

BREAKING BARRIERS

Be _____.



Be a Woman.

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This semester in Humanities 101 we explored ideas about how women are represented, both historically and in today's culture, society and institutions. Throughout the semester, we created projects and activities that demonstrate the past, present and future representations of women, including our own lived experiences of where we have come from, who we are and what we hope to be.

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They want me to look...



without a face,
a sexy object



a fragile creature

But in reality I am...

a Human Being



Stronger



a Mom



and a Master.

I Am Inspired By...

TINA TURNER

Tina Turner is a female singer that is a huge influence on me. She is a singer, actress and choreographer. She has the most famous legs in show business. Oprah said, "we don't need another hero. We need more heroines like you, Tina. You make me proud to spell my name w-o-m-a-n."



JANELLE MONÁE "Queen"



I don't think they understand what I'm trying to say

I asked a question like this
Are we a lost generation of our people?
Add us to equations but they'll never make us equal.
She who writes the movie owns the script and the sequel.
So why ain't the stealing of my rights made illegal?
They keep us underground working hard for the greedy,
But when it's time to pay they turn around and call us needy.
My crown too heavy like Queen Nefertiti
Gimme back my pyramid, I'm trying to free Kansas City.
Mixing masterminds like your name Bernie Grundman.
Well I'm gonna keep leading like a young Harriet Tubman
You can take my wings but I'm still goin' fly
And even when you edit me the booty don't lie
Yeah, keep singing and I'mma keep writing songs
I'm tired of Marivn asking me, "What's Going On?"
March to the streets 'cause I'm willing and I'm able
Categorize me, I defy every label
And while you're selling dope, we're gonna keep selling hope
We rising up now, you gotta deal you gotta cope
Will you be electric sheep?
Electric ladies, will you sleep?
Or will you preach?

MARIE CURIE

(November 7, 1867-July 4, 1934)

Science and technology are often considered to be the forte of men. Nevertheless, the contribution of women to the progress of these fields cannot be disregarded. There have been numerous gifted and far-famed women scientists in history that made crucial discoveries and inventions in the world of science. One of these women is Maria Skłodowska.

Maria Skłodowska was born in Warsaw, in the Russian partition of Poland, on November 7, 1867. She was a physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person and only woman to win twice, the only person to win twice in two fields:

- In December 1903, the Nobel Prize in Physics: This award was in recognition of the joint research of Marie Curie, her husband Pierre Curie and Henri Becquerel on the radiation phenomena discovered by Professor Henri Becquerel.
- In 1911, the Nobel Prize in Chemistry: This award was in recognition of her discovery of the elements radium and polonium, the isolation of radium and the study of the nature and compounds of this element.

Marie Curie was part of the Curie family legacy of five Nobel Prizes.

She was also the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris, and in 1995 became the first woman to be entombed on her own merits in the Panthéon in Paris. The awards that she received include:

- Nobel Prize in Physics (1903)
- Davy Medal (1903, with Pierre)
- Matteucci Medal (1904, with Pierre)
- Actonian Prize (1907)
- Elliot Cresson Medal (1909)
- Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1911)
- Franklin Medal of the American Philosophical Society (1921)

The curie (symbol Ci), a unit of radioactivity, is named in honour of her and Pierre. The element with atomic number 96 was named curium. Three radioactive minerals are also named after the Curies: curite, sklodowskite and cuprosklodowskite.

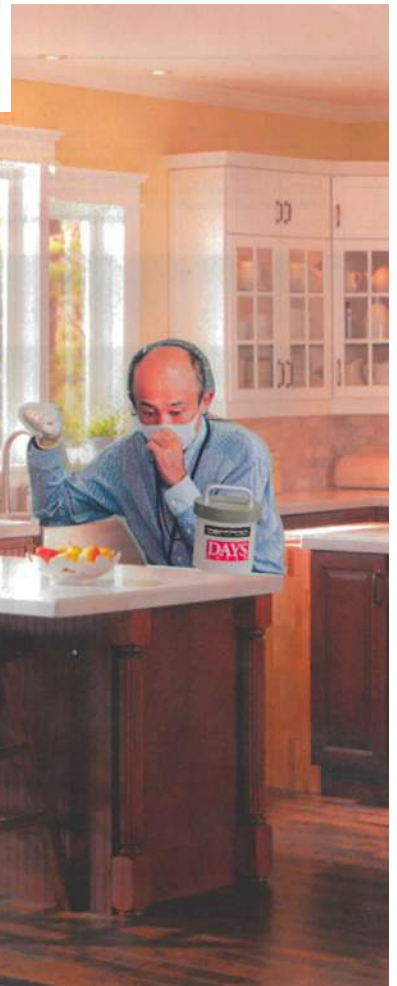
On July 4, 1934, she died at the Sancellemoz Sanatorium in Passy in Haute-Savoie, France, from aplastic anemia believed to have been contracted from her long-term exposure to radiation.



