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— 2024

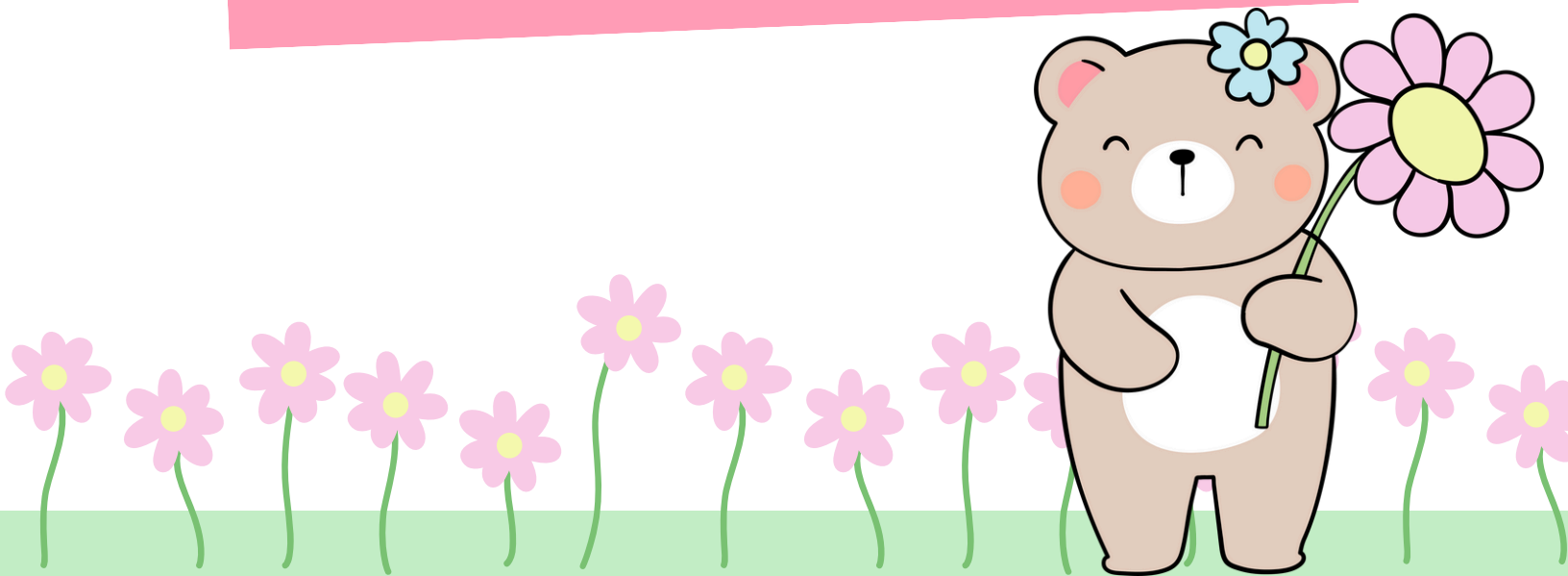
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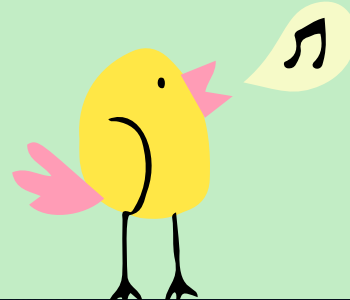
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Reoccurring Events



JOIN GITA'S WATCH PARTY FOR SEASON 16!

EVERY FRIDAY AT 5PM ON GITA'S DISCORD



MTV
RuPaul's
DRAG RACE

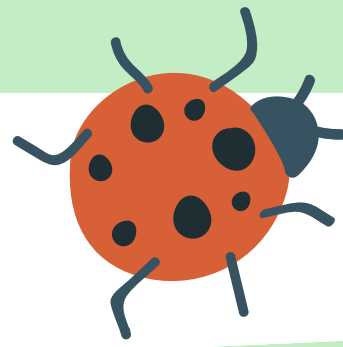
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Scan the QR code or clike [HERE](#) to join our Discord

Reoccurring Events



Get a free warm meal on us 2nd and last Wednesday of every month! Bring your pals. Build croc-community

