

Evaluations
Feminist Research Forum 1990

How did you hear about the Forum?

- Women's Studies course (4)
- friends (3), women friends
- brochure (3), brochure came to my office, brochure in Educ. building
- Women's Centre (2)
- personal contact (2)
- through the mail (2)
- through Eileen (2)
- have been aware of ongoing Forum
- my daughter
- although I've attended the other 2 forums, surprisingly I was informed of this forum only last week while reading the Folio
- informational info at work
- committee members
- through Women's Research Centre
- poster in Home Ec. building
- I was asked to speak on a panel
- on campus

Which sessions did you enjoy the most?

- (7) Spirituality
- (6) Catalyst Theatre
- (5) Pedagogy
- (5) Lesbian Visibility/Invisibility
- (5) Methodology
- (4) Text
- (3) Generational Dialogue
- (2) Ghettoized professions
- (2) All
- (2) Everyday Violence
- (1) Proyecto Soledad
- (1) Informal socializing , meeting other feminists
- (1) Co-dependency
- (1) WEM

Which sessions did you enjoy the least?

- (4) Everyday Violence Against Women
- (3) Women's Spirituality
- (2) Generational Dialogue
- (1) WEM

What would you like to see at future forums ?

- small group participation
- disabled women information/networking
- more open lesbian panels, had to miss the lunch session
- a handout containing abstracts of all the sessions so that participants could review the material of both sessions that were attended and those not. This would give rationale and statistics which we know but haven't been able to articulate convincingly before
- small group sessions of introduction, perhaps "consciousness-raising"
- herbal teas
- Lesbian Studies not confined to a lunch time- enough to do 3-hour session
- session on "What is feminism?" or "Who is a feminist?"
- relationship of feminism to class/racial struggles
- more multi-cultural panels
- perhaps a 2-day Forum? (even if some panels the following day, would allow women opportunity to hear the other panels at not so draining pace)
- Native Spirituality, Women's Rituals/Celebrations, Women's Spirituality
- Menopause, Time/Menstruation Time
- Maturity in Relationships
- more on Cathy Bray's research of play(fulness)
- more of the same
- make lesbian issues a session in and of itself
- inclusion of perspectives of women (more or less isolated?) working in other fields and attempting to bring a feminist view to bear "out there"
- more organization; too many switches in program were confusing
- not enough food, no drink (juice)
- more of the same; a good stand-up comic, feminist of course
- Feminism and Humour
- more presentations or writing by/for feminists, more presentations about women's spirituality
- keep the interactive processes!
- lunch session with Jeri should be a full session
- more ethnic sessions which would bring out women from minority groups
- more about our physical side; about how using our bodies in exercise, dance, sport can make us stronger; about the patriarchy in sport and feminism in sport
- more information on women's symbols/rituals; it is interesting that this weekend there was a workshop on Women's Rituals that Joyce Irvine was facilitating
- more actual research presentations; women's works we can use in our thinking and discussion- the cutting edge of feminism
- carry on!
- more complete descriptions of the sessions in the pamphlet would be much appreciated
- pornography (in all its manifestations) discussed at greater length
- a discussion of the importance of networking of the women's movement with other movements as this is vital to its success
- no reading papers! too dull
- more work on getting out of victim mode; encourage look at family system
- look at alternatives for women; mother/women run societies
- research tells problems but present us with options which are dignifying for us
- we should be thinking better of ourselves; we should move on, wake up to our own power

