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## Quick Facts

- Women convening for the conference will hear from dozens of speakers as they discuss the conference's focus: "Intersectionality in the New Millennium: An Assessment of Culture, Power, and Society."
- The three-day conference is sponsored by Winthrop's women's and gender studies program of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies.



Ange-Marie Hancock

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – More than 250 women will convene at Winthrop University March 31-April 2 for the 40th Anniversary **Southeastern Women's Studies Association** (SEWSA) Conference.

They will hear from dozens of speakers as they discuss the conference's focus: "**Intersectionality in the New Millennium: An Assessment of Culture, Power, and Society.**" Intersectionality is the study of the intersections of race, gender, class and sexuality politics and their impact on public policy.

The three-day conference is sponsored by Winthrop's women's and gender studies program of the **Department of Interdisciplinary Studies**.

"It is an honor to host the 40th Anniversary SEWSA Conference at Winthrop," said **Jennifer Leigh Disney**, professor and chair of the **Department of Political Science** and director of the women's and gender studies program. "Most universities selected to host the conference have graduate degree programs in women's studies. Women's and gender studies at Winthrop is an undergraduate minor. We are proud that we were selected to host the conference so that we can bring 250 participants from around the country and even the world to engage in intersectional conversations and see what we have to offer here at Winthrop."

The keynote address will be given on March 31 by **Ange-Marie Hancock**, an author and associate professor of political science and gender studies at the University of Southern California. She will speak on her new book by Oxford University Press, "**Intersectionality: An Intellectual History**" (2016). As one of the primary scholarly authorities on intersectionality, Hancock is widely quoted in the media, has served as an international expert in American politics for the U.S. Department of State, and conducted the preliminary research and created the original business model for the Women's National Basketball Association.

Another engaging speaker will be **Rose Hamid** of Charlotte, North Carolina, who will speak on April 1 on "**Muslim Women's Rights in Intersectional Perspective.**" Hamid, president of Muslim Women of the Carolinas, became prominent for her January protest at the Donald Trump rally at Winthrop Coliseum from which she was removed.

A third highlight will be an April 2 lunch session on "**Indigenous Rights, Gender, and PostColoniality**" featuring **Catawba Nation Chief Bill Harris** and women leaders from the local Catawba Nation and the Catawba Cultural Preservation Project.

The three-day conference has received support from two community sponsors, the **Rock Hill/York County Convention and Visitor's Bureau** and the **Arts Council of York County**.

**SEWSA** is a feminist organization that actively supports and promotes all aspects of women's studies at every level of involvement. It is a regional organization under the National Women's Studies Association serving Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Winthrop University is a public institution dedicated to serving the state of South Carolina and to promoting the free exchange of ideas and informed citizenship. Winthrop University welcomes guest speakers, political candidates, elected officials, and others from all ideological perspectives to visit campus and to present their ideas to the Winthrop and Rock Hill communities.

[Check out the schedule and program here. \(pdf - 1.38 mb\)](#)

For information about the conference or registration, e-mail [sewsa@winthrop.edu](mailto:sewsa@winthrop.edu). For other information, contact **Judy Longshaw**, news and media services manager, at 803/323-2404 or [longshawj@winthrop.edu](mailto:longshawj@winthrop.edu).

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