

**Five College Women's Studies Research Center**

**Research Associates Program**

**Information Session**

**January 23, 2022**

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# Introductions

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Current Research Associates

# The FCWSRC and Five College Consortium

Founded in 1991, the FCWSRC is supported by the Five College Consortium, a coming together of four small liberal arts colleges – Amherst, Hampshire, Smith, Mount Holyoke – and the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The five institutions are within a 10 mile radius of each other, and connected by frequent bus service during the regular academic sessions. Programs designed to create bridges between the institutions offer rich opportunities for participation at events, the development of innovative curricular offerings, and access to a wealth of research resources.

As a nexus for feminist community building and sharing work-in-progress across the consortium, the FCWSRC aims to support and create networks of knowledge exchange and collaboration across fields, sectors, rank, and topic, including and reaching beyond the strong women's and gender studies programs at the individual institutions. Its Research Associates Program hosts academics, community activists, artists, and other feminist thinkers for a semester or full academic year, supporting ongoing exchange between Five College community members and other local, national, and international feminists.

# Research Associates Program – Overview

The Associates program supports feminist thinkers by:

- Providing access to space in which to work
- Enabling access to research resources across the Five Colleges
- Opportunities to work and share work in progress in a feminist community – both the cohort and wider feminist communities of the Five Colleges
- Hosting and supporting events to celebrate feminist work

The Center has hosted over 450 Associates at various points in their careers and working on a diverse range of project topics across the expansive fields of women's and gender studies, feminist studies, or queer and trans studies.

## Five College Women's Studies Research Center Research Associates Academic Year 2022-2023

**RUTHFIRST AYANDE**  
Academic Year  
*PhD Candidate in Public Health,  
Graduate Certificate in  
Feminist Studies*  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
**Assisted Reproductive Technologies and the  
Socioeconomic Inequalities of Ghana**

**TIARRA COOPER**  
Academic Year  
*PhD Candidate in German & Scandinavian  
Studies, Graduate Certificate in  
Feminist Studies*  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
**The Affective Experiences of  
Women Forcibly Sterilized Under the Nazi  
Regime, 1933-1945**

**JACK JEN GIESEKING**  
Academic Year  
Department of Environmental Studies,  
Mount Holyoke College  
**Dyke Bars\***

**SNEHA GOLE**  
Academic Year  
*Assistant Professor of Women  
and Gender Studies*  
Savitribai Phule Pune University  
**Understanding Feminist Subjectivities  
in the Times of Intersectionality: Linking  
Narratives, Memories, and Politics**

**KIRSTEN ISGRO**  
Spring 2023  
*Associate Professor of  
Communication Studies*  
State University of New York at Plattsburgh  
**Doulas as Communication Conduits**

**EVER E. OSORIO RUIZ**  
Academic Year  
*PhD Candidate in American Studies*  
Yale University  
**The Violent Spring: Radical Politics  
and Poetics of Mexican Feminisms**

**KIMBERLEE PEREZ**  
Academic Year  
*Assistant Professor in Communications*  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
**Telling**

**MARIAM RASHID**  
Academic Year  
*Postdoctoral Fellow*  
Vassar College  
**Theorizing with the Khanga and Knowledge-  
Making with African Refugee Women**

**URMILA SESHAGIRI**  
Academic Year  
*Lindsay Young Professor of English*  
University of Tennessee  
**Three Projects in the Feminist Humanities**

**SILKE STEINHILBER**  
Fall 2022  
*Independent Scholar and  
International Consultant*  
**One Step Forward, Two Back: Care Neglect  
in COVID-19 Economic and Social Planning**

# Research Associates Program – Resources

- Access to incredible libraries, as well as special collections and archives across the Five Colleges
- Access to extensive museum collections
- Rich assortment of events, workshops, and conferences across the Five College institutions and consortium



