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“40th Anniversary Celebration Opens with World Premiere of the Documentary ‘Agents of Change’”

Eugene, OR – The world premiere of “Agents of Change” kicks off the Center for the Study of Women in Society’s 40th Anniversary Celebration on November 7, 2013, at the University of Oregon. Produced by journalism professor Gabriela Martínez and doctoral student Sonia De La Cruz, the documentary looks at the history of CSWS and honors agents of change at the UO and their legacies of feminist research, teaching, activism, and creativity. Eugene mayor Kitty Piercy is among the special guests who will be speaking at the event.

By 1970, women faculty members across universities in the United States were beginning to teach the first women’s studies courses, while also taking on the fight for pay equity and affirmative action in hiring. “Agents of Change” addresses the challenges women faculty at UO faced in their efforts to draw attention to women’s histories, issues, and concerns. The voices and stories heard in this documentary are thus exemplary of the struggles of women to gain ground in the academy, struggles that in the case of UO were supported by a remarkable act of philanthropy that led to the founding of what is now known as the Center for the Study of Women in Society.

Presented by CSWS in collaboration with the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies and ASUO Women’s Center, the 40th Anniversary opening celebration and documentary screening begins at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Erb Memorial Union Ballroom, 1222 E. 13th Ave., on the UO campus in Eugene. The celebration continues Friday, Nov. 8, with a symposium on four decades of feminist research, activism, and teaching, and concludes on Saturday, Nov. 9, with a symposium on feminist science fiction. The celebration also includes a special keynote event, “A Conversation with Ursula K. Le Guin,” at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

All events open to the public, but registration for limited seating is required. Register to reserve free tickets at guestli.st/164928.

The event offers multiple opportunities to witness the long reach of feminist thought and production through stories about our past, present, and possible futures. Complete details can be found at <http://csws.uoregon.edu>.

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