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THURSDAY
OCTOBER 5

**Beyond the Pap Smear:
Health Policy Through A Women's Lens**

ALINA SALGANICOFF, Vice President and
Director, Women's Health Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation

Alina Salganicoff's work at the Kaiser Family Foundation focuses on health coverage and access to care for women, with an emphasis on challenges facing under-served populations, including low-income and uninsured women as well as women of color. Dr. Salganicoff has written numerous book chapters, journal articles, and reports on health care access and financing for low-income women and children. She also directs the Foundation's KaiserEDU.org project, an online educational resource for students and faculty in health policy. Her talk will focus on the central health policy issues facing women in the U.S. including affordability, health insurance coverage, and access to care. It will address the implications for women of the emerging trends in private coverage and in Medicaid and Medicare such as cost-shifting, consumer-directed health care, and "individual responsibility."

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 9

**Interrogating Health & Bodies:
Rutgers Faculty Panel**

JANET GOLDEN, History, Rutgers-Camden

MEREDETH TURSHEN, Bloustein School of Public
Policy, Rutgers-NB

BEN. SIFUENTES-JÁUREGUI, American
Studies, Rutgers-NB

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 1

**Body Biographies, Body Politics:
Christian Revolutionaries and Social Justice
in Twentieth Century Britain**

SETH KOVEN, History, Rutgers-NB

Seth Koven is Associate Professor of History at Rutgers University and author of *Slumming: Sexual and Social Politics in Victorian London* (Princeton, 2004). He is currently writing a history of the radical Christian left in 20th century Britain through a study of six anti-imperialist pacifists who renounced their wealth and embraced voluntary poverty in their quest to reconcile rich and poor, east and west, black and white, men and women. Dr. Koven's talk explores the centrality of the body in his subjects' understandings of spirituality and global social justice while telling their life stories through their experiments with a wide range of counter-culture body, diet, prayer, and health regimes.

THURSDAY
MARCH 1

**Health and Bodies:
Latina Cultural Perspectives and
Community Responses**

ELIZABETH AMAYA-FERNANDEZ, Director
of Health Education, National Latina Health Network
(presented in partnership with the Rutgers Center for
Latino Arts & Culture)

Elizabeth Amaya-Fernandez is the Director of Health Education at the National Latina Health Network (NLHN), which promotes the health of Latinas and their families nationwide. She leads an Office on Minority Health funded project to enhance and strengthen HIV/AIDS service providers' capacity as leaders and build leadership capacity among young Latina/o adults to address HIV/AIDS issues in their communities. Ms. Amaya-Fernandez serves on the Latino Community Planning Advisory Board for the United States-Mexico Border Health Association (USMBHA) and is an advisor to the National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC) and Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS).

THURSDAY
APRIL 19

***My Body Politic:*
Writing Disability in Memoir**

SIMI LINTON, Founder, Disability/Arts

Simi Linton is one of America's foremost experts on disability and the arts. She works with a diverse range of cultural organizations—theater companies, film and television producers, museums, non-profit arts companies, universities, and other groups across the country—to improve and increase the way disability is represented and depicted in all art forms. Her memoir, *My Body Politic*, was published in 2006; a documentary based on the book is in development. Dr. Linton's first book, *Claiming Disability: Knowledge and Identity* (1998), is widely used in university courses in women's studies, disability studies, and cultural studies. Formerly Associate Professor of Psychology in the Division of Education at Hunter College, she has been co-director of Columbia University's Seminar on Disability Studies since 2003.

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