

ROCXXY: SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN FEMINIST ACTIVISM & LEADERSHIP

Rocxxy (pronounced "Roxie") is a 12-week summer program for undergraduate students coordinated by the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Rochester. The program combines a professional internship experience with guest speakers, field trips to historic sites, and readings and reflections on feminist activism and leadership. This combination of academic, experiential, and professional experiences is meant to inspire and equip students to become stronger, more prepared leaders for social change.

MEETING & READING SCHEDULE

ORIENTATION

Wednesday, April 22nd

SITE SELECTION DINNER

Wednesday, April 29th

MOVE-IN

Tuesday, May 26th

WEEK 1

Tuesday, May 26th – *Introduction to Feminist Activism and Leadership* – 1pm-5pm – Lattimore 540

Readings:

- “Whose Feminism, Whose History?” in *Community Activism and Feminist Politics: Organizing across Race, Class, and Gender* by Sherna Berger Gluck
- “The Historical Case for Feminism” in *No Turning Back* by Estelle B. Freedman
- “Catch A Wave” in *Fight Like A Girl* by Megan Seely
- “Haudenosaunee Women: An Inspiration to Early Feminists” & “The Untold Story” in *Sisters in Spirit* by Sally Roesch Wagner
- “Introduction” & “The Founding of Five Feminist Service Organizations” in *Tales From The Trenches* by Diane Kravetz

WEEK 2

Tuesday, June 2nd – *The National Susan B. Anthony House & The Women's Rights National Historic Park* – 10am-4pm

Readings:

- “The United States of America vs. Susan B. Anthony” in *Feminism: The Essential Historical Writings* by Susan B. Anthony
- “Woman Wants Bread, Not the Ballot!” in *Feminism: The Essential Historical Writings* by Susan B. Anthony
- “Bread and Roses” in *Feminism: The Essential Historical Writings*
- “Editorial from the North Star” in *Feminism: The Essential Historical Writings* by Frederick Douglas
- “Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions, Seneca Falls” in *Feminism: The Essential Historical Writings*
- “Womanliness” and “Solitude of Self” in *Feminism: The Essential Historical Writings* by Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- “Ain’t I a Woman” and “What Time of Night It Is” in *Feminism: The Essential Historical Writings* by Sojourner Truth

WEEK 3

Tuesday, June 9th – *Sex, Gender, and Sexuality & The Non-Profit Industrial Complex* – 1pm-5pm – Lattimore 540

Readings:

- “The Ghosts of Stonewall: Policing Gender, Policing Sex” in *Queer (In)Justice: The Criminalization of LGBT People in the United States* by Joey Mogul, Andrea Ritchie, and Kay
- “Part 1: The Rise of the Non-Profit Industrial Complex” in *The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond The Non-Profit Industrial Complex* by INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence

WEEK 4

Tuesday, June 16th – *Poverty and Class & Networking and Mentorship Workshop* – 1pm-5pm – Lattimore 540

Readings:

- “The Feminization of Poverty” by United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/followup/session/presskit/fs1.htm>
- “The Challenges and Promises of Class and Racial Diversity in the Women’s Movement: A study of Two Women’s Organizations” in *Gender and Society* by Winifred R. Poster
- “The Missing Story of Ourselves: Poor Women, Power, and the Politics of Feminist Representation” by Adair C, Vivyan

WEEK 5

Tuesday, June 23rd – *Privilege and Oppression & Conflict Resolution Workshop*
– 1pm-5pm – Lattimore 540

Readings:

- “Race and Gender” in *Feminism is for Everybody* by bell hooks
- “Asian Pacific American Women and Feminism” in *This Bridge Called My Back* by Mitsuye Yamada
- “To Render Ourselves Visible: Women of Color Organizing and Hurricane Katrina” in *What Lies Beneath: Katrina, Race and the State of the Nation* by Alisa Bierria and Mayaba Liebenthal
- “The Master’s Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master’s House” in *Sister Outsider* by Audre Lorde
- “White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack” by Peggy McIntosh

WEEK 6

Tuesday, June 30th – *Ableism, Being an Ally, & Organizing Events and Media Workshop* – 1pm-5pm – Lattimore 540

Readings:

- “(Re)fusing the Amputated Body: An Interactionist Bridge for Feminism and Disability” in *Hypatia* by Alexa Schriempf
- “8 Ways To Be An Ally: A Non-Comprehensive List” on *Black Girl Dangerous* by Mia McKenzie
- “Small Changes: Why The Revolution Will Not Be Tweeted” in *New Yorker* by Malcom Gladwell
- “Appendix A, C, D, E: Media Tips” in *Fight Like a Girl* by Megan Seely

WEEK 7

Tuesday, July 7th – *Matilda Joslyn Gage House & The Harriet Tubman Home* –9am-5pm

Readings:

- Excerpt from “Matilda Joslyn Gage: She Who Holds The Sky” Sally Roesch Wagner

- Explore the Tubman House Website: <http://www.harriethouse.org/>

WEEK 8

Tuesday, July 14th – *Philanthropy and Social Justice Movements & Fundraising and Development Workshop* – 1pm-5pm – Lattimore 540

Readings:

- “The Filth on Philanthropy: Progressive Philanthropy’s Agenda to Misdirect Social Justice Movements” in *The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond The Non-Profit Industrial Complex* by Tiffany Lethabo King and Ewyare Osayande
- “Fundraising Is Not a Dirty Word: Community-Based Economic Strategies for the Long Haul” in *The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond The Non-Profit Industrial Complex* by Stephanie Guilloud and William Cordery

WEEK 9

Tuesday, July 21st – *Politics and Policy Making & Nonviolent Communication Workshop* – 1pm-4pm – Lattimore 540

Readings:

- “Girls Just Wanna Not Run: The Gender Gap in Young Americans’ Political Ambition” by Jennifer Lawless and Richard Fox
- “The Empowerment Manual: A Guide for Collaborative Groups” by Starhawk

WEEK 10

Tuesday, July 28th – *Direct Action and Everyday Activism & Panel of Community Partners*– 1pm-5pm – Lattimore 540

Readings:

- “Chapter 4: The Real World”, “Chapter 5: The Activist at Work”. “Chapter 6: The Revolutionary Next Door”, and “Epilogue: A Day in the Life of an Activist” in *Grassroots* by Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards
- “...Like a Girl” and “Appendix B: Building an Activist Kit” in *Fight Like a Girl* by Megan Seely

WEEK 11

Tuesday, August 4th – *Feminism and Leadership Revisited* – 1pm-5pm – Lattimore 540

Readings:

- “Women Power and the Leadership Crisis in America” in *Ms. Magazine* by Charlotte Bunch
- “Leadership for a Multicultural Age” in *Salsa, Soul, and Spirit* by Juana Bordas
- “Part I: Models of Leadership and Women: Reconciling the Discourses on Women, Feminism and Leadership” in *Women and Leadership: Transforming Visions and Diverse Voices* by Jean Lau Chin, Bernice Lott, Joy Rice, and Janis Sanchez-Hucles

WEEK 12

Tuesday, August 11th – *Self-Care & The Future* – 1pm-5pm – Lattimore 540

Readings:

- “Part 3: Rethinking Non-Profits, Reimagining Resistance” in *The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond The Non-Profit Industrial Complex* by INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence
- “Eye to Eye: Black Women, Hatred, and Anger” in *Sister Outsider* by Audre Lorde
- “Self Care is Not Selfish” in *RH Reality Check* by Zerlina Maxwell

CLOSING DINNER

Friday, August 14th – 5-7pm – Location TBD

MOVE-OUT

Saturday, August 15th

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