Cal Poly Professor to Talk on 'Redefining Feminist Activism' March 10

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly Professor Fabienne-Sophie Chauderlot will speak on feminist activism from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 10, in Room A-12 in the Science Building (#52) on campus.

Chauderlot's talk, titled "To Fight and/or to Think?: Redefining Feminist Activism in the Wake of Theory," is free and open to the public.

Feminism is steadily losing ground, women's rights are under attack and the lives of millions of women are in jeopardy, according to Chauderlot. In her talk, she will explore whether the time has come to reassess the stances feminists take and revisit the options presented to those interested in women's studies.

The presentation will compare the political activism of early feminism to the "academic" approach of women's studies, "paying particular attention to the different philosophical backgrounds that inform each approach, that is, humanism and multiculturalism," she said.

Chauderlot is an instructor in the Philosophy and Modern Languages and Literatures departments at Cal Poly. She earned a Ph.D. in critical theory from UC San Diego and specializes in the comparative history of French and American feminism, as well as the aesthetic questions raised by the intersection of literary and visual media.

The presentation is sponsored by the Cal Poly Women's Studies Program. For more information, call the Women's Studies office at 756-1525, e-mail womst@polymail.calpoly.edu, or go online to calpoly.edu/~womst.

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