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SUBJECT: Women's Studies Interest Group

As representatives of an active and growing academic group, we would like to welcome you to UAH and tell you a little about who we are. The Women's Studies Interest Group (WSIG) is an interdisciplinary group physically based within the Liberal Arts College, but serving the entire university. The following describes our organization and activities. We are still growing, but we have made great progress over the last two years, and we look forward to working with you to continue that growth.

What is WSIG?

WSIG (Women's Studies Interest Group) is an open group of UAH faculty, staff, and students interested in promoting Women's Studies at UAH. Formed in fall 1990, WSIG has mainly focused on coordinating women's studies efforts around campus, bringing people together to share information and expertise. Women and men; faculty, staff, and students; UAH campus community and wider Huntsville community members are welcome to participate through joining committees, participating in programs and study groups, or other ways that seem appropriate in promoting Women's Studies.

What Does WSIG Do?

At present, WSIG's chief goals and accomplishments involve coordinating women's studies activities at UAH and making them more visible to UAH students and faculty and to the community. Since early 1991, WSIG has sponsored six programs, published four newsletters, opened a Women's Resource Center in Morton Hall, and conducted a UAH faculty survey to identify curricular offerings with a women's studies component. These accomplishments reflect the coordinated work of about 20 UAH faculty members and students from five academic departments, plus the Library and the Honors Program (see committee lists, attached).

The ongoing activities of the three WSIG standing committees give a good indication of our range and goals. We describe these in the following pages.

Attachments: WSIG Committee Activities, 1991-92
WSIG Public Activities, February 1991 - May 1992
WSIG 1991-92 Committee Members
Spring 1992 Newsletter