Libraries across the Five Colleges

# Research Associates Program – Programming

Associates are expected to make the Center their work-home for a semester or full academic year. Semester programming includes:

- Weekly Write-On-Sites
- Weekly Work-in-Progress sessions
- Writing retreats
- Presentations and networking with visiting scholars
- Professional development workshops around career planning and pedagogy
- Formal sharing of work via lectures, panels, etc
- Community-building events, such as celebratory receptions, cohort outings, and more





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# HYBRID FALL RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022  
5PM - 7PM EST  
HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE  
FRANKLIN PATTERSON HALL COURTYARD

- Nibble, nosh, and nourish yourself
- Explore the Center's coworking community space
  - Mingle with 2022-23 Research Associates
    - Connect with colleagues and friends
    - Envision and enjoy feminist community

*All are welcome!*



Scan for Zoom  
link & more info

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## VISITING SCHOLAR LUNCH with Dr. Rachel Simon-Kumar



2022 Fulbright Scholar in Women's  
and Gender Studies, Georgetown  
University; Associate Professor, The  
University of Auckland, New Zealand

We invite you to join us for lunch in-person or on Zoom to learn about Dr. Simon-Kumar's work on abortion decriminalization and sex selection practices, as well as youth, racism and health in New Zealand.

A social scientist by training, Rachel Simon-Kumar currently works at the School of Population health as part of an interdisciplinary team of health researchers. Her research broadly covers topics in women/gender, New Zealand migration and ethnic minority communities, racism, multiculturalism, health, politics, and policy. Her theoretical focus draws on feminist, post-colonial and post-structuralist perspectives; her recent work centers on intersectionality in its varied forms, and its attendant contradictions as it traverses spatial and identity boundaries. Rachel is co-Director of the Centre for Asian and Ethnic Minority Health Research and Evaluation (CAHRE), and in a voluntary capacity, is on the governance board of Shama, an ethnic minority women's community organization. She also sits on several advisory boards in government.

This short-term residency is supported by the Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund.



REGISTER HERE

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**12pm - 1:15pm EST**

**Mount Holyoke College: Cassani Lounge, Shattuck Hall**

**Also on Zoom**

Light lunch provided for in-person participants

All are welcome to attend!



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# AGAINST THE RULES

Rethinking how we think  
Rewriting how we write  
Reworking how we work

What have we been told is the "correct" way to approach feminist work? How can we break through those boundaries by experimenting with expansive modes of knowledge-making? Join us as we explore creative, energizing, and political ways to push against institutional and academic expectations: weaving poetry into text, playing with personal narrative, activating alternate models of presentation, and more.

## FEATURED PANELISTS

Jen Cannon, embodied ethnographer  
Margret Grebowicz, philosopher at large  
Ever E. Osorio Ruiz, feminist from the south  
Silke Steinhilber, feminist conversation instigator

## KICKOFF PANEL & CONVERSATION

Tuesday, November 29  
5PM - 6:30PM EST

In-Person and via Zoom  
Hampshire College

The Kiva, Harold F. Johnson Library  
Light refreshments to follow outside



# JANUARY WRITING RETREAT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

In-person at Willits Hallowell Center,  
Mount Holyoke College

Need a jump on Spring semester projects? Join Five College community members for a January writing retreat co-organized by Mount Holyoke College and the Five College Women's Studies Research Center. Participants are invited to register for either or both of the workshops; alternatively, there are spaces and opportunities for quiet writing time throughout the day.

