HELLO, F&Mists!

As the Alice Drum Women’s Center moves its operations online, we remain steadfast in our commitment to dialogue & action around women’s issues. We are persistent in our mission and we do so to create a campus of equality, inclusion, & advocacy along the intersections of race, class, sexuality, gender, & disability. Although we are not physically together, we remain tied by our desire for a more just future.

We come to you today with the first installment of our F&MMinist Dispatch. In our dispatches, you will find suggested readings, art-as-activism, & boredom busters, along with feminist insight & critical thoughts from our Alice Drum Women’s Center Student Board & larger F&MMinist community. We hope this will help to keep your feminism alight in this time of upheaval. We wish you well from our socially distant spheres!

Onward,
Chelsea Reimann,
Director, ADWC & LGBTQ+
& The 2020 ADWC Student Board
WHAT'S YOUR CURRENT JAM?

"Girl scout cookies (frozen thin mints, specifically)!" – Shannon Cunningham '21

“Having just come back from a month of studying abroad in New Zealand, my jams include the construct that is Eastern Standard Time and watching my cats continually seeking the brightest light to curl into.” – Jo Bear '21

“My current jam is my family’s new puppy, Noodle! We just adopted her from a rescue organization, and she’s been a great addition to the family. She’s keeping all of us happy and hopeful during these difficult and scary times.” – Sarah Ye '20

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE STAY-AT-HOME ACTIVITY?

“My favorite quarantine activity is cooking! I’ve been making a lot of roast veggies and baked goods.” – Julia Kopala '20

“My favorite stay-at-home activity is working on art of my own.” – Tamara Conner '21

“I’ve been practically devouring books (currently reading Normal People, by Sally Rooney!), and I have decided to learn to play the ukulele and pick up the piano again!” – Grace Lewis '22
I miss sitting in the quiet pockets on Hartman Green when it’s warm. - Tamara Conner '21

I miss my amazing roommates making me smile everyday. - Shannon Cunningham '21

The radical community-building & engagement happening across the world right now gives me so much hope. Each day is a practice of holding hope & rage simultaneously & finding little ways to push back against capitalist emphases on production & output & toxic diet culture & the rollback of abortion & the ignored rights of incarcerated folks & the sacrificing of disabled bodies & & &... raging & finding moments of pleasure wherever & whenever I can.” - Jo Bear '21

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ONE THING YOU MISS ABOUT CAMPUS...

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HOW ARE YOU STAYING POSITIVE?

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ASK AN F&Minist
“Now, more than ever, it is painfully evident that capitalism is not working for the people. The structure of American society is an atrocity to the working class, women, LGBTQ+ people, people of color, Indigenous peoples, incarcerated people, the homeless, disabled people, undocumented people, and many other marginalized groups. Take note of how jobs classified as “low-skill,” such as grocery store workers and fast food service workers, are now deemed essential during a country-wide and global crisis. It is neither the wealthy nor the American government that uphold the country. It is the workers that keep society functioning, and they continue to be exploited and put in danger by capitalism. Take the fallout from COVID as an opportunity to radicalize and educate yourself, to boost your own class consciousness.

If you have the financial means, donate to the poor and working class. Those of us who have privilege and power have the moral obligation to help those of lesser means. Donate to Black trans and queer people, to people who no longer receive a paycheck because they are out of work and are receiving no government assistance, to homeless people, to the undocumented, and look out for those who are most at risk from COVID, including immune-compromised and disabled people, and the elderly. Look out for Chinese and Asian people, because COVID is now an opportunity for people to be violently racist, upping Sinophobia by a hundredfold. Reject American individualism and selfishness & remember to think of others first and prioritize your community. Our country and capitalism continue to fail us at every turn, but we cannot fail each other.”

- SARAH YE '20
WE ARE
SOCIAL DISTANCING
BECAUSE
WE
HEART
OUR COMMUNITY
we are F&Minists
"The Netflix series, Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker. The series shows the complexities of Black men’s empowerment at the expense of Black women and sheds light on the experience of Black queer women.” – Tamara Conner '21

“Every Jane Austen text—always!” – Grace Lewis '22

“I have just started and am fully absorbed in a documentary called Merata about the life of Māori filmmaker Merata Mita. The documentary is available on Netflix and gives voice and witness to so many important aspects of indigenous artistic identity and the enduring power of archives to preserve marginalized experiences.” – Julia Kopala '20

F&Minist SHOUT OUT!

“I definitely want to shout out President Altmann for working so hard to keep the F&M community safe during COVID, and for acting so quickly and finding ways to accommodate students wherever possible. I also want to shout out my dean and don of Weis, Dean Giess and Don Mongia, because I miss them terribly, and I know that they will find ways to support Weisians and all F&M students from afar.” - Sarah Ye '20

“Shout out to Professor Sonia Misra for providing students abundant support, love, and inspiration in all their endeavors. Thank you for being SO rad!!!” – Julia Kopala '20
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