

Women's and Gender Studies Seminar Series

Ecofeminist Activism: Encounters with Politics and Nature -- Danielle Wirth and Betty Wells

Wednesday, April 12th, 2017
1030 Morrill Hall
12:00-1:00 pm

In light of proliferating policies that directly attack women and the environment, we have entered a new critical moment to build understanding of ecofeminism as theory and practice (praxis). Despite reports of stagnation and divisions within the field of ecofeminism, the continuing applicability of this body of knowledge has been reaffirmed by the renewed and more virulent patriarchal assault taking place in the U.S. today. In this talk, Betty Wells and Danielle Wirth will focus on experiences in environmental activism, long a wellspring of feminist and ecofeminist energy, and invite seminar attendees to help deepen our engagement with this moment.



Dr. Danielle Wirth (right) and Dr. Betty Wells (left)

Dr. Wirth is an Adjunct Professor of Environmental Science and Policy at Drake, ISU, and DMACC. Her academic interests include organic food standards and local food security, pesticide impact on human health and environmental quality, restoration of native plant communities, environmental ethics and environmental economics.

Dr. Wells is a Professor and Extension Sociologist at ISU. Her research focuses on community food systems and rural women's networks. She is a founding member of the Women, Food and Agriculture Network and collaborates on programs for beginning women farmers and women farmland owners.

Women's and Gender Studies Program

The Women's and Gender Studies Program examines issues relevant to social identities such as gender,

sexuality, race, ethnicity, and age, challenges existing systems of knowledge, and forges new scholarship based on the centrality of gender as a category of analysis.

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