**8:30 - 9am**  
Coffee & light breakfast

**9am - 10:30am**  
"What works for you? Strategies for planning and accomplishing research and writing during the semester" workshop with Cathy Luna

**11am - 12pm**  
"The Book Publishing Process" discussion and Q&A with Matt Becker from UMass Press

**12:30 - 3pm**  
Lunch and co-writing time

**Registration Deadline:  
December 19th, 2021**



## Calendar of Events: Spring 2023

**Pink** dates contain events that the FCWSRC is co-sponsoring, either with funding support or event promotion.

**Red** dates contain cohort-specific events at the FCWSRC.

**Orange** dates contain community-related events run by the FCWSRC.

### MARCH

**March 1, 10am - 12pm:** Cohort meeting

**March 6, 12pm - 1pm:** Write Together community lunch

**March 7, 7pm:** Viewing party for Feinberg series [event](#): *Feminists Against Empire: Resistance to U.S. Sanctions and Embargoes*

**March 8, 10am - 12pm:** Cohort meeting

**March 9 & 10:** Viewing party for Transnational Feminisms Conference being organized by FCWSRC Alum, Susanne Zwingel; details TBD

**March 13, 9:30am - 12pm:** Write Together

**March 15, 10am - 12pm:** Cohort meeting

**March 20, 9:30am - 12pm:** Write Together

**March 21, 5pm - 7:30pm:** Against the Rules Workshop; details TBD

**March 22, 10am - 12pm:** Cohort meeting

**March 23, 4pm:** Feinberg series [event](#): *Resisting Imperial Memory: Confronting the History of U.S. Aggression in Iraq*

**March 27, 9:30am - 12pm:** Write Together

**March 29, 10am - 12pm:** Cohort meeting

**March 30 - April 1:** *After Archives / Archives After* Symposium, organized by faculty/artists across the Five Colleges

# Research Associates Program – Space

- Dedicated office space
  - Both individual and, potentially, shared
- Community space
  - Used for informal gatherings, reading groups, writing exchange
- Seminar space
  - Used to host meetings and workshops, writing accountability groups, etc
- Outdoor space
  - Opportunities for self-care, whether that be taking in the horizon as it changes with the season, going for a hike in the campus woods, etc.

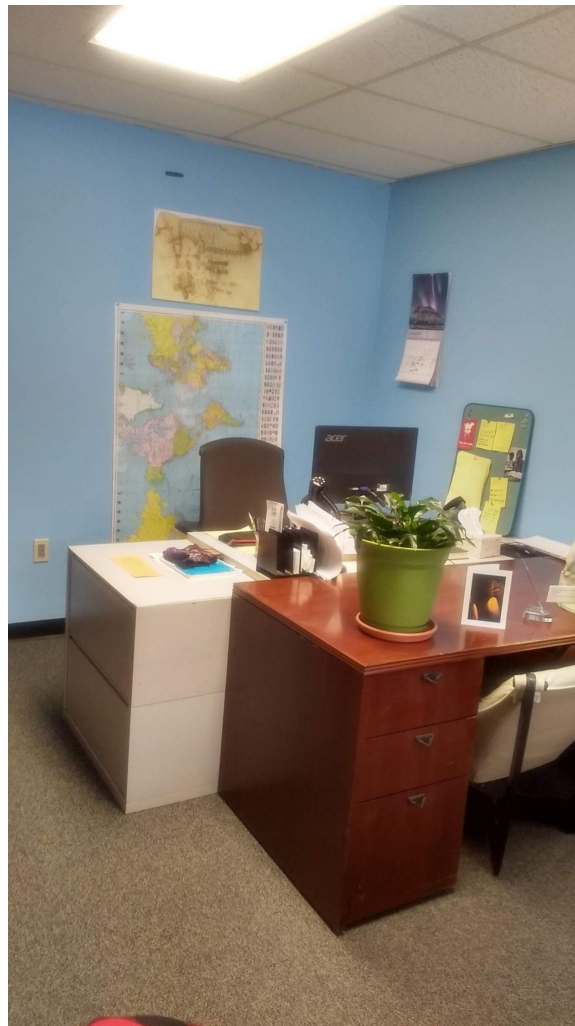


Hampshire College – spacious and abundant in natural beauty





Research Associate office  
(courtesy of Nell Lake)



Research Associate office  
(courtesy of Shailja Patel)





The Center's co-working space, with seating area, coffee and tea station, and small library



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Pictured on the second floor: the Faculty Lounge, a spacious seminar space for FCWSRC gatherings and talks.



