

# News

## Conference on gender to focus on two-way understanding

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Why do conversations about men and women often slip into something like a boxing match, with one gender in each corner?

Seniors Miriam Biber and Scott Pryor are working to change the dynamics of such conversations; they are looking to create an honest and open dialogue on the subject of gender, beyond defenses and alienation and towards understanding.

By means of the Hazelnut Scholarship Grant, through the Peace and Conflict Studies program, Biber and Pryor are hosting a conference in early October entitled "Understanding Men, Understanding Women."

"It started as focusing more on men and their views on sexism and feminism," Biber said, "but changed into focusing on creating a dialogue between men and women about what the concept of gender means for both sides."

Focusing on how social codes affect both sexes, Biber feels that the conference will offer much to participants as well as to the community as a whole.

"It's a good starting place for getting people to understand what it means to live with gender," Biber said. "It's about communicating with yourself and others and figuring out what to do with this knowledge."

"The hope is to help participants foster a commitment to be continually engaged in that dia-

logue," Pryor said of the conference. "And we're hoping to recruit a wide variety of people to come."

Both Biber and Pryor emphasized the open nature of the conference. They are encouraging and expecting a diversity range of participants.

While the exact schedule of panelists is still in the works, the conference will bring to light a number of different topics within this field. "Understanding Men, Understanding Women" will begin Friday, Oct. 5, with a panel and then move to open discussion and small group work (from 7-9 p.m.).

The events on Saturday, Oct. 6, will include small-group work and sharing as well as time for personal reflection and re-evaluation of personal commitment. Saturday's participants will need to preregister. For more information, or to register,

contact Miriam Biber (mbiber@guilford.edu) or Scott Pryor (mpryor@guilford.edu).

*Hiring, from p. 1*

Lisa McLeod, assistant professor of Philosophy, despite being a staunch proponent of the policy, said that from a legal perspective, "our proposed hiring policy, in paying explicit attention to race, may run afoul of current interpretations both of the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution and/or Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Acts."

After faculty members raised a variety of objections to the policy, the Clerks Committee led by Jonathan Malino, Professor of Philosophy, decided to explore and revise the current draft again in hopes that the faculty can come together in their support of the new policy.

### THIS WEEK AT GUILFORD

#### Friday, September 21

- 11:00 a.m. Lecture: *From Philosophy Major to Investment Guru: The Educational and Professional Journey of Guilford Trustee Mark Hulbert* (Bryan Auditorium)
- 3:00-6:00 p.m. Family Weekend Registration (Boren Lounge)
- 3:00 p.m. Family Weekend Open House (Founders Commons)

#### Saturday, September 22

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Family Weekend Interest Sessions (Founders Commons)
- 3:00 p.m. African American Family Mixer (Bryan Auditorium)
- 8:00 p.m. Reduced Shakespeare Company Presents: *The Complete Works of Shakespeare, Abridged* (Dana Auditorium)

#### Sunday, September 23

- 7:00 p.m. WQFS Meeting (Founders Commons)

#### Monday, September 24

- 7:30 p.m. Guilfordian Meeting (Founders Commons)
- 8:30 p.m. G.A.N.E. Meeting (King Peace and Conflict Studies Room)
- 9:30 p.m. Outdoors Club Meeting (King Environmental Studies Room)

#### Tuesday, September 25

- 3:00 p.m. Campus Sidekicks (Boren Lounge)
- 7:30 p.m. Presentation: Summer Work Camp in Ramallah (Founders Gallery)

#### Wednesday, September 26

- 6:00 p.m. Senate Meeting (Boren Lounge)
- 7:00 p.m. Lecture: Susan Fox, US Forest Service (Bryan Auditorium)
- 7:00 p.m. Chess/Scrabble Club Meeting (Founders Commons)

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Monday, 7:30 pm, the Passion Pit  
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### Corrections:

Last week's article on the Student Activities fair mistakenly attributed African drumming, that was, in fact, not African, to AACSS. Also, Brothers Doing Positive, Sister to Sister, and Gospel Choir are all under AACSS, not African American Affairs as the article reported.