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Women's Studies Speaker's Series begins Oct. 4

Oakland University's first Women's Studies Speaker's Series lecture is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 4, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Lake Huron Room.

OU professor Suzanne M. Spencer-Wood's presentation, entitled "How 19th Century Women Transformed American Culture and Society 1875-1925," analyzes how domestic reformers redefined the meaning of the dominant gender ideology to make it acceptable for women to have public professions by the last quarter of the 19th century.

Spencer-Woods has visited more than 120 women's institutions in Boston's public landscape, demonstrating that women and their organizations became prominent in the public sphere before women gained the right to vote. She plans to conduct similar research on reform women in Detroit.

The series is co-sponsored by the Women's Issues Forum, the **Anthropology Club** and the history student honorary society - Phi Alpha Theta.

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