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Women's History Month to entertain, enlighten

Oakland University's 2009 celebration of Women's History Month includes a variety of entertaining, informative and inspirational events centering on the theme of "Love and Sex."

Coordinated by OU's Gender & Sexuality Center, the events are designed to promote an inclusive campus community that supports gender equality and awareness.

"We really wanted to make this a fun, but also informative Women's History Month that would really capture the attention of our students and others," said Joann Bautti-Roche, coordinator of the Gender & Sexuality Center. "It has a lot of very informative and teachable moments that will help raise awareness of gender and sexuality issues."

Things get under way on Monday, March 2, with a "Love and Sex Poetry Reading" that embraces creativity, open mindedness and celebration of people as loving and sexual beings.

A number of distinguished speakers have been invited to give presentations during this year's events. On Thursday, March 5, Renee Knipe, who has been actively transitioning from a man to a woman for more than two years, will present "What Does it Mean to be a Transgender Woman?"

Additionally, Oakland University's very own love doctor, Terri Orbuch, will lead a discussion on the aspects of relationships many people are afraid to ask about on Tuesday, March 10.

Other Women's History Month activities include March 7 and 8 performances of "The Vagina Monologues;" a Monday, March 23, presentation of "Consensual Sex or Rape? A Mock Trial;" and Self Love Spa Day on Thursday, March 19.

For more information on the events, visit the [Gender & Sexuality Center](#) Web site.

SUMMARY

A series of entertaining, informative and inspirational events centering on the theme of "Love and Sex" are designed to promote gender equality and awareness.

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