Figure 1: Maria Skłodowska Curie, c. 1920



Figure 2: Statue, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland



WORKING WOMEN:

What Characterizes a Working Woman?



Women can be artistic with clothes and jewellery by making it themselves

Jump for joy



Working-class women are hardworking and earn money for that hard work.

Women fulfill domestic duties, such as making bread.



Working women are family oriented.

SEX

PROPERTY



CONTROL

OBJECT

HOPE on the HORIZON



Home is what we handle...

Society expects us to settle.

I want to accomplish more...

BOSS

**KEEP THINGS
PRECISELY
AS THEY
ARE**



Pink cupcakes for you
I am not Martha Stewart
We will eat them all.

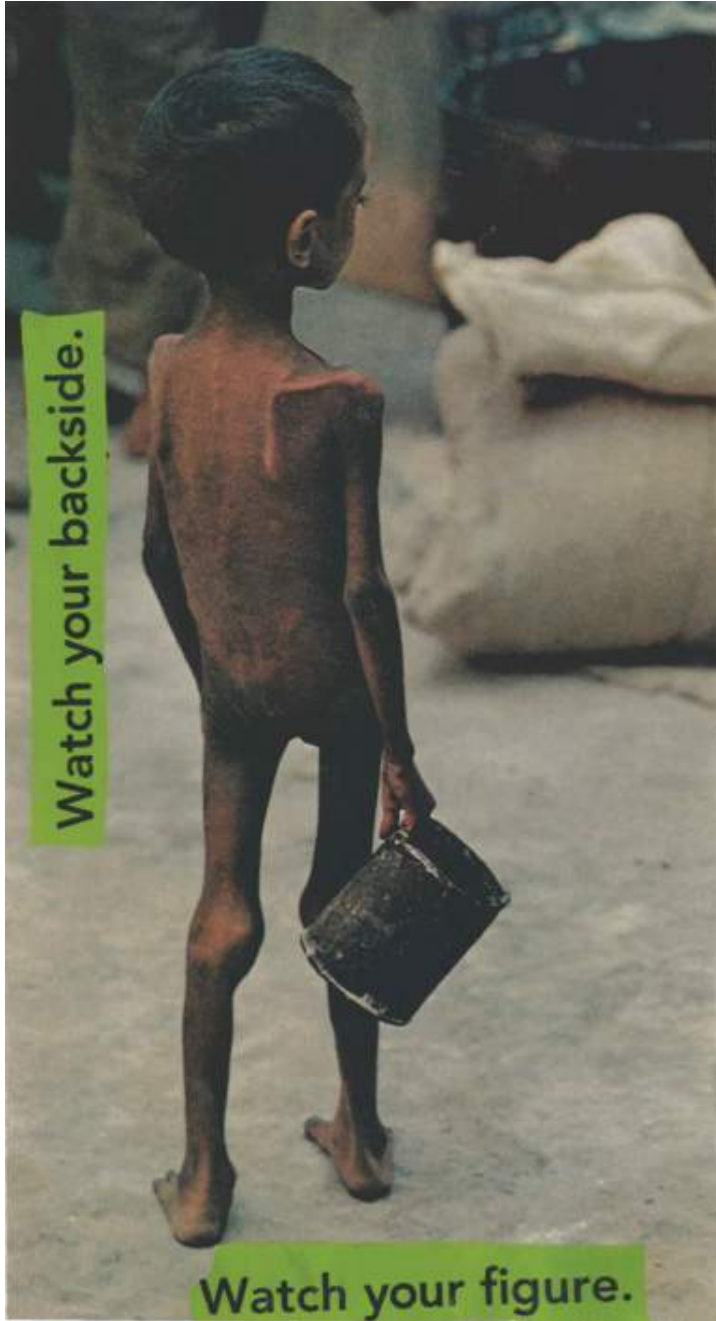


Barbwire

The smell of poverty
makes me ache
Desperation
 Isolation
 Alienation
There are no connections
We are all estranged
I can't get over
the barbwire fence.

