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A 1973 Newsletter, Revitalized.

Feminist News, Today

TW: violence against women and mass shootings On March 16th, 21-year-old Robert Aaron Long killed eight people in a series of mass shootings at three different massage parlors. This devastating event is nothing short of a racist, sexist hate crime. Less than a week later there was a mass shooting at a grocery store in Boulder, CO where another 21 year old man killed 10 people. These tragic shootings reveal the urgency of addressing gun control, white supremacy and toxic masculinity in the United States. Below is a statement from WGST faculty after the attack in Atlanta.

Statement from the WGST Department in regard to the Atlanta shooting: The Department of Women's and Gender Studies stands with the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in defense of the lives and the dignity of all people of Asian heritage. We are heartsick at the racist misogynist attack in Atlanta on March 16 and we join in mourning the loss of each of the eight victims. As scholars and teachers of intersectional feminism, we want to draw attention to the interlocking forces of anti-Asian racism, white supremacy, imperialism, racialized misogyny and exploitation that led to this brutal attack targeting Asian American women workers. We must take action against anti-Asian hate which is part of systemic racism in America.

Women's History Month, LMU:

Friday, March 26 @ 3-5pm: Event organized by WGST seniors on gaslighting at LMU
<https://lmu.zoom.us/j/7448916040>

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Sullivan is a beloved professor in LMU's WGST department. Holding a BA in theology, a MA in social work, and a PhD in women's, gender, and sexuality studies, Dr. Sullivan has led an extremely interdisciplinary academic career. In fact, WGST's interdisciplinary lens is one of the things that drew Dr. Sullivan to WGST in the first place. So did the direct impact feminism can have on everyday life. "Feminism gave me language to talk about many things that I had experienced," Dr. Sullivan said.

A professor of queer theory, Dr. Sullivan tends to think critically about the modern social world, including mainstream feminism and Women's History Month, mentioning that "if it's the grounds for a display at Target, I'm not convinced. But, if it's the grounds for tangible change, count me in."

Dr. Sullivan stressed that tangible change is what's important in feminism — not just girl-power paraphanelia that "lacks a materialist and intersectional analysis," or fails to include "an actual feminist politics to back it up."

To combat some of these shallow, mainstream-feminist ways of thinking, Dr. Sullivan recommended reading Pat Parker's essay "Revolution: Its Not Neat or Pretty or Quick" from [This Bridge Called My Back: Writing by Radical Women of Color](#), as well as [How We Get Free: Black Feminist and The Combahee River Collective](#), referring to them both as "amazing" readings.

Dr. Sullivan has taught a number of courses at LMU: Introduction to Gender Studies; Sex, Science, and Society; Women's Bodies, Health, and Sexualities; Feminist Research Methods; and Queer Theory.

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