Theatre, B112. Student Dance Concert: Celebrating Women's History Month**
- March 25, 4:00, Heth 43. Ms. Crasha Perkins** (Director, Center for Diversity and Inclusion) and **Professor Deneen Evans** (School of Social Work). "Popular Media and Socially Constructed Images of Black Women, 1930-2013"
- March 26, 4:00, Bonnie Auditorium. Kathy Kelly: International Peace Activist and Coordinator of Voices for Creative Non-Violence.** "The Afghan Peace Volunteers: Weaving Peace in the Midst of the Longest U. S. War" **Reception to follow. 7:00** Potluck dinner with Kathy Kelly
- March 27, 1:00, Heth 16. Circle of Life Intergenerational Dialogue (20s & under inner circle) Professor Jenessa Steele** (Psychology)
- March 27 & March 28, 6:00, Bonnie Auditorium. Performance: Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*.** **Lucinda McDermott-Piro, Director**
- March 28, 2:00, Bonnie 250. Film: *The Invisible War*.** Oscar-nominated documentary about the epidemic of sexual assault in the military. Department of Defense has estimated 19,000 cases of rape and sexual assault in 2010
- March 28, 3:30, Reed 201 "A Conversation with Kathy Kelly on Global Ethics, War, and Peace-Making"**
- March 29, 4:00, Covington Lobby, Closing Reception with President Kyle in Honor of Radford University Women's Studies Program Distinguished Women for 2013.** All members of the Radford University community are cordially invited to attend
- March 30, 2:00 Performance: Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues*.** Before the performance, **Professor Erin Webster-Garrett** will offer some final reflections upon Women's History Month

**On-Going Annual Events**

- Her-Story Celebration:** For each day during the month of March, subscribers to the Her-Story Project Listserv will receive an essay (500 words), character sketch, photo journal, or poem submitted by one of the members of the listserv, contemplating the women or aspects of womanhood that have had an important impact upon, or been a source of inspiration for, the writer. Our celebration is unique in that each day's tribute is composed by an RU student, staff, administrator or faculty member.
  - Circle of Life / Intergenerational Dialogue:** On Wednesdays during March, an inner-circle of women from one generation will speak to an outer circle of participants from other generations about their life experiences and what it is like to be a woman in a particular age group. Open to all members of the RU community.
  - Vagina Monologues:** Guest director Lucinda McDermott-Piro will direct students, faculty and community members in three performances of Eve Ensler's powerful monologues calling for an end to violence against women and children. The Women's Studies Club has raised thousands of dollars for the Women's Resource Center in conjunction with these performances.
- Featured Invited Speakers & Events**
- Kathleen Barry** published the groundbreaking *Female Sexual Slavery* in 1979. Other works include: *Prostitution of Sexuality* (1995), *Unmaking War, Remaking Men: How Empathy can Reshape our Politics, our Soldiers and Ourselves* (2011).
  - Polly Atwell** published the novel *Wild Girls* in 2012. Her short fiction has been selected for inclusion in *Best American Mystery Stories* and *Best New American Voices*.
  - International Peace Activist, Kathy Kelly** cofounded Voices in the Wilderness and is co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Non-Violence. Often living in war zones, she has worked in Nicaragua, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Lebanon, participating in non-violent direct action to resist economic and military aggression in these countries. She was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the American Friends Service Committee in 2000.
  - Special thanks for their support to:** President Penelope Kyle, Provost Sam Minner, Dean Katherine Hawkins of the College of Humanities and Sciences, Professor Erin Webster-Garrett and the Scholar-Citizen Initiative, the Student Club Programming Committee, the Peace Studies, Sociology and Women's Studies Clubs, the Virginia Student Education Association, and all the participants who gave so generously of their time and talents. These events were made possible, in part, by a grant to the Peace Studies Program and Women Studies Program from the United States Institute of Peace.

