On New Year’s Day in China, paper cuttings are on all the windows. The Chinese make them for their families for New Year’s. Traditionally, only red paper is used to make paper cuttings. The Chinese believed that these cuttings protected their homes from evil spirits, prohibiting them from entering their house through the windows. The cuttings also bring good luck in the New Year.

Happy New Year!

Good Luck Clothing from Around the World!

In Mexico, women wear red underwear to find love in the New Year.

In Brazil, most people wear white clothing on New Year’s Eve to bring good luck and peace for the New Year.

People in Venezuela wear yellow underwear to have good luck in the New Year.

To preserve Korean tradition, people wear traditional clothing called “Hanbock.”
Ronald Takaki dedicated his life to working towards equality for Asian Americans and other ethnic groups. His passion was first ignited during his undergraduate studies. Being one of the only two Asian American students on campus made him aware of his ethnic identity, causing him to ask questions that laid the foundation for his career. Takaki has written numerous books. He died on May 26, 2009.

MCGS Resource Library: Books by Ronald Takaki

Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies Scholarships

Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies Scholarship for Women
Deadline: March 15th

Cecil Mayo Scholarship for African American Males
Deadline: November 15th
$500 scholarship offered to men, with an emphasis on minority male students, exhibiting leadership, commitment to public service and making a difference in the community.

Nina Vaca-Humrichouse Scholarship
Deadline: November 15th
$500 annual scholarship available to minority students minoring in multicultural studies.

Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies Diversity and Women’s Studies Minor Scholarship
Deadline: November 15th
$500 scholarships to undergraduate students who are minoring in Diversity Studies or Women’s Studies at Texas State University-San Marcos.

For more information go to: http://www.txstate.edu/mcgs/scholarships/MCGS-scholarships.html

Upcoming Events

Brown Bag Research Seminar

16 and Pregnant: The Impact Pregnancy and Parenthood has on the Lives of Young Women

Presenter: Michelle Toews
Date: January 24, 2012
Time: 12:30pm-1:30 p.m.
Place: Family and Consumer Sciences Room 189
Minor in Diversity Studies and Women’s Studies

Summer 2012 Course Offerings

Undergraduate Diversity Studies Course Offerings

- ANTH 1312 Cultural Anthropology
- SOCI 3327 Multicultural Relations
- POSI 4331 Minority Politics (General)
- PHIL 5388 Problems in Philosophy
- SPAN 3309 Introduction to Hispanic Literature
- SPAN 3371 Spanish-American Civilization

Undergraduate Women’s Studies Course Offerings

- COMM 3328 Communication and Gender Speech
- ENG 3388 Women and Literature
- POSI 4331 Minority Politics (General)
- PHIL 5388 Problems in Philosophy

Graduate Women’s Studies Course Offerings

- ENGL 5321 Contemporary Fiction
- ENGL 5332 Studies in American Prose
- SPAN 5390 Studies in Spanish Culture, Language, or Literature (Independent Study)

Journal of Research on Women and Gender

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