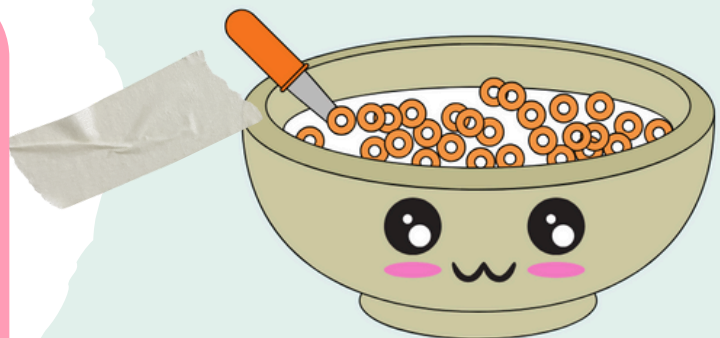


This month's Croc-Pot Cookout is on Wednesday, February 14th!



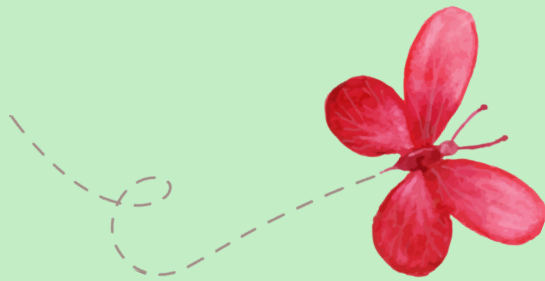
Join us EVERY Tuesday from 9:00am-12pm for Cereal Bar ♥ Other breakfast items available as well. Located in Boulder Creek 132

CEREAL BAR IS BACK!



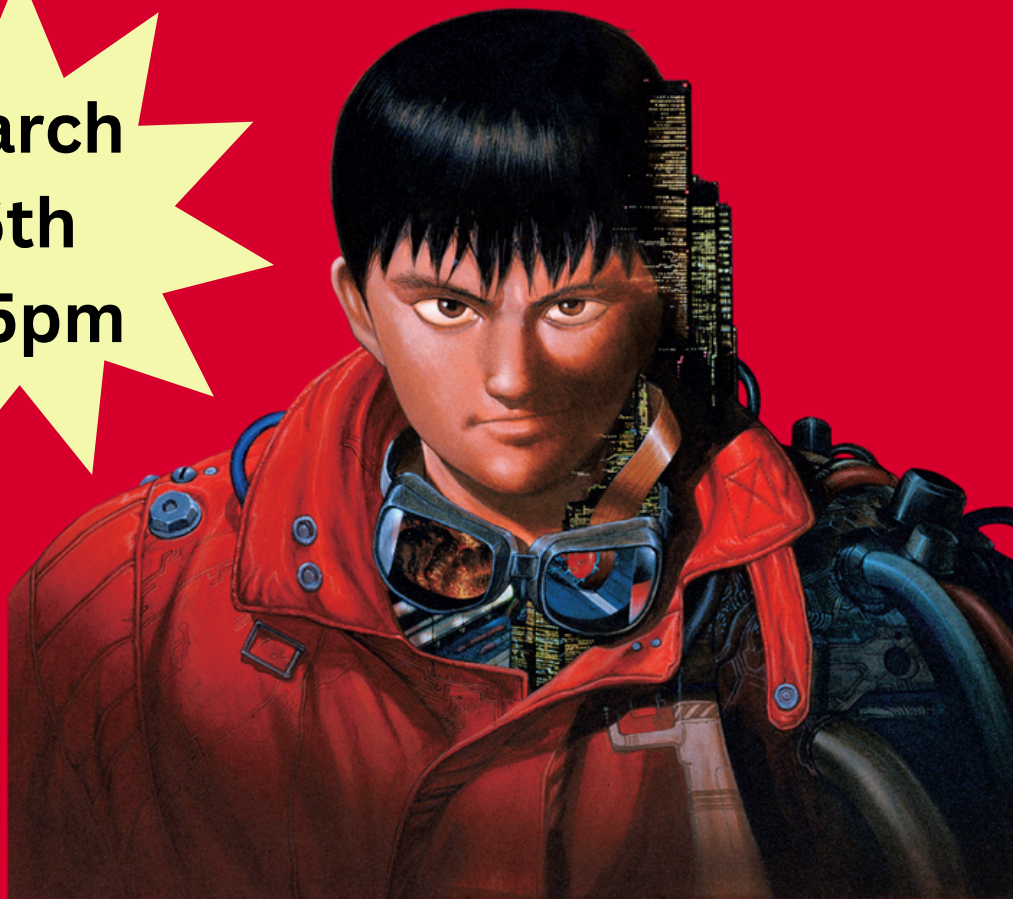
Join us in boulder creek RM 132 on EVERY TUESDAY

