

# Building Bridges: Conversations and Creating Networks Among Second and Third Wave Feminists and Women Activists: A Symposium

## **Symposium Objectives:**

This symposium has three main objectives:

To inform participants about the challenges and obstacles that women have encountered in the past and the women who have made important contributions to improving women's lives and having equal access to opportunities and resources in all aspects of society.

To build bridges between Second and Third Wave feminists. That is, a primary aim of this symposium is to foster better communication and form bonds between those women who came of age and into political consciousness regarding gender inequity and were active participants in the movement for equal rights for women in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, and the new generation of women today who devote their efforts to eradicating discrimination and eliminating any obstacles that restrict women in their personal lives and who work to bring about gender equity in society.

To provide individual women and members of various organizations and associations to learn about the efforts of women in the Jacksonville community and Northeast Florida who are currently working to improve the status of women and women's lives generally.

## **Who will attend and participate in the symposium?**

This symposium is open to all women and men who are interested in this topic. Particular emphasis will be placed on attracting individuals who are playing an active role in education, politics, health care, philanthropy, business, and women's issues, concerns and causes generally.

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## **Tentative Symposium Format: April 1, 2005**

The topics, issues and concerns cited below will be addressed. The actual symposium and key participants are subject to change.

Exhibits of Women's History

Exhibits of Local Women's Organizations  
Exhibits of Local Resources for Women and Families

8:00-9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am-12 noon	
9:00-9:15	
Welcome:	Anita Vorreyer, Director UNF Women's Center
	Shirley Webb, Director Jacksonville Women's Center
9:15-10:15	
Foremothers: An Overview Of Women's Activism in The 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	Carolyn Williams will introduce a film; <i>She's Nobody's Baby</i>
10:30-11:45	
Panel	"Confronting the 'F' Word:" A panel discussion of Second Wave feminists addressing the following: What does feminism mean to my generation of women?
12:00-1:45 pm	Luncheon with Key Note Speaker, Rebecca Walker: Topic: "Third Wave Feminism and Young Women Today"
2:00-3:45	
The Status of Women and Girls Today	Member of Women's Giving Alliance will introduce video <i>Women Speak</i> . The video will be followed by a discussion led by women representing local organizations.
4:00-6:00 pm	Breakout sessions focusing on the topics cited below. *A team of two women representing Second and Third Wave Activists will lead each session. Issues of Women and Girls of Color Challenges of Gay and Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Individuals Girls Today Women and Aging Women and Partisan Politics Women Entrepreneurs Women, Health and Welfare and the Family Women and the Arts Women and Philanthropy Community and Neighborhood Concerns
6:00-8:00	Conclusion, Book Signing with Rebecca Walker, and refreshments.