Pictured: Members of Five College feminist community co-working during a Monday Write Together session

# Logistics – Funding

- While we are unable to provide funding, the Center is committed to supporting applicants who are seeking funding to support their stay at the Center.
- Possible sources of funding are:
  - Institutional funding: sabbatical funding; teaching/research assistantships (graduate funding), small research grants, travel grants
  - Foundation/government funding: Fulbright Scholarships, European Commission, artistic/cultural production grants, research fellowships, seed grants
- We supports feminist scholars who are submitting applications for funding to support short- and long-term residencies at the Center and recognizes that the submission deadlines might fall out of cycle with our core application process. We ask that materials supporting requests are submitted for the annual deadline and will also review requests on an ongoing basis within our capacity.

# Logistics – Housing & Childcare

- Housing
  - Associates are responsible for securing housing for the semester
  - Finding housing is currently challenging in the area and we've been making efforts to rebuild a database of potential rentals. We have introduced circulating a "classifieds" notice via our networks, for those seeking housing or housemates.
  - Short term housing notices are available through college websites, Craigslist, sabbatical homes, rentnoho.com, etc.
- Dependents (children)
  - School enrollment (kindergarten, age 5, through grade 12) in Amherst, Northampton, South Hadley
  - Daycare enrollment: there are a number of daycare centers in the area, including on-site at Hampshire, as well as individual or group care possibilities. Many of the Centers have waitlists and thus enrolling as early as possible is recommended.

# Logistics – International Associates

- International Research Associates (not already in the U.S. on a visa) are supported to apply for J-1 exchange visitor visa (typically Short-term or Research Scholar categories)
  - Associates are responsible for SEVIS and visa application fees and for following appropriate visa application procedures (compiling documents, attending interview)
  - Requirements (not exhaustive): Documentation of support for duration of stay; documentation of any home country funding/support; proof of health insurance; English-language proficiency, list of dependents who would be accompanying



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## **2023-24 Research Associates CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Are you a feminist thinker, writer, artist, scholar, or activist seeking interdisciplinary community to help build your work?**

**Are you local to the Five Colleges or Western Massachusetts and trying to carve out dedicated time to move your ideas forward?**

**Are you a non-local or international feminist thinker looking to be in conversation with a vibrant scholarly and cultural community?**

The Five College Women's Studies Research Center is now accepting applications for its 2023-24 Research Associates (Visiting Scholars) program. Located on Hampshire College campus, the FCWSRC provides Research Associates with access to resources in the Five College Consortium and surrounding area, including important archival and museum collections. Research Associates, in residence for a semester or academic year, have opportunities to network with preeminent scholars, workshop and present their projects, and build feminist community across discipline, methodology, and geography.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE  
February 24, 2023**

**ZOOM INFO SESSION  
January 23, 2023**



[www.fivecolleges.edu/fcwsrc](http://www.fivecolleges.edu/fcwsrc)  
[fcwsrc@fivecolleges.edu](mailto:fcwsrc@fivecolleges.edu)

# Application Process & Learning More

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- The application involves 3 main components
  - Interfolio application
    - The call for applications includes the questions that you will be asked in the system
    - Please reach out if you run into any difficulties
  - CV
  - Proposal
    - Up to 3 single-spaced pages
    - Be sure to respond to all four points requested



# Application Process and Learning More

- Proposal - Please be sure to respond to all 4 questions.
  - Describe the project in detail (topic, questions, approach, work-plan)
  - Describe the project's contribution to Women's and Gender Studies, Feminist Studies, and/or Queer and Trans Studies
  - Describe how being at the Center would be of benefit to your work, the project
  - Describe how you envision contributing to the feminist communities of which the Center is a part across the Five College campuses

# Questions & Staying in Touch

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