I dream of the north
The cold, the snow and the stars
My footprints are there.







Fragile flowers here
on the floor, not in a vase
Where is my Mom now?

Fact is that joy has arrived home.
Blessing is here then there.
Love was always around.
I just wanted to know that
something as beautiful as you
comes around often or once.
Please stay near so I can love you dear.
Love always, Mum.



A DIFFERENT WORLD

WE SEE THE BIG PICTURE

WHICH IS WHAT
WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO

we

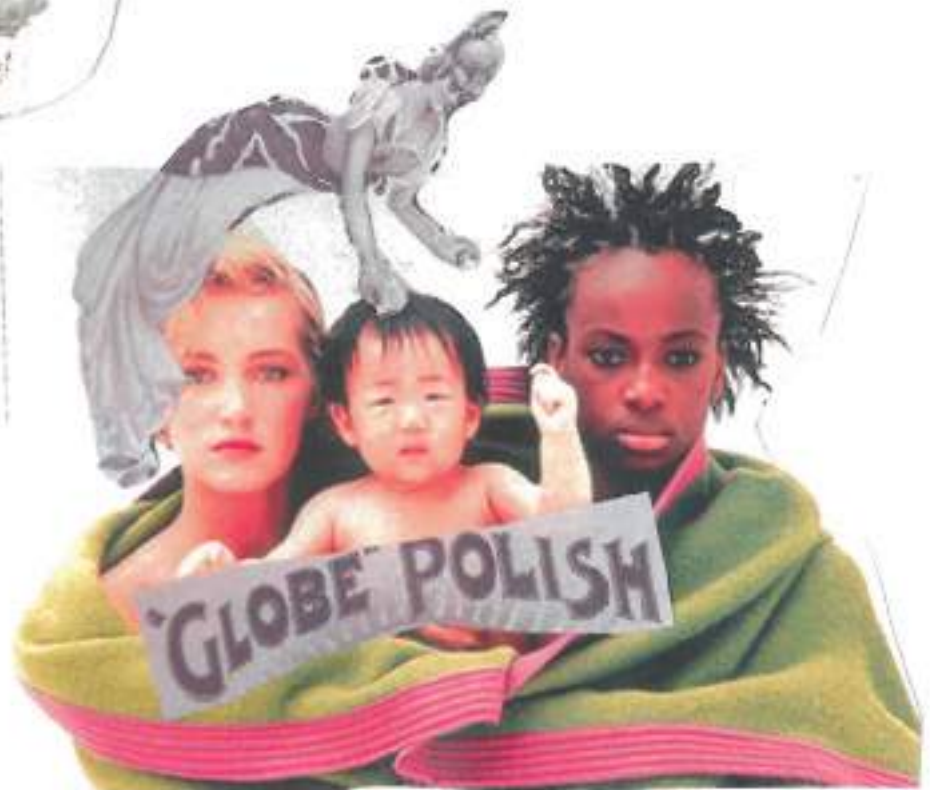
Woman



Your Music.
Your Culture.



INTERSECTIONS OF FAMILY: A RE-presentation of Family



Family Across Space + Time



Traditional First Nations

- Family is very important
- Everybody played a vital part in keeping the 'home fire' lit and strong
- Women were the keepers of the young and old
- Lived off the land and only took what was needed
- Zero ownership of mother earth, we understood and had respect for her
- Strong comm'unity'



Settlers - 1950s

- Families still help each other but mainly for personal gain
- More traditional white families: Dad, Mom, Kids
- Come build a life on land that belongs to you that you pay for
- Be perfect - have big families to work your land and prosper
- Women were primary caregivers, stay-at-home moms

The Modern Family

- Families are mostly about helping their household
- Families come in many shapes, colours and sizes
- Families work hard to just make it by
- Not uncommon to see single-parent families
- Lesbian/Gay families are accepted
- Buy everything in stores - no connection to mother earth
- Less of a community/less of a connection with our own families



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