Other Comments and Specific Comments Re: Sessions

General Comments

- overall very engaging and informative, thank you
- more complete description of sessions in brochure
- we ran out of food
- need breaks between sessions where women can have a coffee and discuss the previous sessions
- overall it was good! Thank you to those of you that made it happen.
- not advertised nearly enough. I feel that several hundred women would attend if about 3 notices had appeared in The Journal, if Lynne Van Luven had described the Forum on her page, if T.V. and Radio had broadcast info earlier. As well, notices could be made up and given to all on the mailing list to distribute. All social agencies in the city and surrounding rural area could be notified far in advance.
- compliments to the planning committee; good food
- people coming into sessions late was disturbing
- great day
- good effort, interesting people and ideas!
- presenters should have their last names printed in the brochure
- I didn't enjoy the predominance of focus on those Women's Study programs
- to those of us who are somewhat isolated in other, male-dominated fields the company of feminists is itself kind of magic
- well-organized and well done
- Excellent! organization, food, community involvement, academic participation; the best Forum yet-Congratulations. Why not three sessions-heterosexuality/lesbian/bisexual(Janice Williamson)
- on the whole I thoroughly enjoyed the Forum and look forward to attending next year
- had a great day!
- good engaging process by facilitators
- am looking forward to seeing the work-in-progress we were privileged to hear/see go on
- more funding required for adequate childcare
- good food, energizing forum
- I'm really glad I decided to come even though I didn't know other friends attending. I'll gladly come again!
- Thank you!
- lot's of high energy, positive thinking
- this has been very white and very middle class; is this feminism?(I only attended 3 sessions); where were the natives, the inuit, the marginalized, at the Spirituality panel???
- I was accosted by a lobbying home birth activist

Catalyst Theatre

- very involving; began by sitting in a full circle and all giving our names and brief (5 word) affiliation or reason/focus of interest: implies and recognizes structurally our equality and equal validity of our voices. If you really want to encourage "DIALOGUE" at the Forum, encourage this practice. The session also involved us getting up; working in groups of 3 and sharing what we had developed with the whole group. It was as much SHARING (if not more than) as a PRESENTATION and very valuable

Everyday Violence Against Women

- it ended on a low note. A session like this needs time for more dialogue and sharing about what we can do about it; not much that was presented was new, just as alarming as ever.
- the exercise Friday night (sharing personal incidents of violence) would be better suited to a more intimate setting ie. the end of a smaller workshop
- very boring, nothing new, women exploited by Jeri Wine: would she have asked an audience of men to cite an example of when they violated a woman?
- too negative, not used constructively in my mind
- it was powerful but I felt an uncomfortable edge of emotional manipulation
- not structured enough and for me it was neither empowering or inspirational

Generational Dialogue

- focus discussion on topic; it was important but next time perhaps the focus could be on
- I feel that there was far too much emphasis on academia
- the issue of role models is one that I have been struggling with personally so it was very interesting
- too much focus on academic environment; profs and young women

Lesbian Visibility/Invisibility

- make it a separate session(2)
- I was especially glad to have the Lesbian workshop at lunch time

Methodology

- enjoyed Cathy's presentation in particular
- excellent presentation
- enjoyed Karen's presentation

Music

- Although I didn't attend the forum because I had made other plans, I thought that it would have worked better if I'd had sung from 7:00-7:30 instead of 6:30-7:00 as Eileen had asked me. I could have reached more people and felt that I'd accomplished the purpose that I intended. (Doreen Healy)

Pedagogy

- I found distressing the patriarchal dichotomy "intellectual/university/academia" "masses/community/worker". As feminists our struggle requires work within the various spheres of society; university life for any woman is hard labour and no feminist should implicitly suggest one is possible without the other
- enjoyed it the most; controversial
- I found it most lively

Text

- the women and texts session was fine

WEM

- excellent WEM critique-am looking forward to reading papers
- I found the first part of the West Ed. mall session difficult to follow (too fast) first thing in the morning

Women's Spirituality

- the speakers, other than Scarfe, were weak and uninteresting
- far too heavy dose of goddess spirituality; where's the balance??
- wonderfully empowering, positive energy
- really enjoyed Eunice's reading/sharing, enjoyed Jean's session on symbols
- other than Eunice's part and Jean's I was disappointed with the session
- it showed me that what I had considered to be a quite secular life (mine) was in reality very spiritual.



Research
to: Centre

date: Oct 2, 1990

from: Participant in Forum

(+) spirituality

(-) accosted by
lobbying home
birth

future
- more work on
~~order~~ getting out of
victim mode.
- encourage look @
family system

prop
& young
women

→ generational
dialogue
→ too much focus
on academic
environment

alternatives for women

⇒ Mother/women's union societies
buying into publicity

Research tells problems -

but present with options

dignifying for us.

Thinking better of ourselves.

→ More on.

