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**The Institute for Women's Studies to host fourth annual conference on Women and Girls in Georgia, October 8, 2011**



**Athens, Ga.** – The University of Georgia Institute for Women's Studies is hosting the fourth annual Women and Girls in Georgia Conference on Oct. 8 in the Zell B. Miller Learning Center on campus. This year's theme is "Women and the Economic Crisis: Responding to Tough Times."

Presentation and panel topics include access to public education, health care, reproductive justice, childcare, labor equity, neoliberalism, cooperatives and alternative economies, community organizing, and public assistance, among others.

This year's conference will feature Kim Bobo, the executive director and founder of Interfaith Worker Justice in Chicago, as the keynote speaker. Her lecture titled "Thou Shalt Not Steal: Worker Justice in 2011" will take place at 10:30 a.m. in room 171 of the Miller Learning Center.

The Women and Girls in Georgia Conference, established in 2007 to highlight and encourage cutting-edge research by, for and about women and girls in Georgia, brings together leading researchers, teachers, activists and community members to share expertise, strengthen networks and strategize for positive social change in Georgia and beyond.

The conference is open to the public. Registration is required for all attendees. The cost is \$25 for academics and professionals, \$10 for community members and UGA staff, and free for students. For more information, including the full conference program and how to register, see: <http://www.uga.edu/iws/WAGG>.

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