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A 1973 Newsletter, Revitalized.

Feminist News, Today

The dawning of a new year is typically a chance for new beginnings — an opportunity to start over. But 2020 has been anything but typical. This time, the drop of a NYC ball won't signal a total reset. But maybe that's not a bad thing. Feminists have learned a lot from this year. Learning to continue anti-racist and intersectional feminist work from inside a home is one of them. Online activism has boomed these past several months, opening up exciting new opportunities that were previously only available to those who could do activist work in person. The newfound prevalence of Zoom meetings have allowed for organizers to connect with people globally, instead of just the people near their cities. And people are more aware than ever about the social justice issues present in their communities: online platforms are educating the public like never before. It's tough staying home, but it might make engaging more than usual in activist work even easier. You can wear your PJ's while hopping onto an organizing meeting. You can donate to causes using just your thumbprint. You can hop onto Twitter to educate yourself about the world around you. Staying home gives everyone more of a chance to do the work that intersectional feminists are striving for. Here are some ways to continue the work over the holidays: [This Loyolan article](#) offers several virtual opportunities to meaningfully engage with the community. By joining the [Black Lives Matter newsletter](#), you can stay up-to-date on what BLM is working on and how to get involved. You can engage with the [ACLU's website](#) to find concrete ways to take steps forward, and for the opportunity to join in on their Zoom meetings. Happy New Year. It's up to us to make 2021 better than 2020.

New WGST Major Spotlight

For the December edition of the XX, we decided to talk to a newly declared WGST major. LMU sophomore, Claire Shepard, shared her experience as a WGST major and why she ultimately decided to declare this major: "WGST has impacted my life in how I see the world. As a CMST and now WGST double major, I hope to be able to help and communicate with people who have been disadvantaged by the socialized world in which we live in. WGST provides me with the tools to better my understanding of people on this earth and why the world needs changing, a skill that will be useful to any future career of mine. I believe a major in WGST will make me a better person and will always be relevant to my life. I can not wait for what my future as a WGST major at LMU has in store for me!" As we know, majoring in WGST is more than just learning about feminism, it is a transformative experience, one that gives you values to live by for the rest of your life. We are so happy to welcome Claire (and all other newly declared WGST majors/minors) to the WGST family!

Quote of the month

"Each time a woman stands up for herself without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women."

—Maya Angelou