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## Molecules, Multiplication, and Mentors

Good news for those women who want to become mathematicians or scientists. Douglass College has received a three-year grant from the New Jersey Department of Higher Education's Fund for the Improvement of Collegiate Education to develop a program to assist women who want to pursue careers in science or mathematics.

Project director, Dr. Ellen F. Mappen, director of the Junior Year at Douglass Program in Women's Studies, will coordinate the program with the faculty in women's studies as well as those in mathematics and science.

Located at Douglass, the program will assist women students on the New Brunswick campus as well as high-

school students throughout New Jersey. The multifaceted project includes a Summer Science Institute at Douglass for high school students; an orientation program for freshmen; role models and mentors; career workshops on job survival tips and career options; a seminar on the work and social issues

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## Waring Visits

Writer, peace activist, farmer, feminist, and former member of the New Zealand Parliament, Marilyn Waring is spending this spring term at the university studying, writing, and participating in campus activities. Hosted by the Center for the American Woman and Politics of the Eagleton Institute of Politics and by Douglass College, Waring has been given an office in Voorhees Chapel.

From 1975 to 1984, Waring served in Parliament. Her opposition to U.S. Navy ships carrying nuclear weapons entering New Zealand's ports brought international recognition. She represented her country at the United Nations Mid-Decade Conference on Women as well as at other U.N. gatherings. Waring also directed the first training school for potential women

## Laurie Chair in Women's Studies



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Although she lists her current occupation as "freelance consultant, lecturer, and writer," Waring's many pursuits defy simple categorization. Well known as a feminist and leader in the fight against nuclear weapons, Waring has written two books: *Women, Politics, and Power* (1985, Unwin Paperbacks) and *Redressing the Balance: A Case for the Inclusion of Women in International Economic Systems* (to be published shortly). Ms. Waring is currently working on a "feminist dream sequence" titled "A Fantasy Farm Diary." In addition to having written a play, screenplay, and several magazine articles, Waring has sung as a soprano soloist with New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation.

While pursuing her own projects, Waring also plans to take part in the life of the university. If you would like to meet her or invite her to speak, she can be reached at 932-8869 or in care of Kathy Kleeman at the Eagleton Institute (932-9384).

**October 1985:** The Women's Studies Chair at Douglass College was named in honor of New Brunswick philanthropist Irving Laurie and his late wife and daughter. The Blanche, Edith, and Irving Laurie New Jersey Chair in Women's Studies was dedicated by Rutgers President Edward J. Bloustein. Dean Mary Hartman presided at the ceremony. The other speakers were the Honorable Hazel Gluck, who was instrumental in establishing the chair, the first occupant of the chair, Dr. Alison Jaggar, and Governor Thomas H. Kean.

**January 1986:** Carol Gilligan, professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, became the second occupant of the Laurie Chair in Women's Studies. Gilligan is also a visiting professor of psychology at Rutgers. She is the author of the award-winning book, *In a Different Voice: Psychological Theory and Women's Development*.

**Spring 1986:** "On the Psychology of Love," an interdisciplinary feminist research seminar is being conducted by Gilligan. More than twenty-five students, scholars, and activists are participating.

Two visiting scholars who are also involved in the seminar have been selected to receive stipends of \$12,500 for the term.

Jessica Benjamin, Ph.D., New York University, is a psychoanalytic psychotherapist practicing in New York City. Benjamin continued her postdoctoral studies in psychology and psychoanalysis as a research fellow in Psychiatry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She has written several essays on psychoanalysis, feminism, and social theory, and is currently completing a book, *The Bonds of Love* (Pantheon), an exploration of the psychology of domination.

Gloria C. Erlich, Ph.D., Princeton University, has taught at Douglass, Dickinson, and Rider Colleges. In 1985, she received an award from the Modern Language Association for her book *Family Themes and Hawthorne's Fiction: The Tenacious Web*, which applies psychobiographical insights to the understanding of fiction. Erlich is currently working on doubled parental figures in the lives and works of Edith Wharton and William Faulkner.

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## Women & Work

The fourth annual Celebration of Our Work Conference is set for May 20, 1986 at Douglass College. Sponsored by the Institute for Research on Women, the conference brings together New Jersey scholars and activists who work on research issues related to women and gender.

"Women as Workers: Past, Present, and Future" is this year's theme. A wide spectrum of papers promises a lively conference with such diverse topics to be explored as domestic work; training; women and education; minority

women; discrimination; work-fare and welfare; women in trade unions; work and the law; women's work throughout history; women and slavery; Third-World women; women workers in literature; women and unemployment; the new technologies and women's work; immigrant women; psychological aspects of work; and gender roles. In addition to workshops and panels, there will be several exhibitions.

IRW's cosponsors are The Center for the American Woman and Politics; The Consortium for Educational Equity; the New Jersey College and University Coalition on Women's Education; The New Jersey League of Women Voters;

the Institute of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University; and the Division on Women, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Preregistration is required for the conference. A fee of \$17.50 includes lunch and refreshments. A reduced fee of \$12 will be charged for students and unemployed women (\$20; \$14.50 at the door). A wine and cheese reception concludes the activities.

For more information about the conference or if you would like a program, please call Gloria Cohn at the Institute for Research on Women, 201/932-9072.