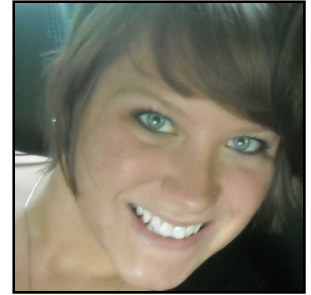

Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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Women, Gender & Sexuality



Hometown: Hessel, MI

Major: International & Area Studies

Minor: Religion

Concentration: Women, Gender & Sexuality

Study Abroad: Strasbourg, France

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Ben & Jerry's Half-Baked

Best Adjective to Describe You: Bubbly

In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?

Most fun you can have with this subject EVER.

When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?

My first-year seminar professor/advisor talked to me about it after I had the best/toughest time getting through an English course on women writers. Thank goodness, because the Women and Gender Studies courses have been the most interesting classes I've taken at K.

What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?

Drop by their offices and bug the professors about the things they do. And by "drop by," I mean make an appointment and drop by!

What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?

The fact that these professors are great at what they do and they love doing it [almost] all the time.

What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?

Not quite sure, but I'm hoping to do Teach for America.

What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?

That even though I might not like somebody here, everybody at K, including students, staff, and faculty are all great and respectable people. I might not particularly like them, but I respect them all.

How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?

I've always been passionate about women's rights (to the point of annoyance sometimes), and I'm able to live out my passions and actively engage in them while at K. There are speakers and events that this department puts on that are so interesting and available to everyone.

What has been your favorite class at K? Why?

Oh my. I have three...? Intro to Women's Studies with Gail Griffin because it was eye-opening, and I took it as a first-year, which meant I was able to learn a lot from the older students in the class. Feminist Theologies with Adam Kotsko (visiting professor) was great because it was able to get me out of bed at 8:30 on Monday mornings in the dead of winter. And Rituals: Theories and Practices with Carol Anderson because there were about 10 of us in the class, which forced me to talk, even when I didn't have anything half-way intelligent to say.

What is your SIP?

My SIP will be on the issue of the Muslim veil in French society and why it has been such a problem with the French government. There was a lot going on with this when I was studying in France, so I got to see first-hand the reactions of my host family and my professors, which was very interesting.
