



1960 York University officially opens
 Mathematician Alice Turner is York's first woman faculty member

1970-1971 First unofficial Women's Studies courses at York are offered by Atkinson College, the Faculty of Arts, and Glendon College

1971 The Senate Task Force on the Status of Women is established, chaired by Prof. Johanna Stuckey (Humanities, Arts)

1974 Prof. Margaret Knittl (History, Atkinson) is named Dean of Atkinson College, the first woman Dean at York University

1975 Senate Task Force on the Status of Women issues its first Report
 Prof. Jane Banfield Haynes (Social Science, Arts) becomes the first Advisor to the President on the Status of Women
 Gerstein Lecture Series presents "Women on Women," with speakers Margaret Atwood, Rosemary Brown, Linda Nochlin, and Patricia A. Graham
 York University Women's Centre opens
 Women's Studies becomes an approved theme within the Liberal Studies B.A. at Atkinson College

1976 Mary Jane Mossman and Louise Arbour are the first women appointed to tenure-track positions at Osgoode Hall Law School
 York University Homophile Association, est. 1970, changes its name to Gay Alliance at York

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1979 Sexual Harassment Education and Complaint Centre opens, the first of its kind at any Canadian university, with Dorothy Moore as Coordinator

1980 Presidential Advisory Committee on Sexual Harassment is established, chaired by Prof. Ann (Rusty) Shteir (Humanities, Atkinson/Arts)
 Faculty of Arts Women's Studies Program offers its first official courses
 Journal *Canadian Woman Studies/les cahiers de la femme* comes to York, under editorship of Prof. Shelagh Wilkinson (English, Atkinson)

1981 Shelagh Wilkinson launches York's pre-university Bridging Program for women, through Atkinson College
 Feminist literary journal *Tessera* is founded at York by Prof. Barbara Godard (English, Arts) and others

1982 Women's Studies student caucus is formed

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1984 Atkinson College begins offering freestanding B.A. in Women's Studies
 Louise Mahood receives the first B.A. in Women's Studies at York, through the Faculty of Arts
 Committee Against Racial Discrimination at York University is established

1985 Working Committee is formed toward establishing a feminist research centre and graduate program in Women's Studies, chaired by Prof. Joan Gibson (Humanities, Atkinson)
 "Equity for Women: The First Decade," edited by Status of Women Advisor Prof. Johanna Stuckey, notes that many recommendations in the 1975 Report of the Senate Task Force on the Status of Women have not been implemented, and proposes an Equity Program for women at York

1986 York University receives funds from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities for faculty renewal, and President Harry Arthurs earmarks the entire amount to support hiring women into tenure-track positions

1987 "Equity in the Classroom, Equity in the Curriculum," annual teachers' conference, is organized by Prof. Meg Luxton (Social Science, Atkinson) and Myra Novodgrodsky (Equity Coordinator, North York Board of Education)
 York University Staff Association strike focuses on pay equity
 Prof. Sandra Pyke (Psychology, Arts) is named first woman Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies

1988 December 6 École Polytechnique massacre in Montreal, Quebec. Gunman kills 14 women students and injures 10 other women and 4 men claiming he was "fighting feminism." December 6th becomes National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women

1989 Sexual Assault Survivors Support Line (SASSL) at York University is founded
 Graduate Women's Studies Program holds conference "Graduate Women's Studies: Visions and Realities." Papers published as *Graduate Women's Studies: Visions and Realities*, ed. Ann B. Shteir (Inanna Publications 1996)

1990 Institute for Feminist Legal Studies is established at Osgoode Hall Law School
 York's Centre for Feminist Research opens, with Prof. Shelagh Wilkinson as founding Director

1991 First annual Multidisciplinary Graduate Feminist Colloquium
 Prof. Emerita Virginia Rock (English, Arts) coordinates development of the core course "Women and Culture" for the emergent graduate program
 Childcare Centre at York University officially opens; renamed Lee Wiggins Childcare Centre in 1999

1992 Prof. Susan Mann (History, Arts) becomes York's first woman President
 Graduate Program in Women's Studies is established, the first freestanding PhD program in Women's Studies in Canada, with Prof. Thelma McCormack (Sociology, Arts) as founding Director
 Graduate Women's Studies Program holds conference "Celebrating Mary Wollstonecraft"

1993 Prof. Sandra Pyke (Psychology, Arts) is named first woman Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies

1994 President's Task Force on Homophobia and Heterosexism is established, chaired by Prof. Elizabeth D. Hopkins (English, Arts) and student Kyla Wazana

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1997 School of Women's Studies is established, bringing together undergraduate and graduate Women's Studies programs, Nellie Langford Rowell Library, Centre for Feminist Research/le centre de recherche féministes à York, *Canadian Woman Studies/les cahiers de la femme*, and Bridging Program
 Katharine Side receives first York PhD in Women's Studies, and first PhD in Women's Studies in Canada

