

November 2016



## Deborah Mindry, IFC Visiting Scholar

Deborah Mindry, anthropologist based at UCLA's Center for Culture and Health, is a visiting scholar this year at IFC. Deborah is using her time at IFC to finish her book, *I am HIV: Ordinary people daring to live and make change in South Africa*; the book challenges conceptions of Africans as victims of HIV and examines the complex realities of people living with

HIV, their determination to survive and to make change in their communities. Her research interests include gender politics, NGOs and development, and HIV/AIDS. She has conducted qualitative ethnographic research in South Africa since the early 1990s. Deborah is participating with IFC and others at the Claremont Colleges, UCI, the University of Redlands, and UCR to develop a symposium on women's health and empowerment that will be held at Scripps in Spring 2017. She is available to meet with faculty and speak to classes. She will also be giving (see below). Contact Deborah at [dmindry@ucla.edu](mailto:dmindry@ucla.edu).

## November Events:

- Tuesday, Nov 15, 12:15-1:15 p.m., Hampton Room, Scripps College, **Deborah Mindry, *Reproductive Rights and Barriers to Safer Conception for People Living with HIV in South Africa*.**
- Tuesday, Nov 15, 4:15-5:30 p.m., Denison Library, Scripps College, **A Conversation with Wendy Martin and Sharone Williams on their book *American Women Writers*.**
- Coming in December: Reception/book-signing with faculty authors.

## Ashleigh Campi and Rushaan Kumar Kick Off Faculty Research Brown Bag Lunch Series

IFC will host a series of brown bag lunch talks this year on faculty research projects. The first lunch will be held Thursday, November 17, at IFC and features Ashleigh Campi and Rushaan Kumar. Ashleigh is visiting the Scripps Politics Department this semester and will speak on "Emotional Labor and Class Power." Rushaan holds a two-year visiting position in Pomona's GWS program and will speak on "Trans Complicities and Resistance to Nation." For more details about the talks, visit the [IFC website](#). Bring your lunch; IFC will provide drinks.

## IFC Welcomes New Program Assistant

After 15 years working with the Intercollegiate Feminist Center, Eva Cerecerez resigned as the Program Assistant in August. She is dedicating more time to her family. We wish her all the best.

We are pleased to welcome Marney Martin as the new IFC Program Assistant. Marney has been working at Scripps for the past two years, serving in the Office of the President and Board of Trustees as Administrative Coordinator and Consultant. Marney holds a B.S. and M.A. from Eastern Illinois University, as well as certification as a Professional in Human Resources. IFC is delighted to have Marney on board.

## Student Activism Lunch Focuses on Election

The first Student Activism Networking Lunch of the year was held Tuesday, October 25, at IFC, co-sponsored by Young Progressives Demanding Action. Over 20 attended. The lunch focused on grassroots election-oriented work. Guest Constance Waddell, Pilgrim Place, spoke about her anti-death penalty work, providing details about Propositions 62 and 66; Claudia Strauss, Professor of Anthropology at Pitzer spoke about Move On and Prop 59, which, if passed instructs California's elected officials to take action to overturn Citizens United; and Nancy Williams, Professor of Chemistry, Keck Science, spoke about her work as a volunteer canvasser with the LGBT Center in Los Angeles and her grassroots election work across the country.