

Margaret Lowe Benston (MLB) Lecture Series in Social Justice

Begun in 1994, the MLB Lecture Series is financed by an endowment established in memory of Margaret Benston, commonly known as Maggie Benston, a much beloved member of the SFU Women's Studies faculty, who died in 1991. Maggie was a respected colleague and a tireless advocate of social justice. Her academic career encompassed the fields of chemistry, computing science and women's studies. Maggie was a founding member of WS Department of SFU, to which she contributed her considerable intellectual talents. For thirty years, she worked locally, nationally and internationally, writing articles, giving speeches, and lobbying politicians on behalf of the women's movement. Maggie entertained, marched, and picketed, all in the cause of women. Without doubt, she was one of our leading feminist intellectuals, an inspiration to the many who knew her.

Speakers

1995	Dr. Ursula Franklin	"Real World of Technology BC"
1996	Dr. Karen Messing	"Women Workers' Health BC"
1997	Sharon McIver	"Matrimonial Property Rights of First Nations Women" "Building a Healing Lodge: First Nations Women and Corrections" (October)
1999	Linda McQuaig	"Overcoming the Cult of Impotence: How to Make Government Serve the Public Good" "Globalization, Women & the Assault on Equality" (February)
2000	Dr. Marilyn Waring (New Zealand)	"The Environment" (March)
2000	Dr. Heidi Hartmann	"Women and the Workforce: Pay equity or Family equity?" "Women and Poverty: From the Welfare Poor to the Working Poor" (September)
2006	Dr. Leslie Feinberg	"Transformations" (February)
2007	Dr. Maude Barlow	"Have We Won? The Need for Canadian Women's Stewardship in the Emerging Struggles of Our Time" (March)
2008	Sitara Thobani	"Indian Classical (Orissi) Dance" (March)

In all, there were 9 speakers. Out of these speakers, two--Dr. Waring and Dr. Feinberg—were sponsored by the MBL Series. The rest were independently organized by the series.

The speakers delivered two lectures sometimes—one at the SFU Burnaby Campus and another at either SFU Harbour Centre or the Vancouver Public Library in the evening as this was a broader community event. The events I organized (Dr. Hartmann, Ms. McQuaig, Ms. Barlow, Ms. Thobani)—were all highly successful. I have supporting documentation from the WS Chair who wrote me “a thank you” note. Generally, the attendance was between 200 to 320 people downtown and 100 to 125 at the Burnaby Campus. It should be mentioned here that Dr. Feinberg’s (Vancouver Public Library) and Dr. Waring’s (SFU Burnaby Campus) lectures were also highly successful. Note that I don’t have any documentation with regard to attendance for the first three speakers.

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SFU-WS Films and Shows from 2000 to 2008

<i>Date</i>	<i>Faculty/Student</i>	<i>Topic/Accomplishment</i>	<i>Sponsors</i>
2000			
✓ 2000 Images Theatre Burnaby, BC	Taryn McCormick Graduate Student and Amy Skinner Graduate Student	Produced, directed and presented Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues (22 performers) All proceeds (over \$5,000) donated to the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre and Vancouver Rape Relief & Women's Shelter	Sponsored by Office of the President at SFU, SFU Women's Centre, SFU Women's Studies Department and International Parking Consultants
✓ October 10-21, 2000 Gallery Exhibition	Dr. Barbara Meadowcroft	Exhibition of Portraits by Manon Elder, "Honour the Women"	Ruth Wynn Woodward Writer Series Women's History Month, SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
2001			
✓ February 14, 2001 Images Theatre Burnaby, BC	Sponsored event	Show Presentation, "The Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler	SFU Women's Centre SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
⌈ November 2001	Marusya Bociurkiw Ph.D. Candidate Sessional Instructor	Launched film, "Unspoken Territory" Moving Images Distribution	
2002			
⌈ October 2002 Ottawa, ON	Dr. Marusya Bociurkiw Sessional Instructor	Film Screening, "Unspoken Territory"	One World Film Festival
2003			
2003	Dr. Jacqueline Levitin Associate Faculty	Created documentary film, "Building Bridge: A Housing Project for Women"	Simon Fraser University research project, Health & Home

