

# CSSMM CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SEXUAL MINORITIES IN THE MILITARY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1

FALL 1999 – WINTER 2000

## KATZENSTEIN, ZEELAND LAUNCH CENTER'S SPEAKER SERIES

The center sponsored its first event on April 24, 1999. Professor Mary Katzenstein of Cornell University's Department of Politics and Steven Zeeland, Research Associate at the Center for Research and Education in Sexuality at San Francisco State University, addressed an audience of about 40 students, faculty, and staff from the university as well as members of the Santa Barbara community.

Katzenstein recently published two books, "Beyond Zero Tolerance; Discrimination in Military Culture", and "Faithful and Fearless; Moving Feminist Protest inside the Church and Military". Her work on women in the military suggests that insiders working within an organization are the key to organizational change (She calls this "insider activism"). Because gays and lesbians are not allowed to serve openly in the U.S. armed forces, it is difficult if not impossible for insiders working from within the military to press for organizational change.

Zeeland recently published his fourth book on gays in the military, "Military Trade". UC Berkeley professor Judith Butler notes that Zeeland's work "will be key reading for anyone interested in gay writing, gays in the military, queer theory, and the construction of gender". During his presentation at UC Santa Barbara, Zeeland argued that the line between gay and straight is impossible to pin down in the military due to the prevalence of same-sex erotic behavior among soldiers who self-identify as straight.

The CSSMM seeks to promote the interdisciplinary analysis of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and other marginalized sexual identities in the armed forces. The visiting speaker series that Katzenstein and Zeeland inaugurated serves this mission by bringing prominent scholars to the attention of local audiences who can learn from and enjoy their work.

## NEW WEB SITE ON SEXUALITY AND THE MILITARY

Visit the Center's web page at:

[WWW.QUEERMILITARY.UCSB.EDU](http://WWW.QUEERMILITARY.UCSB.EDU)

Improvements and additions to the site will be forthcoming throughout the year. Designed by Stanford Ph.D. Jeff Cerie, the web page includes information on the CSSMM as well as resources for scholars and veterans.

## CENTER LAUNCHES NEW RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

SEE BACK PAGE



Professor MARY KATZENSTEIN (center) of Cornell University, STEVEN ZEELAND (right) of the Center for Research and Education in Sexuality at San Francisco State University, and AARON BELKIN (left) address a crowd of UC Santa Barbara students, staff, and faculty at the Center's kick-off event April 24.

## FORMER REAGAN OFFICIAL JOINS CSSMM BOARD

Lawrence J. Korb, former Assistant Secretary of Defense, has joined the Center's Board of Advisors. Dr. Korb, who served in the Defense Department under President Ronald Reagan from 1981-1985, currently is the Vice President/Maurice R. Greenberg Chair, Director of Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. In addition to his former service as Director of the Center for Public Policy Education and Senior Fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution, Korb has been Director of Defense Studies at the American Enterprise Institute and Dean of the Graduate School of Public & International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. His publications include a chapter titled "The President, the Congress, and the Pentagon: Obstacles to Implementing the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Policy."

## CSSMM TO COLLECT VETERANS' ORAL HISTORIES

The Center will soon begin to record and collect untold stories of veterans who have served in the American armed forces. While many veterans' oral histories have been collected by distinguished scholars and artists such as Allan Bérubé, Leisa Meyer, Randy Shilts, Marc Wolf, and Steven Zeeland, thousands of stories remain uncollected. CSSMM Research Associate Jessica Vasquez currently is working with veterans and scholars to develop a template of questions. Templates will be posted on the CSSMM web page and responses will be posted on the web and shared with Stanford University's on-line archive on U.S. military sexual orientation policy (<http://dont.stanford.edu/>).

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The Center received its first major gifts from foundations and private donors this year. The Gill Foundation, located in Denver, responds to the needs of under-served and under-funded communities in their pursuit of justice and equality. The Gill Foundation, which provided the CSSMM's first major foundation grant, focuses its grant-making activities on organizations serving gay men, lesbians, bisexual people and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Jody Cole is a long-time donor and activist who has been instrumental in numerous projects in San Francisco including, most recently, as Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign to build the LGBT Community Center on Market Street. Cole provided a \$5,000 matching grant to the CSSMM. In recognition of her role as the Center's first major donor, a travel grant competition for graduate students who work on sexuality and the military has been named in her honor.

James G. Follis and Willard Ray Hurst have supported many important projects including the documentary film *It's Elementary*. When they made their gift to the CSSMM, Follis and Hurst said that "If the Center starts from an appreciation of the military's essential function in society, we are confident that it will lend a hand across the diversity of our community to a group much in need of aid". In recognition of Follis's and Hurst's generous support of \$5,000, the Center's library has been named in their honor.

Director:	Aaron Belkin
Research Associate:	Jessica Vasquez
Web Page Designer:	Jeff Crierie
Newsletter Designer:	Karla Milosevich

### THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SEXUAL MINORITIES

is an official research unit of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

You can reach the Center at (805) 893-5664; fax (805) 893-3309; belkin@sscf.ucsb.edu; or <http://www.queermilitary.ucsb.edu>.

## CENTER LAUNCHES NEW FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

The Center is pleased to announce the initiation of three new resources for scholars who study sexuality and the military. The Center's mission statement notes that there is not a single pre-dissertation, dissertation, or postdoctoral fellowship in the world targeted specifically to the issue of sexual minorities in the military and that there are few awards for research or conference travel in the field. Part of the Center's purpose is to create, expand, and institutionalize resources for graduate students and junior and independent scholars who do not have access to resources that their more senior colleagues often enjoy. To address the lack of research support, the Center announces the following three competitions:

### JODY COLE GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

These \$350 grants will be awarded to graduate students who have completed studies on sexuality and the military and who need travel support to present their findings at professional conferences.

### SYLLABUS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

These \$350 grants will be provided to faculty who wish to revise or develop undergraduate syllabi that address sexuality and the military. The entire syllabus need not be devoted to this topic in order to qualify for the grant.

### RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS

These \$350 awards will be given to scholars who need general research support for projects related to sexuality and the military. Awards can be used to hire a research assistant, to purchase supplies or books, or for other research needs.

Scholars who wish to apply for these grants should note that they are rolling competitions with **no deadline**. Scholars should note that sexuality and the armed forces can be defined broadly for the purposes of the competition. Hence, projects that address the topic from historical, literary, political, cultural, and other perspectives are invited and welcomed. A committee of Center affiliates will evaluate proposals as they arrive. One-page proposals should be submitted on-line through the Center's web site [www.queermilitary.ucsb.edu](http://www.queermilitary.ucsb.edu), by fax at (805) 893-3309, or by regular mail to the following address:

AARON BELKIN, DIRECTOR  
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SEXUAL  
MINORITIES IN THE MILITARY  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93106-9420

**CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF  
SEXUAL MINORITIES IN THE MILITARY**  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA  
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93106-9420