

Mary Murphy Honored as College of Letters and Science Distinguished Professor



Dr. Mary Murphy, Distinguished Professor of History

History professor Mary Murphy is the newest Letters and Science Distinguished Professor at Montana State University, the highest honor the MSU College of Letters and Science bestows upon its faculty members.

The three-year appointment recognizes Murphy's contributions to the college, MSU and the scholarly community at large, said Dean Nicol Rae. Murphy gave a public lecture this spring titled '*Can the Kaiser: Food, Gender, and the Domestic Politics of World War I*'.

Murphy first came to Montana in 1980 to research the history of Butte for her doctoral thesis from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has taught in MSU's Department of History and Philosophy since 1990. In that time, she has won several awards for her teaching and scholarship, including the Wiley Award for meritorious research, and the Betty Coffey Award for contributions on behalf of women at MSU. She was the Michael P. Malone Professor of History from 2005-2010.

Murphy is known for her engaging history books focusing on gender in Montana, and is currently researching the historic role of food in the American West, as a way of tracing the history of women in the region.

Murphy has served on the boards for Humanities Montana and the Montana Historical Society. Humanities Montana named Murphy a Humanities Hero in 2012. *Excerpts by Evelyn Boswell*

Women's and Gender Studies at MSU

Dr. Murphy and Dr. Intemann are currently the only two Women's and Gender Studies minor advisors in the Department of History and Philosophy.

The program encourages students to engage actively in the innovative and challenging work of interdisciplinary research by applying the critical and theoretical approaches of Women's and Gender Studies to their major.

Drawing on history, literature, cultural studies, social science, and science, the program fosters analysis of gender and sexuality as they intersect with race, ethnicity, class, nationality, and other categories of difference.

Areas of faculty strength include the study of nationhood, science, empire, transnational movements, globalization, family, health, and psycho-social well-being.

Kristen Intemann Receives Betty Coffey Award

Dr. Kristen Intemann has been recognized by the Women's & Gender Studies Committee to receive the 2014 Betty Coffey Award. She was selected due to successfully integrating scholarship and engagement both at MSU and in the larger philosophy community, and because of her commitment to developing new courses and incorporating feminist theory into existing courses essential to the field of philosophy.

She has been recognized for her work toward helping students see how useful race and gender can be as categories of analysis, as well as her heartening and inspirational addition of feminist critiques of traditional philosophical views in academics.

Each year the Women's & Gender Studies Committee seeks nominations of faculty and staff who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in incorporating women's perspectives into the curriculum or developing academic programs that contribute to the elimination of persistent barriers to women's success at MSU. The award winner is honored at both the Women's and Gender Studies reception and the university's spring convocation.



Dr. Kristen Intemann, Associate Professor of Philosophy