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✓ February 2003	Dr. Marusya Bociurkiw Sessional Instructor	Group show presentation, "Eternal Network"	The Western Front Gallery
✓ February 12-14, 2003 Vancouver, BC	Taryn McCormick Graduate Student and Amy Skinner Graduate Student	Produced, directed and presented three showings of Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues (30 performers)	Fund raiser for Helping Spirit Lodge, Vancouver and International V-Day Campaign Sponsored by The Peak, SFU Student Union, WS Student Union, SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment Vagina Monologues has raised over \$7,500 for local, national, and international organizations working to end violence against women
✓ March 3, 2008 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Habiba Zaman Faculty	Presentation, "Sitara Thobani's Indian Dance"	Margaret Lowe Benston Lecture Series for Social Justice Issues SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
2005			
✓ April 2005	Dr. Jacqueline Levitin Associate Faculty	Film, Video and Radio Productions: Levitin, Jacqueline. 2005 Real-time video backdrop for "Just Barely," Jennifer Mascall's dance choreography to Glenn Gould's "Goldberg Variations," Michael Vincent, composer	
April 15, 2005 Whitehorse, YK	Dr. Jacqueline Levitin Associate Faculty	"Building Bridge" Current Housing Issues in Vancouver's DTES and presentation of video	Traveling Speakers' Series
August 2005 Montreal, PQ	Dr. Jacqueline Levitin Associate Faculty	Documentary, "Documenting the Poor and Marginal: Making Films With and About the Women of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside," <i>Documentary Democracy</i> , Visible Evidence XII Conference	

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2006			
August 2006 Early Music Vancouver Summer Festival Vancouver, BC	Sonja Boon Ph.D. Candidate	Pre-concert introduction, “Ecos fidelles: Flute music of the late French Baroque”	Early Music Vancouver Summer Festival
2007			
2007	Dr. Jacqueline Levitin Associate Faculty	Film Documentary about 20th century Jewish Russian Community in <i>China via the Silk Road from Persia</i> , “ <i>Majong & Chicken Feet</i> ”	
February 14, 2007 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	SFU-WS and RWW sponsored event	Joy Coghill, Actress presentation, “Poems to Love: Songs and Poems for Valentine’s Day” also Stephen Aberle	SFU-WS and RWW Endowment English Studies Department Western Gold Theatre Company
October 4, 2007	Dr. Susan Stryker WS-RWW Professor	Film presentation, “Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton’s Cafeteria”	Women’s History Month event sponsored by SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
October 30, 2007 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Sponsored event	Film Showing with Malalai Joy “Enemies of Happiness”	StopWar.ca’s Women’s Committee, SFPIRG, and SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
2008			
March 3, 2008 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Habiba Zaman Faculty	Presents “Sitara Thobani’s Indian Dance”	Maggie Benston Lecture Series for Social Justice Issues

RWWP Activities from 2000 to 2008

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2000			
February 24, 2000 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	Organized a public forum, “Biocolonialism: The Theft of Indigenous Peoples’ DNA and the Destruction of the Biodiversity”	United Native Nations, SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment, Urban Native Youth Association, Direct Action Against Refugee Exploitation, Basmati Action Group, Vancouver Status of Women, Union of BC Indian Chiefs
June 22, 2000 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dorothy Smith	Free public lecture, “Feminism & the University: Where do Women Stand? An Exploration of Standpoint Theory”	Attendance reserved for 200 SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
June 23-24, 2000 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dorothy Smith	Lectures “Women’s Standpoint & the Exploration of Institutional Regimes: Politics, Practice & Knowledge” followed by facilitated workshop and discussion groups And “Women’s Standpoint & The Society of the Text” followed by facilitated workshop and discussion groups	Attendance reserved for 200 SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment SFU Women’s Studies Summer Institute