1998 Prof. Andrea O'Reilly (Women's Studies) founds the Association for Research on Mothering and Heterosexism (1996). York University undertakes the Positive Spaces two-year pilot project aimed at improving the climate for sexually-and gender-diverse community members

1999 First annual Transgender Day of Remembrance is organized at York University to commemorate people killed by trans-phobic violence

2000 "Guide to Archival Resources for Women's Studies at York University" is prepared by Women's Studies graduate students Sharon Blady and Jennifer Harris
 Prof. Sheila Embleton (Dept. of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, Arts) is named first woman Vice-President (Academic)

2001-2005 Women's Studies Degrees awarded by York: 197 BA, 40 MA, 16 PhD

2002 Women's Studies Degrees awarded by York: 533 BA, 50 MA, 6 PhD

2003 Women's Studies Degrees awarded by York: 249 BA, 42 MA, 27 PhD

2004 First annual Graduate Women's Studies Symposium, organized by Graduate Women's Studies Student Association
 Sexuality Studies approved as an undergraduate program and housed in School of Women's Studies

2005 Women's Studies Degrees awarded by York: 533 BA, 50 MA, 6 PhD

2006 York Women's Centre changes its name to Centre for Women and Trans People, and in 2008 passes Trans Inclusion Policy
 School of Women's Studies moves into space of its own in Founders College
 Publication of *Idealism and Accommodation: A History of Human Rights and Employment Equity at York University* by Gillian Teiman

2007 Women's Studies Degrees awarded by York: 249 BA, 42 MA, 27 PhD

2008-2010 In celebration of York's 50th anniversary, Graduate Women's Studies and School of Women's Studies receive funding for the project "From the Past to the Future: The York Women's Studies Archives," and sponsor these activities:
 • Lecture "Living le deuxième sexe. Experiences in Translation" by Sheila Malovany-Chevalier and Constance Borde, translators of new English version of Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*
 • Lectures "Shaping the Next Generation: Women's Studies Teaching & Practice," by Dr. Katherine Side (PhD 1997) and Dr. Karen Flynn (PhD 2003)
 • "Guide to Women's Studies Archival Resources at York" updated by Women's Studies PhD student Francesca Dall'Acqua
 • Display in Scott Library of materials from Clara Thomas Archives and Special Collections about Women's Studies history at York and Canadian feminist movement history is prepared by Women's Studies PhD student Tasia Alexopoulos

2009-2010 In celebration of York's 50th anniversary, the Centre for Feminist Research and Osgoode's Institute for Feminist Legal Studies receive funding for public lecture series "Feminist Knowledge Reconsidered: Feminism and the Academy at York," with lectures by Lorraine Code, Nadeje Al-Au, Ann Shteir, Chandra T. Mohanty, and Elisabeth Young-Bruehl. Lectures published as *Reconsidering Knowledge: Feminism and the Academy*, ed. Meg Luxton and Mary Jane Mossman (Fernwood 2012)
 Discussions underway about name changes for the School of Women's Studies and the undergraduate and graduate Women's Studies programs

2010-2011 After vigorous debate, resolutions pass to rename the School of Women's Studies units as follows:
 • School of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
 • Undergraduate Program in Gender and Women's Studies
 • Graduate Program in Gender, Feminist, and Women's Studies

SCHOOL OF WOMEN'S STUDIES
 Chair:
 Bettina Bradbury (2007-2011)
 Kathryn McPherson (2003-2007)
 Patricia McDermott (2002-2003)
 Kathryn McPherson (January-June 2002)
 Varpu Lindström (July 1999-December 2001)
 Susan Ehrlich (1997-1999)
 Janice Newton (1997)

Administrative Assistant
 Sue Sbrizzi (1997-present)

GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF WOMEN'S STUDIES
 David Murray (2008-2011)
 Meg Luxton (2005-2008)
 Sandra Pyke (2003-2005)
 Meg Luxton (2000-2003)
 Jane Couchman (1997-2000)
 Rusty Shteir (1993-1997)
 Jane Couchman (1992-1993)
 Thelma McCormack (1991-1992)

Chair, Working Committee to establish Graduate Program:
 Joan Gibson (1985-1988)

Graduate Program Assistant
 Judy Jia-Bisnath (2008-present)
 Lauren Gibbs (2010-2011)
 Silvia McCormack (2001-2010)
 Diane Habel (2000-2001)
 Agatha Campbell (1990-2000)

