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WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH 2015

Women, Technology, and Internet Culture

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015 • 9 AM-2 PM
QUEENS COLLEGE STUDENT UNION, 4th FLOOR

9 AM–12 NOON PANEL DISCUSSION

ANITHA RAJ “Step Up to Tackle the Myths.” President of ARAR Technology and board director of Women in Technology, Raj holds degrees in computer science and business management, and has published white papers on a variety of technology topics. She is an ambassador for women and girls in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) industries.

KATHERINE CROSS “Ethics for Cyborgs.” Cross researches gender in virtual space, focusing on the social dynamics that animate online harassment. Her work has appeared in Women's Studies Quarterly, Loading: The Journal of the Canadian Games Studies Association, and First Person Scholar. She has a weekly column in Feministing, and writes widely on gaming and gaming culture. She serves on the board of Feminist Frequency.


ELLEN ULLMAN “Dispatches from the (Male) Culture of Software Programming.” A former software engineer, Ullman is the author of Close to the Machine, The Bug: A Novel, and the novel By Blood. Her essays have appeared in Harper’s, the New York Times, the Washington Post, Wired, and the American Scholar. Her writings explore the effects of technology on civil society and on an individual’s internal life.

MIKKI KENDALL “Social Justice, Social Media, and Stalking.” Kendall is a writer and “occasional feminist” whose writing can be found at XO Jane, Salon, NPR’s Code Switch, the Guardian, and other places willing to let her rant. She commits occasional acts of fiction largely focusing on black people in every situation under the sun and a few under undefined celestial bodies. She often can be found on Twitter as @karnythia.

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HOLLY JACBS “Nonconsensual Pornography and the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative Combatting It.” Founder, president, and executive director of Cyber Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), which advocates for technological, social, and legal innovations to fight online abuse, Jacobs holds a PhD in industrial/organizational psychology. CCRI has supported more than 2,000 online harassment victims worldwide, helped pass criminal “revenge porn” laws, and enlisted lawyers to help victims.

12:00–2:00 PM COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH

For lunch, RSVP to joyce.warren@qc.cuny.edu or 718-997-3098

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