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✓ June 30, 2000 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Department of Women's Studies sponsored event	Three talks on, "Is 'Restorative Justice' Working for Aboriginal Women in Cases of Violence?" by Kim Pate (Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies), Viola Thomas (United Native Nations), Victoria Desroches (Aboriginal Criminal Justice Lawyer)	Aboriginal Women's Action Network, SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment, Battered Women's Support Services, FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women & Children, Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter, women Against Violence Against Women Rape Crisis Centre (WAVAW), Women Breaking the Silence Against Violence Project, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, United Native Nations
✓ October 10-21, 2000 Gallery Exhibition	Dr. Barbara Meadowcroft	Exhibition of Portraits by Manon Elder, "Honour the Women"	Ruth Wynn Woodward Writer Series Women's History Month, SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ October 19, 2000 Halpern Centre Burnaby, BC	Dr. Barbara Meadowcroft	"Painting Friends: The Beaver Hall Women Painters"	Ruth Wynn Woodward Writer Series Women's History Month SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ October 23, 2000	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	"In a Window" a reading from her novel, <i>At the Full and Change of the Moon</i> (1999) Knoph Canada	Ruth Wynn Woodward Writer Series Women's History Month SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ October 29, 2000 Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Vancouver, BC	Dr. Barbara Meadowcroft	Encouraged community gathering for discussion, "The United Nations World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and other Intolerance"	African Canadian Coalition Against Racism, Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies, United Native Nations, SFU Women's Centre, Canadian Jewish Congress, End Legislated Poverty, The Positive Women's Network, Urban Youth Alliance, Vancouver Association of Chinese Canadians, Ad-Hoc Black Women's Committee of BC, The Capital Region Race Relations Association, Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, LGBT Health Association, Women's Quest

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2001			
✓ January 18, 2001 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	A reading by Eden Robinson, from her first novel, <i>Traplines, Monkey Beach</i> , (2000) Knopf Canada	Writer's Series SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ February 14, 2001 Images Theatre Burnaby, BC	Sponsored event	Show Presentation, "The Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler	SFU Women's Centre SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ February 15, 2001 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	A reading by Constance Backhouse, from <i>Color-Coded: A Legal History of Racism in Canada, 1900-1950</i> and <i>Petticoats and Prejudice: Women and Law in Nineteenth-Century Canada</i>	Writer's Series SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ March 15, 2001 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	A reading by Kerri Sakamoto, from her prize first book, <i>The Electric Field</i> , (2000) Norton: New York	Writer's Series SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ April 19, 2001 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	A reading by Lorna Goodison, from her book, <i>Turn Thanks, Collected Poems</i> (1999) University of Illinois	Writer's Series SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ September 20, 2001 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	A reading by Nicole Brossard from her book of poetry, translated as <i>Installations: With and Without Pronouns</i> , (2001) J. Gordon Shillingford Publishing Inc	Writer's Series SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment

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✓ October 18, 2001 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	A reading by Dionne Brand from her forthcoming book, <i>A Map to the Door of No Return: Notes on the Journey to Belonging</i> (2002) Vintage Canada	Writer's Series SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
November 15, 2001 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	A reading by Anita Badami from her best-selling novel, <i>The Hero's Walk</i> (2000) Knopf Canada	Writer's Series SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
2002			
2002	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Published article, "Lesbian Health" in C. Kitinger and A Coyle (Eds.) <i>Lesbian and Gay Psychology: British Perspectives</i> (pp. 117-134). Oxford: Blackwell	British Psychological Society Oxford: Blackwell
2002	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Published, Coyle, A. and Wilkinson, S. (2002) Social Psychological Perspectives on Lesbian and Gay Issues in Europe: The State of the Art. <i>Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology (Special Issue on the Social Psychology of Lesbian and Gay Issues)</i> 12(3): 147-152	
2002	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Edited, Coyle, A. and Wilkinson, S (Eds) 2002) Guest Editors, <i>Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology: Special issue on The Social Psychology of Lesbian and Gay Issues</i> , 12(3)	

