

Women's and Gender Studies Program

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Past scholarship recipients

- Fabiola Rosiles, 2015–2016
- Cynthia Jagodzinski, 2014–2015
- Brooke Barnhart, 2013–2014
- Mallie Feltner, 2012–2013
- Sara Zakowski, 2011–2012
- Daniel Mathews, 2010–2011
- Breanna Mull, 2009–2010
- Brandy Peak, 2008–2009

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The Anne Semlak Memorial Scholarship

*A scholarship for
outstanding students active in
Women's and Gender Studies*



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*T*his fund is established in loving memory of **Anne Marie Semlak**.

Anne grew up and lived her young life in Bloomington-Normal, where she attended Normal Community High School and Illinois State University. At Illinois State University, Anne was very active in the Women's Studies Program and graduated with a degree in political science with minors in both women's studies and peace studies. Anne completed a summer internship with the Minneapolis Domestic Abuse Project in 2000, which provides aid to victims of domestic violence. In 2001, the year of her graduation, she won the Women's Studies Achievement Award.

After graduation, Anne and her future husband Mark Laken, traveled extensively throughout Europe and moved to Colorado, where they lived the remainder of their lives together. Anne worked as a restorative justice coordinator for Weld County Partners, which provides juvenile offenders with an alternative to the court system through mediation. The project was very successful and eventually moved to the District Attorney's Office of Weld County. Anne moved on to oversee the Foothills Unitarian Church middle school and high school youth programs for several years. Anne's work helping others truly defined her life. Her spirit will live on in all of those who had the good fortune to know her.

In remembrance of Anne, her family has established this scholarship to assist undergraduate and graduate students active in Women's and Gender Studies at Illinois State University.

Eligibility requirements

Each candidate for an award must:

- Be enrolled in good standing at Illinois State University as either an undergraduate or graduate student
- Have completed a minimum of 45 semester hours and be active in the Women's and Gender Studies program
- Demonstrate financial need

Application procedure

The Anne M. Semlak Memorial Scholarship Fund shall be awarded annually as funds allow. Scholarship applications can be downloaded from the Illinois State University Women's and Gender Studies website. The deadline for applications is typically in the fall. The award is presented each spring at the Women's and Gender Studies symposium. For applications and further information please visit us at: WomensAndGenderStudies.IllinoisState.edu/Resources/Scholarships.

Donations

Please help us to endow this scholarship and honor Anne's memory. Checks should be made out to the Illinois State University Foundation. Donors should put "Anne M. Semlak Memorial Scholarship" in the memo line of the check. Checks should be mailed directly to the Illinois State University Foundation, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000.