Cultural Relativism vs. Human Rights: Women’s Global Issues
A Conference at Bryn Mawr College, Wyndham Alumnae House

Friday, March 27, 2009
Dinner and Keynote Address 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Christine Koggel, Bower Carty Professor of Ethics and Public Affairs, Director, Centre on Values and Ethics (COVE), Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, “Human Rights Through the Lens of Feminist Relational Theory”

Saturday, March 28, 2009
Economic, Political, and Legal Issues 9:00 am - 10:45 am
Claire Robertson, Professor of History and Women’s Studies, Ohio State University, “Trade as a Basis for Women’s Rights: Empowerment of Women”
Manisha Desai, Chair of Women’s Studies Program, University of Connecticut, “New Directions in Women’s Human Rights Activism: Notes from the Field”
Deborah Harrold, Lecturer in Political Science, Bryn Mawr College, “Algeria, Women and World of Work”
Jenna Mulhall-Berretton, (BMC ’96) Communications/Marketing Intern, Pro Mujer International “Engendering Change: Microfinance and Women’s Empowerment in the Peruvian Andes”

Gender, Sexuality, and Reproductive Rights 11:15 am - 12:45 pm
Gina Velasco, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Anthropology Department and Gender and Sexuality Program, Bryn Mawr College, “Representing the ‘Exploited Filipina Body’: The Traffic in Women and the Politics of Solidarity in the Filipino Diaspora”
Lázaro Lima, Associate Professor of Spanish, Director of Gender & Sexuality Studies Program, Bryn Mawr College, “‘The Pill’ in Puerto Rico: Biopower and the Reproduction of Empire”

Lunch and Keynote Address 12:45 pm - 2:15 pm
Shiva Balaghi, Vice President of the American Institute of Iranian Studies, “Men of God, Women of Allah: Gender and Islam in Contemporary Iranian Art”

Adolescent Girls: A Global Snapshot 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Panel of Bryn Mawr Students from Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, East Asia, and Latin America

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