Wake up to their own power.

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EVALUATION FORM

How did you hear about the Forum? *Wst. 200 class. & womens center organizational meeting.*

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

The generational dialogue — the issue of role models is one that I have been struggling with personally so it was very interesting.

Which did you least enjoy?

The violence against & lecture Friday. Not structured enough and for me it was neither empowering or inspirational.

What would you like to see at future Forums?

Pornography (in ALL its manifestations) discussed at greater length (that just happens to be a personal interest).

Discussion of the importance of networking the g's movements with other movements. I think that is vital to its success.

Other comments:

Over all very engaging and informative.

Thank you.

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How did you hear about the Forum? *Women's Centre ... personal contact.*

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

add to
metaphor
disk
~~Which did you least enjoy?~~

What would you like to see at future Forums?

Other comments:

Catalyst Theatre:
- very involving
- began by sitting in a full circle + all giving our names + brief (5 words) affiliation or reason/focus of interest. → implies + recognizes structurally our equality + equal validity of our voices. If you really want to encourage "DIALOGUE" at the Forum, encourage this practise.

→ the session also involved us getting up; working in groups of 3 and sharing what we had developed with the whole group. It was as much a SHARING (if not more than) as a PRESENTATION + very valuable.

- other comment: if possible, more complete descriptions of sessions in the pamphlet would be much appreciated.

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How did you hear about the Forum?

*Have been aware
of org's forum*

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

*Spirituality,
Theatre*

Which did you least enjoy?

*I think the plenary. It was powerful but I felt
an uncomfortable edge of emotional manipulation.*

What would you like to see at future Forums?

Other comments:

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How did you hear about the Forum? *My daughter*

What session(s) did you enjoy most? *Methodology → Karen's presentation
Janice Williamson's
Women's Spirituality → Eunice Scarfe
Text → all three presentations
Jeri Wine's presentation*

Which did you least enjoy?

We ran out of food.

What would you like to see at future Forums?

Carry on!

Other comments:



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How did you hear about the Forum? *friends*

What session(s) did you enjoy most? *lesbian visibility*

Which did you least enjoy? *just parts of some sessions - especially women's spirituality*

What would you like to see at future Forums? *more actual research presentations - women's works we can use in our thinking and discussion - the cutting edge of feminism*

Other comments:

- need breaks between sessions where women can have a coffee & discuss the previous sessions

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How did you hear about the Forum? *Brochure, women friends*

What session(s) did you enjoy most? *Really enjoyed Carmie's reading/sharing and the very short session on lesbian visibility/invisibility. I enjoyed part of the ghettoization session as well and the session on symbols.*

Which did you least enjoy? *Other than Carmie's part, I was disappointed with the spirituality session.*

What would you like to see at future Forums?

More about our physical side - About how using our bodies in exercise, dance, sport can make us stronger. About the patriarchy in sport and feminism in sport. More information on women's symbols/rituals. - It is interesting that this weekend there was a workshop on women's

Other comments:

I felt that the Violence - Women session ended on a low, sad note. A session like this needs time for more dialogue and sharing about what we can do about it. Not much that was presented was new, just as alarming as ever.

Overall, it was good! Thank you to those of you who helped it happen.

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How did you hear about the Forum? *From a friend.*

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

The Women & Texts session was fine.

Which did you least enjoy?

What would you like to see at future Forums?

More ethnic sessions which would bring out women from minority groups.

Other comments:

not advertized nearly enough.

I feel several hundred women would attend if about 3 notices had appeared in The Journal, if Lynne Van Loven had described the Forum on her page, if T.V. and Radio had broadcast info earlier. As well, notices could be made up and given to all on the mailing list to distribute. All social agencies in the city and surrounding rural area could be notified far in advance.

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How did you hear about the Forum?

Although I've attended the other 2 forums, & surprisingly I was informed of this forum only last week when reading the Folio.

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

I've found Pedagogy most lively.

Which did you least enjoy?

generational discussions.

What would you like to see at future Forums?

Clearly, the lunch time 'Lesbian Visibility/Invisibility' chat with Jeri could / should ^{have} been a session in itself.