Upcoming Events



AKIRA, ABOLITION & ACTIVISM

**March
6th
2-5pm**



**MARCH 6TH FROM 2-5PM
LOCATED IN BOULDER CREEK 132**

**UNLEASH THE POWER OF ACTIVISM IN THE
HEART OF 'AKIRA' - WHERE THE ECHOES OF
REBELLION MEET THE PULSE OF CHANGE. JOIN
US FOR A CINEMATIC JOURNEY THAT
TRANSCENDS SCREENS AND SPARKS A
MOVEMENT. BE PART OF THE REVOLUTION!**

The top section of the poster features a vibrant floral pattern in shades of green, pink, orange, and purple. Overlaid on the right side of this pattern is an illustration of two women. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, with her right fist raised. The woman on the right has dark curly hair and is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and a pink skirt, also with her right fist raised. In the top left corner, the words 'Upcoming Events' are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font inside a light pink rounded rectangle.

Upcoming Events

Students for a Democratic Society presents

**International Women's Day: STAND WITH THE
WOMEN OF PALESTINE!**

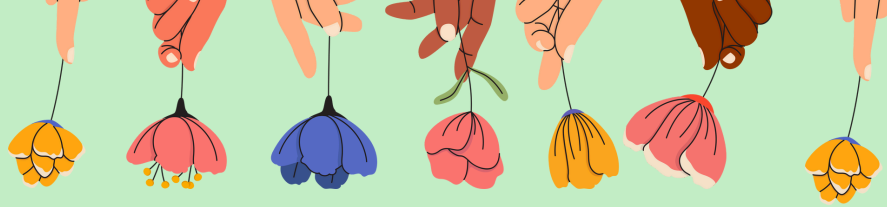
This International Women's Day, join SDS for a panel on the experiences of Palestinian women! Speakers from the community will discuss the intersection of Palestine and feminist issues.

Thursday, March 7, 6 PM

Auraria Campus North Building -- Room 1539

The bottom section of the poster features a continuation of the floral pattern seen at the top, with various colorful flowers and leaves on a light green background.

Upcoming Events



Join Us For an International Women's Day Rally

Stand with the Women of Palestine!



Saturday, March 9th @ 5pm

Civic Center Greek Amphitheater

150 W 14th Ave. Denver, CO 80204



Upcoming Events



YOU ARE INVITED TO **SEX TRIVIA**

Stimulate Your Brain & Win Prizes!!

Monday
March 11

Tivoli Multicultural
Lounge (261)
4:00pm - 6:00pm

FREE

Open to
all CU,
CCD and
MSU
students!

Join us for a night of fun with
prizes, food, and mocktails!!



Center for Multicultural Engagement
and Inclusion
Center for Equity and Student Achievement



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Wellness & Recreation Services
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Housing & Dining
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER



Health Center
at AURARIA

Upcoming Events



Feminist

State

of the

Union

Wednesday
March 13, 2024
at Tivoli
Room: 440

12:30-1:00 pm: Networking
& Check-In

1:00-1:15pm: State of
Feminism in Colorado
(2024)

1:15-2:00pm: New Era
Colorado: Denver
Initiatives for 2024

Nervous about the upcoming election year? Not sure what you can do to make a change in local or national politics? Join us for Auraria's first Feminist State of the Union event! New Era Colorado, an organization that works to empowers young adults to lead political change, will share information on the state of Colorado, the United States, as well as creating opportunities to discuss issues and launch us into action! Food and beverages provided.



