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*A 1973 Newsletter, Revitalized.*

## **Feminist News, Today**

*What is the role of a feminist in the midst of political confusion, a sweeping infectious disease, and abhorrent racist state violence? The answer could be a tricky one, but it does not have to be. The role of a feminist is to keep working towards change. It is to continue to strive for a better, safer world for everyone. It is to stay educated and to educate others. A feminist's job — now as much as ever — is to not give up. 2020 has seen a number of losses for intersectional feminists. The presidential election demonstrated that America is perhaps just as divided as it seems on issues of politics and social justice. The pandemic is harming poor people, women, and people of color more than anyone else. And racism is more overt than it has been in decades. But 2020 saw some wins for feminists as well. Joe Biden defeated Donald Trump for a presidential seat by more than six million votes. Scientists worked hard on finding a vaccine for COVID-19, and at least three vaccines with over 70% effectiveness have been created. and the Black Lives Matter movement entered into the mainstream, with many Americans who had not previously been involved in anti-racist work showing up in big ways for their Black siblings. It's been a busy year for feminists, and none of these wins are a signal that the work is done. But things are looking up, and with continued effort and endurance, a better world is being created. Feminists: keep going.*

**New WGST Course for Spring 2021:  
Gender and Disability  
(WGST 3998)**

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## **Alumni Spotlight**

*LMU alumna, Danielle Nuñez, is November's alumni spotlight. Danielle graduated in 2019 as a Women's & Gender Studies major, and political science and Asian Pacific American Studies double minor. Danielle is currently an office manager for Northwestern Mutual Santa Monica, as well as a representative on two Diversity and Inclusion councils, one at LMU! Social justice is central to who Danielle is; she organizes with mutual aid groups like Street Watch LA and Ktown for All. Her work with these two groups centers around providing direct aid and political advocacy for unhoused folks in LA. Danielle explains how her LMU WGST education has shaped her experiences post-grad: "Classes were structured in a way that placed our lived experiences at the forefront and by doing so validated them and gave us the language to communicate them in other spaces." Danielle is dedicated to fighting against oppression and doing what she can to make the world more livable for the most marginalized: "I believe I am a work in progress towards being a professional feminist, but with my education, passion, and Patricia Hill Collins close to my heart, I know that the world we are fighting for beyond oppression is possible and I won't be gaslit into thinking otherwise."*

## **Quote of the month**

*"If we aren't intersectional, some of us, the most vulnerable, are going to fall through the cracks" - Kimberlé Crenshaw*