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM, WOMEN'S STUDIES
 Director:
 Jan Kainer (2009-present)
 Ena Dua (2008-2009)
 Kathryn McPherson (2007-2008)
 Ena Dua (2006-2007)
 Jacinthe Michaud (2003-2006)
 Gertrude Mianda (2002-2003)
 Kathryn McPherson (1997-2002)

Undergraduate Program Assistant
 Celesta Irvin (1999-present)
 Mel Poteck (1996-1999)

Undergraduate Secretary
 Lindsay Gonder (2008-present)
 Germaine Quintas (1997-2008)

Atkinson Coordinator (Atkinson Women's Studies Program)
 Ruby Newman (2005-2009)
 Rusty Shteir (2002-2005)
 Andrea O'Reilly (2000-2002)
 Leslie Sanders (1999-2000)
 Ester Reiter (1996-1999)
 Joan Gibson (1994-1996)
 Shelagh Wilkinson (1993-1994)
 Ellenor Hine (1992-1993)
 Meg Luxton (1989-1992)
 Shelagh Wilkinson (1983-1989)

Staff
 Rose Kaminski (1992-2002)
 Barbara Levine (1985-1991)

Glendon Coordinator (Glendon Women's Studies Program)
 Any François (2009-present)
 Gertrude Mianda (2006-2009)
 Jacinthe Michaud (2003-2006)
 Gertrude Mianda (1999-2003)
 Bettina Bradbury (1994-1998)
 Lorraine Gauthier (1993-1994)
 Didi Khayatt (1991-1993)
 Lorraine Gauthier (1983-1991)

Staff
 Lise Brisebois (2000-present)
 Nadege Léfebvre (1996-1997)
 Frances Bukovec (1984-1986)

LA&PS Mature Student Advisor
 Alison Crosby (2009-present)

Arts Coordinator (Arts Women's Studies Program)
 Ena Dua (2008-2009)
 Kathryn McPherson (2007-2008)
 Ena Dua (2005-2007)
 Becky Lee (2002-2005)
 Kathryn McPherson (January 2001-June 2002)
 Sandra Whitworth (July-December 2000)
 Kathryn McPherson (1997-June 2000)
 Janice Newton (1994-1997)
 Nancy Mandell (1991-1994)
 Margo Gewurtz (1990-1991)
 Nancy Mandell (1989-1990)
 Johanna Stuckey (1986-1989)
 Naomi Black (1980-1986)

Staff
 Ann Gibbens (1980-1997)

Sexuality Studies Program Coordinator:
 Sheila Cavanagh (2010-present)
 Andri Gosne (2009-2010)
 Marc Stein (2006-2009)
 Marc Stein & David Murray (2005-2006)
 Albert Schrauwers (2004-2005)

BRIDGING PROGRAM Coordinator:
 Andrea O'Reilly (2010-present)
 Ruby Newman (2005-2010)
 Andrea O'Reilly (2002-2005)
 Jan Rehner (2000-2002)
 Leslie Sanders (1999-2000)
 Ruby Newman (1998-1999)
 Shelagh Wilkinson (1981-1988)

Staff
 Celesta Irvin (1999-present)
 Mel Potok (1996-1999)
 Marlene Richman

CENTRE FOR FEMINIST RESEARCH Director:
 Ena Dua (2009-present)
 Meg Luxton (2008-2009)
 Linda Peake (2007-2008)
 Meg Luxton (2006-2007)
 Vijay Agnew (2002-2006)
 Sandra Pyke (1999-2002)
 Nancy Mandell and Shelley Hornstein (1993-1994)
 Thelma McCormack (1992-1993)
 Janine Brodie (1991-1992)
 Shelagh Wilkinson (1990-1991)

Chair, Working Committee to establish Centre for Feminist Research:
 Joan Gibson (1985-1988)

NELLIE LANGFORD ROWELL LIBRARY Board Chair:
 Susan Ehrlich (2009-present)
 Carla Lipsig-Mummé (2007-2009)
 Marlene Kadar (2006-2007)
 Vijay Agnew (2002-2006)
 Sandra Pyke (1999-2002)
 Naomi Black
 Johanna Stuckey

Coordinator:
 Vicky Drummond (1997-present)
 Christine Donald (Hilary Clare) (1987-1997)
 Patricia Froese (1984-1986)

CANADIAN WOMAN STUDIES/LES CAHIERS DE LA FEMME Editor/Managing Editor:
 Luciana Ricciutelli (1992-present)
 Elizabeth Brady (Winter 1986-1989, Winter 1991-Spring 1992)
 Carol Greene (Fall 1990-Fall 1991, Winter 1989)
 Jane Springer (Spring 1990)
 Johanna Stuckey (1983-Summer 1984)
 Shelagh Wilkinson (1978-1982, Fall 1984-Fall 1986)
 Marion Lynn and Shelagh Wilkinson

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