

Call & Response: Crossing Feminist Borders

The Second Biennial Seneca Falls Dialogues
Celebrating the 162nd Anniversary of the First Women's Rights Convention
and Declaration of Sentiments

October 8-10, 2010 -- The Clarence Hotel, Seneca Falls, NY

"We hope this Convention will be followed by a series of Conventions..."
(Seneca Falls Declaration, 1848)

Elizabeth Cady Stanton said of women's movements, "*This is winter wheat we're sowing, and other hands will harvest,*" conveying a sense of how movements for change call out for wave upon wave of response. Her call for women's rights and equality, like that issued by women throughout the ages, repeats and renews multilayered feminist struggles. The history of women's movements, of feminists "*grasping things at the roots,*"* has been one centuries-old pattern of call and response. The Second Biennial Seneca Falls Dialogues calls you to respond, inviting you to participate in a close examination of local and global gender issues: to turn a critical eye and speak to, listen to, and dialogue with others on issues of today—and tomorrow.

Call & Response: Crossing Feminist Borders Examine. Engage. Exchange.

Call & Response is patterned on feminist movements for change through interchange. Join the dialogue by submitting a one-page proposal that examines feminist issues across person and place.

Using the prompt, *Call & Response: Crossing Feminist Borders*, we invite individuals, groups, scholars, activists, artists, students, and all to submit proposals for roundtable discussions, workshops, or artistic performances that:

- Explore/expand a gender equality/justice issue
- Situate the issue locally and/or globally
- Speak to the issue, bringing it into conversation with women's movements and feminist work theoretically, politically, and/or historically

When submitting a proposal, please include:

- Description of topic
- Name of all participants
- Explanation of how the session will engage the audience and promote dialogue

Call & Response: Crossing Feminist Borders – feminists engaged with one another, across time, circumstance, and location. This dialogue will take place on Saturday, October 9, 2010.

Submit proposals to Patricia Shelly (pashelly@buffalo.edu) by April 1, 2010.
Acceptances sent May 15th. Telephone inquiries: 716.645.5200

* "Radical simply means grasping things at the roots." Angela Davis