Upcoming Events



Get Your Fit On
Before Spring
Break!

GITA'S ANNUAL CLOTHING SWAP!

Join us in community to relax, eat, and get some free, needed or gender affirming clothing here at GITA.

Feel free to clean out your closet and bring in clothes also! (not required!)



GITA (Boulder Creek RM I32)



MARCH 14TH, 11AM-3PM



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Qs? Contact: gita@msudenver.edu



Upcoming Events



EXPRESS YOURSELF: A TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY PLAYGROUND

1:00p - 3:00p

Thursday, March 28th
Tivoli Student Union,
Adirondacks 440

Join our community for an afternoon
of fun including:

- *Free Food*
- *Fancy Mocktails*
- *Make-Up Tutorials*
- *Bow & Tie Tying*
- *Clothing Swap*



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Upcoming Events

Gender Institute for Teaching and Advocacy

JOIN US FOR FREE TESTING STI - HIV - HEP C

BE YOU COLORADO

Is an HIV Prevention and Sexual Health organization for youth, by youth that approaches sexual health from a harm reduction and sex positive point of view.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Tests are rapid and take only 20 minutes for results.
- The procedures involve a small finger poke to get a drop of blood and/or urine collection along with a sexual health and drug use questionnaire.
- Participants will receive a \$10 gift card.
- Snacks and drinks provided

1st Tuesday of every month
(March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th)

12pm-3pm

Location: GITA Main Space, Boulder Creek Rm 132

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
AMBEY CLARK AT ACLAR100@MSUDENVER.EDU



Silenced Voices, Stolen Futures: The Fight for Trans and Indigenous Rights in Our Schools

Written by Lauren Coats and Hang Pham

On February 7th of 2024, Nex Benedict, a non-binary and Indigenous 16-year-old student, entered the bathroom and was violently attacked by female classmates. This was not the first incident of violence perpetrated against Nex at Owasso High school in Oklahoma. The teachers and school administration failed to address a year's worth of documented bullying, harassment, and violence. After this incident Nex's mother was called to the school and picked up a bruised and beaten Nex. The school itself downplayed the injuries, and Nex's mother took them to the hospital, and called the police. Unfortunately, the police informed them that they could also be held culpable if charges were filed, so they declined to go forward with charging the girls. The next day, Nex collapsed at home. They were no longer breathing when paramedics arrived and were pronounced dead at the hospital later that evening. While cause of death hasn't officially been determined, it is safe to say that they injuries from the attack the day before, were a great contributing factor to their death.

The number of people who failed this child is astounding. Teachers and administrators downplayed the multiple incidences of violence that had been reported. The school resource officer, and police who also dismissed the incident failed them. Multiple other students in the school actively participated in the torment of Nex. Our youth parrot the beliefs of their parents as their mind is developing. When those in

Soapbox

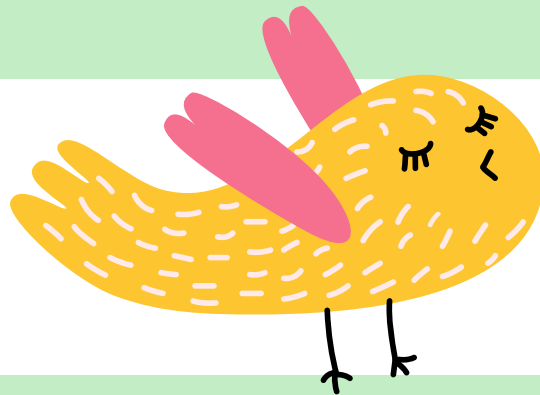


charge of the education and upbringing of children are villainizing trans and queer and BIPOC folx and regurgitating fabricated wedge issues (remember the litterboxes for furies that people said were being put in schools?), of course they are going to come to school and treat the queer students as second-rate citizens. When they see teachers dismissing harmful behaviors, they are going to continue to engage in those harmful behaviors. When the person who is the victim of violent acts is the one punished, suspended, moved to a different class, they are being told they don't matter.

