



Gratitude and Welcome

This year has been very successful for CSW in no small part due to our Associate Director, Professor Purnima Mankekar. Purnima helmed the very successful workshop series titled *Intersectionalities: Transnational Feminisms and Comparative Racial Formations* along with CSW affiliates Lucy M. San Pablo Burns, Grace Hong, and Thu-huong Nguyen-vo. She also came up with the idea for the international *Gender of "Terror"* conference held this spring and that convened scholars from all over the world to discuss the question of terror and gender from non-U.S.-based perspectives. Purnima has received a Fulbright for next year and she will be doing fieldwork studying call centers in India. I know I speak for everyone at CSW in thanking Purnima for all her contributions.

It has been my great pleasure to work with Purnima this year and I am happy that she and I will continue to collaborate on CSW projects in the future.

I am also very pleased to announce that Professor Juliet A. Williams has agreed to be CSW's Associate Director next year. As many of you may know, the UCLA Women's Studies department successfully recruited Juliet from UC Santa Barbara where she was on the faculty of the Law and Society program and in Women's Studies. Juliet is the author of *Liberalism and the Limits of Power*, the co-editor of *Public Affairs: Politics in the Age of Sex Scandals* and currently is working on two new projects, the first on the meanings of marriage in the twenty-first century and the second on single-sex public education. Given Juliet's areas of interest and expertise

and the recent ruling legalizing gay marriage in California, I asked her if she could organize a symposium for fall 2008 on marriage equality and the presidential election. She agreed and has already given me a title for the October event: *State of the Union: Marriage Politics in the Shadow of the Presidential Election*. I very much look forward to working with Juliet next year.

As this academic year nears its close, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Purnima and welcome Juliet!

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