Other comments:

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How did you hear about the Forum? *Brochure came to my office*

What session(s) did you enjoy most? *I enjoyed them all, for different reasons:*
(methodology, Text, Drama) - new information, resources
- affirmation of some things I'm doing now
- fun & laughter & sense of community

Which did you least enjoy? *People coming into sessions late.*

What would you like to see at future Forums? *More presentations on writing by/for feminists and more presentations about women's spirituality.*
Keep the interactive processes!

Other comments:

Compliments to the planning committee.
Good food.



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How did you hear about the Forum?

Women's Study Course

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

*The opening session
Pedagogy*

Which did you least enjoy?

*Generational dialogue. - I feel that there was far
too much emphasis on academia.*

What would you like to see at future Forums?

Feminism & Humour? (Ha, Ha).

Other comments:

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How did you hear about the Forum?

informational material at work

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

Women and art: text

WEM

~~Shattered~~ *ghettoized professions*

Which did you least enjoy?

women + spirituality

What would you like to see at future Forums?

more of the same

- a good stand-up comic, feminist of course

Other comments:

Great day

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How did you hear about the Forum? *Brochure up in Educ. Bldg.*

What session(s) did you enjoy most?
Catalyst Theatre, Co-dependency

Which did you least enjoy?
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What would you like to see at future Forums?

*More organization - too many switches
in program were confusing. Not enough
food - no drink (juice)*

Other comments:

Good effort, interesting people & ideas!

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How did you hear about the Forum? → through the mail.

What session(s) did you enjoy most? - all great.

I was especially glad to have the Lesbian workshop at lunch time.

Which did you least enjoy?

What would you like to see at future Forums?

Other comments:

I feel that the presenters should have their last names printed in the brochure.

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EVALUATION FORM

How did you hear about the Forum?

THROUGH EILEEN

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

INFORMAL SOCIALIZING - MEETING OTHER FEMINISTS

WHAT WHICH did you least enjoy?

PREDOMINANCE OF FOCUS ON THOSE IN WOMEN'S STUDY PROGRAMS

What would you like to see at future Forums?

INCLUSION OF PERSPECTIVES OF WOMEN - (MORE OR LESS ISOLATED?) - WORKING IN OTHER FIELDS + ATTEMPTING TO BRING A FEMINIST VIEW TO BEAR "OUT THERE"

Other comments:

TO THOSE OF US WHO ARE SOMEWHAT ISOLATED IN OTHER, MALE DOMINATED FIELDS - THE COMPANY OF FEMINISTS IS ITSELF KIND OF MAGIC. WELL ORGANIZED + WELL DONE.

P.S. - NO READING PAPERS! too full.

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How did you hear about the Forum?

Friends → all of them

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

- not hierarchical numbering
- ① ~~Podology~~ Methodology } Excellent presentation.
 - ② Pedagogy - }
 - ③ Generational - the topic is important

Which did you least enjoy?

- ④ Lesbian Vis / Lewis
↳ needs more time + session of its own

What would you like to see at future Forums?

- more of the same ...
- make lesbian issues a session in + of itself

↳ generational session - focus discussion on topic - the discussion was important but next time - perhaps the focus could be on

Other comments:

Excellent!, organization, food, community involvement, academic participation.

The best forum yet - Congratulations

Jane Williamson

Why not have 3 sessions?
heterosexuality / lesbian / bisexual

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How did you hear about the Forum?

committee members + mailed brochure

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

*3.1 methodology - Cathy's presentation
in particular*

Which did you least enjoy?

(could only attend 1 workshop)

What would you like to see at future Forums?

*I would like to hear more on Cathy Bray's research of
joy (fulness)*

Other comments:

*I felt that the exercise on Friday night (sharing ^{personal} incidents of
~~of~~ violence against H) would be better suited to a more intimate
setting i.e. the end of a smaller workshop.*

*On the whole I thoroughly enjoyed the Forum + look forward to
attendance next year.*

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How did you hear about the Forum?

brochure mailed to me.

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

Lunch!

Feminist Methodology

Drama Catalyst Theatre

Which did you least enjoy?

What would you like to see at future Forums?