Oklahoma is just one of many states where our trans and indigenous youth are under attack. The superintendent of the Owasso school district has supported anti-trans bathroom laws and has been documented spouting hateful and harmful rhetoric about LGBTQA+ youth. He accused his critics of exploiting Nex's death for their own gain saying, "I will never stop fighting, I will not play woke gender games, and I will not back down to a woke mob." The thing this "woke mob" wants, is children that grow into adults. We are quite literally fighting for the rights of CHILDREN to simply exist as they are.

There has been a cold and calculated movement from the right, doing everything in their power to put these people, with their harmful, and often lethal, ideologies into positions of power. They have done their best to take over school boards across the country, and in many cases have succeeded. States are banning gender affirming care, imposing harmful bathroom rules, filing charges against librarians for providing books, forcing great and supportive educators to quit, and turning our schools into unsafe places.

Soapbox



There is sometimes a perception that if you don't have a child, or a child attending a public school, then you don't need to pay attention to things like school board elections, and legislation directed at schools. We say, this mindset needs to stop. These precious young people will be our leaders one day. If we don't stand up for them now, if we don't teach them tolerance, if we don't show them that we are not afraid to fight for their rights, their identities, their ability to exist as themselves in whatever space they are in, then we aren't just failing them, we are failing ourselves, and the future of our nation. It is not enough to be an ally anymore. We must be accomplices, actively fighting for, and with trans and QTBIPOC community.





Resources



PFLAG is the nation's largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

<https://pflag.org/>



The Trevor Project is an American nonprofit organization focused on suicide prevention efforts among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth. They offer a toll-free telephone number where confidential assistance is provided by trained counselors.

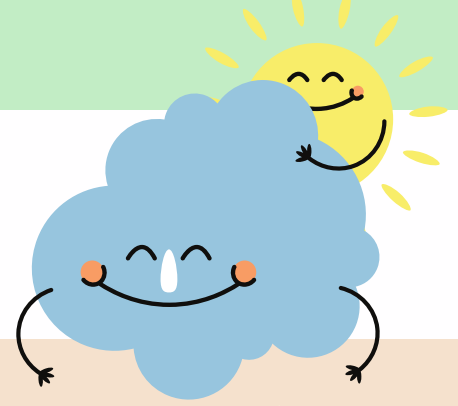
<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/resources/>



GLSEN is an American education organization working to end discrimination, harassment, and bullying based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression and to prompt LGBT cultural inclusion and awareness in K-12 schools.

<https://www.glsen.org/activity/lgbtq-student-rights>

Featured Scholarship



MARCH FEATURED SCHOLARSHIP

PRIDE in Education Scholarship

\$500 Reward

The Ally Education Fund helps ensure the future of the LGBTQ+ community and gives opportunities for furthering education. Every human matters, as does their safety, health, well-being, and happiness. To support LGBTQ+ students and their allies, the PRIDE in Education Award will support any high school senior or undergraduate student who identifies as part of the LGBTQ+ community or is an ally toward the community.

To apply, write about yourself and how the LGBTQ+ community impacts you. Include your major and why you chose to pursue that career path.

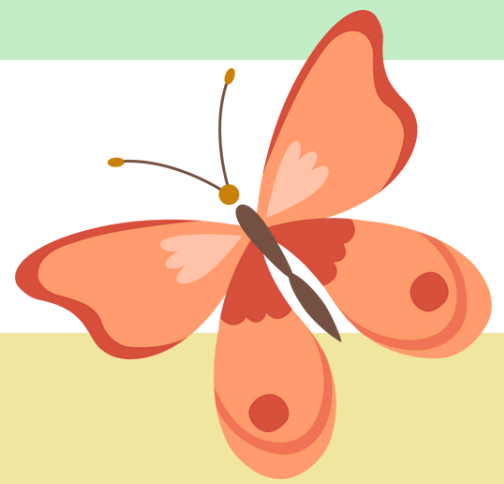
Eligibility Requirements

Education Level: High school senior or undergraduate
Identity: LGBTQ+ or allies of the community



Did you know GITA has scholarship tutors? Contact Soj Sirivanchai at ssirivan@msudenver.edu to be paired with one!

Resources & Reminders



GITA's Clothing Drive

Accepting Donations



Clean out your closet and join us for our upcoming Clothing Swap happening March 14th! 💜 Bring in those gently used clothes, shoes, and accessories that no longer spark joy for you. Let's trade and refresh our wardrobes together!