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✓ February 12 2002 Vogue Theatre	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Angela Davis presentation at Vogue Theatre in celebration of Black History Month	SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ May 3-5, 2002 Bowen Island, BC	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	Keynote Speaker, "The Process of Writing Poetry" and read from her book of poems, Brand, Dionne, <i>Thirsty</i> , McClelland & Stewart 2002, 72 pg	SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment BC Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT)
	Dr. Kate Braid WS-RWW Professor	Led writing workshop	
June 7-8, 2002 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Dionne Brand WS-RWW Professor	Moderated readings, discussion, open mike, "Poetry Matters: a Festival of Women Poets"	Institute of the Arts SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ November 2002 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Community Talk, "Categories as Action: A New Approach to Categorisation and Stereotyping" Developmental psychology Group,	SFU Department of Psychology and SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ November 2002 Northwest Community College Kitimat, BC	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Community Talk, "Representations of the Breast: In Sickness and in Health"	Northwest Community College SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment <i>Traveling Speakers' Series</i>
✓ November 16, 2002 Prince George, BC	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Lecture, "Gender, Sexuality and Health"	Traveling Speakers' Series SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ November 20, 2002 Harbour Centre Campus Vancouver, BC	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	"The Breast Representations in Sickness and Health"	SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment

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April 2003 UBC Vancouver, BC	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Academic Presentation, “Women Talk About Breast Cancer; Approaches to Analysing Qualitative Data”	Centre for Research in Women’s Studies and Gender Relations SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
April 2003 UBC Vancouver, BC	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Academic Presentation, “Analyzing Qualitative Data”	Department of Social Work and Family Studies, UBC SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
April 2003 Auckland, New Zealand	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Academic Presentation, “ ‘All my Womanhood was Taken Away’: Women’s Talk about Appearance, Femininity and Sexuality Following Mastectomy”	International Society of Critical Health Psychology
April 2003 Auckland, New Zealand	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Academic Presentation, “The Body in Sickness and in Health: Feminist perspectives”	International Society of Critical Health Psychology
2003	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Published, Wilkinson, Sue (2003) Focus Groups: A Feminist method. In Hesse-Biber, S. and Yaiser, M. (Eds.). <i>Feminist Perspectives on the Study and Practice of Social Research</i> . New York: Oxford University Press	New York: Oxford University Press
2003	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Published, Wilkinson, Sue (2003) Feminist Contributions to Critical Health Psychology in M. Murray (Ed.). <i>Critical Health Psychology</i> . London: Palgrave/MacMillan	London: Palgrave/MacMillan

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2003	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Published article, Ellis, S, Kitzinger, C. and Wilkinson, S (2003) Attitudes Towards Lesbians and Gay Men and support for Lesbian and Gay Human Rights among Psychology Students. <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i> , 44(1) 121-138	
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✓ March 2003 Westcoast Women's Centre Tofino, BC	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Community Talk, "Representing the Breast" International Women's Day	Westcoast Women's Centre SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ March 2003 Capilano College North Vancouver, BC	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Community Talk, "Representing the Breast" International Women's Day	Capilano College SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
✓ April 2003 Langara College Vancouver, BC	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	Community Talk, "The Breast and Breast Cancer"	Department of Nursing and Community Health, Langara College SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment

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May 2003 San Diego, CA	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	✓ Academic Presentation with Celia Kitzinger, “Doing Being Amazed: Reaction Tokens in Third Position” Language and Social Interaction Division, International Association Conference	SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment
June 2003 University of Victoria Victoria, BC	Dr. Sue Wilkinson WS-RWW Professor	✓ Academic Presentation, “Lesbians and Breast Cancer: What Do We Know – and What Do We Need to Know?” Conference on Women’s Health Issues	UVIC SFU-WS and WS-RWW Endowment