FEMINIST STUDIES AT UCSB
Initially began as the Women’s Studies Program in 1988, it developed through the efforts of feminist professors from various disciplines who took account of gender, race, class, sexualities, and nationalities in devising an intersectional and transnational curriculum from the start. The Hull Chair in Women and Social Justice, established in 2001, was the first endowed chair of its kind in the field. A department since 2008, Feminist Studies has vibrant core and affiliated faculty members, a thriving population of undergraduate feminist studies majors/minors and LGBTQ minor students, and dynamic doctoral emphasis and Ph.D. programs.

A CAMPUS LIKE NO OTHER
UCSB sits on 1,055 acres at the edge of the Pacific Ocean, surrounded by the Santa Ynez mountains. Removed from urban pressures and distractions, but vibrant with cultural, political, and academic activity — many of the country’s most promising students join a community of scholars whose accomplishments are internationally recognized and whose skills as teachers are evident each day in reaching a diverse population of students. Santa Barbara is a mid-sized city with an energetic community, and a deep concern for history, arts, and the environment. The area is highly regarded for its cultural and recreational resources.
The Department of Feminist Studies offers three degree programs: MA/Ph.D., Ph.D., and an independent MA. Faculty focus on the ways that relations of gender — intersecting with race, class, ethnicity, sexuality, nation, ability, and other axes of difference — are embedded in social, political, and cultural formations. The graduate program in Feminist Studies offers three areas of emphasis, all from intersectional and transnational perspectives:

- Race and Nation
- Genders and Sexualities
- Productive & Reproductive Labors

Admission is for Fall only. Applications are due mid-December. Please visit our website for application details at: www.femst.ucsb.edu.

FACULTY AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Janet Afary, Ph.D., Professor, Mellichamp Chair: gender and sexuality in the Middle East; feminist theory; global feminism

Edwina Barvosa, Ph.D., Associate Professor: Interdisciplinary social science; applied social and political theory; identity formation, intersectionality; Chicana feminist thought

Jacqueline Bobo, Ph.D., Professor: film and television; cultural studies; Black feminist cultural theory

Eileen Boris, Ph.D., Professor, Hull Chair in Women and Social Justice: gender, race, class; feminist theory; labor studies; work and welfare; women’s history

Grace Chang, Ph.D., Associate Professor: women of color; immigrant women; political economy of globalization; grassroots and transnational feminist movements

Mireille Miller-Young, Ph.D., Associate Professor: women of color feminisms and queer of color critique; porn and sex work studies; black cultural studies; pop cultures

Laury Oaks, Ph.D., Professor: reproductive politics; feminist analysis of health, medicine, and science; interdisciplinary research methods

Leila J. Rupp, Ph.D., Professor, Associate Dean of Social Sciences: sexualities; women’s movements; comparative and transnational women’s history

Barbara Tomlinson, Ph.D., Professor: feminist theory, analysis, rhetoric, and politics; culture and affect; critical race theory

Jennifer Tyburczy, Ph.D., Assistant Professor: LGBTQ studies; race and nation; art and performance; transnational American studies; Mexico-US border studies

The full list of our affiliated faculty can be found at our website: www.femst.ucsb.edu

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