We are located in Boulder Creek Room 132

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LAVENDER GRADUATION

Registration Required!

Visit msudenver.edu/lgbtq or
use the QR code below to
register:



**Registration closes:
Wednesday, April, 24th
by 5:00pm (MT)**

**Open to CCD, MSU, and
UCD students!**

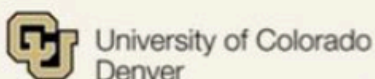
Monday, April 29th, 2024

4:00 - 6:00pm

**Tivoli Student Union,
Baerresen Ballroom (320 ABC)**

The LGBTQ Student Resource Center invites all graduating LGBTQIA+ Auraria students to be celebrated during our Lavender Graduation ceremony. Graduates who attend the ceremony will receive a stole and certificate, as well as dinner with your chosen loved ones. Graduates who cannot attend have the option to pick up their stole from the center. Please complete our RSVP/Pick-Up form to learn more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR, TYRELL ALLEN (SHE/HER) AT
TALLEN60@MSUDENVER.EDU



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2024 DREAMERS GRADUATION



FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

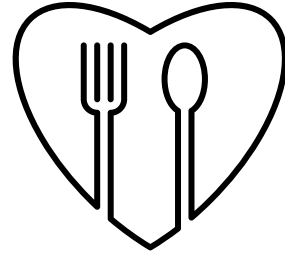
A CELEBRATION OF THE REMARKABLE
ACHIEVEMENTS AND UNWAVERING
RESILIENCE OF GRADUATING
DREAMERS!

AT ST. CAJETAN FROM 5-8 PM

If you are graduating Fall 2023, Spring 2024, or Summer 2024, and are undocumented with or without DACA or Temporary Protected Status, please register for the event using the QR code below.



Resources & Reminders



As a team, part of our advocacy work is ensuring food access and education for all 🙌 To honor that, we've created an ever-growing recipe book full of low maintenance crockpot recipes (hint hint: most of these recipes can also work on the stove in a big ol' pot).

In this book, you'll find different types of recipes, many of them being 5 ingredients or less! There are also tips, hints, and tricks for making the meals as easy and flavorful as possible. Finally, there are links to campus resources that you can utilize for support in getting ingredients.

Feel free to bookmark, share, and visit [this google drive folder](#) anytime.



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If you are interested in learning more from a GWS lens about Palestine, here are some resources to check out!



ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Click on the titles to learn more about the articles!

- [Rabab Abdulhadi, "The Palestinian women's autonomous movement"](#)
- [Judith Butler, "Why Is Bannon's Antisemitism Considered Alright?"](#)
- [Angela Davis, Interview "On Black Lives Matter, Palestine, and the Future of Radicalism"](#)
- [Angela Davis, Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement](#)
- [Nada Elia, "Justice is indivisible: Palestine as a feminist issue"](#)
- [Loubna Qutami, "Why Feminism? Why Now? Reflections on the 'Palestine is a Feminist Issue'"](#)
- [Therese Saliba, "June Jordan's Songs of Palestine and Lebanon"](#)
- [Simona Sharoni, Rabab Abdulhadi, Nadjie Al-Ali, Felicia Eaves, Ronit Lentin & Dina Siddiqi, "Transnational Feminist Solidarity in Times of Crisis"](#)
- [Ather Zia, "Their wounds are our wounds"](#)

Resources & Reminders



Did you know GITA is home to two student organizations?

Feminist Alliance



-The mission of Feminist Alliance is to articulate discussion surrounding discrimination, sexism, gender, race, class, sexual orientation, and ableism.

-Membership is open to all students and staff of the Auraria campus who are concerned about the issues regarding social justice.



LEARN MORE

Triota



-Triota is committed to upholding feminist values that promote diversity, egalitarianism, and a nurturing academic atmosphere for every student. By becoming a member, you'll have the chance to connect with fellow students, collaborate on projects, and cultivate essential skills within a thriving community dedicated to feminist scholarship.



LEARN MORE

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Join our online community to stay up to date with events, scholarships and opportunities!



Questions? Email us at gita@msudenver.edu