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# Willful Wyoming Women

## A WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF SHORT-SHORT PRESENTATIONS BY FABULOUS WOMEN IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

### WHEN

March 22, 2016  
5:30pm - 8:00 pm

### WHERE

The Library Sports Grille and Brewery  
201 E Custer St, Laramie

PRESENTED BY THE  
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
GENDER & WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
DINNER AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

### FEATURING

**Cathy Connolly**

**Ellen Currano**

**Susan Dewey**

**Jackie Gonzales**

**Anne Guzzo**

**Karen Hepworth**

**Elizabeth Holder**

**Patty Kessler**

**Lori Kirk**

**Anne Mason**

**Madeline Moreno**

**Naughty Pines  
Derby Dames**

**Tracey Patton**

**Wendy Perkins**

**Michelle Sullivan**

**Cathy Connolly**

Emcee, Head of the Gender and Women's Studies Program

**Michelle Sullivan**

Michelle will share about her experiences as a member of the Board of Trustees and her work with the International Board of Advisors for the University.

**Ellen Currano**

*"Fieldwork, fossils, and facial hair."*

Ellen will speak about the excitement of paleontological field research, highlight achievements of some outstanding female field paleontologists, and discuss challenges that women face in this heavily male-dominated field. To conclude, she will describe

**The Bearded Lady Project: Challenging the Face of**

**Science**, an outreach project she co-founded that creatively tackles gender stereotypes in paleontology.

**Anne M. Guzzo**

*"Composing for Dragons and other Imaginary Beasts"*

Composer Anne M. Guzzo will discuss the advantages of eschewing reality and writing music for fantastical creatures.

**Karen Hepworth**

Karen will speak about how she balances being a mom of three children and the impact that starting her own small business had to help change her family's life.

**Patty Kessler**

*"Westering Women and the Transitional Nature of the Frontier."*

This brief presentation will look at three distinct situations of women who were transitioning or who did transition to the American West. It will also examine what the impact of this movement was on their lives.

**Lori Kirk**

Lori will be speaking about the way a unique customer has influenced her way of doing business, interactions with customers, and her view of the products that she carries. Yarn holds many possibilities, with all of them involving a gorgeous transformation that can be done in an infinite amount of ways.

**Anne Mason**

*"Converging Loves: Bringing Theatre to Laramie"*

Anne will discuss her inspiration, motivation, and strategy for bringing theatre to the Laramie community.

**Madeline Moreno**

Madeline will discuss her *'Girls Nation'* experience, as well as another program she participated in called the United States Senate Youth Program in Washington DC.

**Naughty Pines Derby Dames**

The Naughty Pines Derby Dames is an all female, skater-owned, skater-operated, non-profit roller derby team in Laramie. The team has a passion for skating, partnering with community non-profit organizations, and most of all, hitting bitches.

**Susan Dewey, Rhett Epler, and Cassandra Hunter**

*"Wyoming Pathways from Prison: Feminist Research in Practice"*

Wyoming Pathways from Prison is an evolving feminist collaborative project that supports currently and formerly incarcerated women through research, education, mentoring, and skill building.

**Wendy Perkins**

*"Telling My Story Because It Needs to be Told": A Photo-Ethnography Exhibit with Denver Women in the Sex Industry*

Wendy's goal for this exhibit is to focus on women in the sex industry and the realities of their lives rather than media stigmas.

**Elizabeth Holder**

*"The Celtic Revival and the Women of Ireland's 1916 Easter Rising"*

Women of Ireland's 1916 Easter Rising tend to fall into two categories: the romanticized heroine, and the invisible participants. This presentation will briefly talk about the influence that the Celtic Revival's political and literary leaders had on the women of the Easter Rising.