Native Spirituality

Menopause Time

Menstruation
Time

Rituals/Celebrations

Women's Spirituality

Maturity in relationships

Other comments:

Had a great day!

CP/HS

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How did you hear about the Forum?

VIA CLASS (W. ST.)

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

BASICALLY, ALL THAT I WENT TO, NAMELY FILM: "Proyecto Soledad" and
PEDAGOGY - extremely thought provoking but also distressing.

-FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY -

Which did you least enjoy?

What would you like to see at future Forums?

- SESSION ON "WHAT IS FEMINISM" or "WHO IS A FEMINIST"
- RELATIONSHIP OF FEMINISM TO CLASS/ ~~RELIGION~~ RACIAL STRUGGLES
- MORE MULTI-CULTURAL PANELS
- PERHAPS A 2-DAY FORUM? (even if some panels the following day; would allow women opportunity to hear the other panels at not so draining of a pace)

Other comments:

WITH REGARDS TO SESSION ON PEDAGOGY:

I FOUND DISTRESSING THE PATRIARCHAL DICHOTOMY
 - intellectual / university / academia
 - masses / community / worker

AS FEMINISTS, OUR STRUGGLE REQUIRES WORK WITHIN THE VARIOUS SPHERES OF SOCIETY. OUR LIBERATION IS DEPENDENT UPON A CRITIQUE AT ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY; UNIVERSITY LIFE FOR ANY WOMAN IS HARD LABOUR AND NO FEMINIST SHOULD IMPLICITLY SUGGEST ONE IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE OTHER.

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How did you hear about the Forum? *Through Women's Research Centre*

What session(s) did you enjoy most? *} appreciated all differently*

Which did you least enjoy?

What would you like to see at future Forums? *Herbal teas. Lesbian Studies not confined to a lunch time - we had enough to do a full 3 session section.*

Other comments: *Good engaging process by facilitators
Excellent WEM critique (am looking forward
to reading papers).
Am looking forward to seeing the work in process
we were privileged to hear/see go on
more funding required for adequate child care.
Good food. Energizing forum.*

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How did you hear about the Forum?

Poster in Home-Ec Bld.

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

All were enjoyable, but the Catalyst Theatre was my favorite.

Which did you least enjoy?

I found the first part of the West Ed. Mall session difficult to follow ^(too fast) first thing in the morning

What would you like to see at future Forums?

Other comments:

I'm really glad I decided to come even though I didn't know of other friends attending. I'll gladly come again!

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How did you hear about the Forum? *in my Women's Studies class*

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

*Women's Spirituality
Every day Violence Against Women*

Which did you least enjoy?

What would you like to see at future Forums?

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Other comments:

which we know but haven't been able to articulate convincingly before.

② small group sessions of introduction, perhaps "consciousness-raising"

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How did you hear about the Forum?

I was asked to speak on a panel.

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

Feminist Spirituality - wonderfully empowering, positive energy
Feminist Pedagogy - controversial.

Which did you least enjoy?

Friday night - too negative, not used constructively in my mind.

What would you like to see at future Forums?

- More open lesbian panels - had to miss the lunch session w/ Geri Wane.

Other comments:

Thank you!

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How did you hear about the Forum? *In person, on campus*

What session(s) did you enjoy most? *Lesbianism
Generations*

Which did you least enjoy?

What would you like to see at future Forums?

*Small group participation
Disabled women information/networking*

Other comments:

*Lots of high energy, positive
Thinking*

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Doreen Healy

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How did you hear about the Forum?

Aileen Moxoney

What session(s) did you enjoy most?

- Text - excellent readers; very interesting
- Eunice Scafe @ Spirituality session

Which did you least enjoy?

Friday night session - very boring; nothing new. ♀ was exploited by Sept's wine: would she have asked an audience of men to ~~write down~~ cite an example of when they violated a woman?

~~What would you like to see at future Forums?~~

The speakers @ Spirituality, other than Scafe, were weak + uninteresting.

This has been very white + very middle class. Is this feminism? ~~there~~ (I only attended 3 sessions). Where were the natives, the immigrant, the marginalized, at the Spirituality panel???

Other comments:

Far too heavy dose of goddess spirituality. Where's the balance??