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Called Lynn Boone
12/7/89

Ms. Lynn Robertson, Acting Director
Women's Studies
Denison University
Granville, OH 43023

November 21, 1989

Dear Lynn,

On November 10, 1989 I was attending a social function at the Governor's Mansion in Columbus. Dagmar Celeste was fascinated that our ten-year anniversary of the Minority Studies/Women's Studies requirement was occurring this year. I mentioned the March 7, 1989 date when some of the architects of that program were returning to the campus.

Reception on Wednesday?
Dagmar reminded me that her B.A. was in women's studies from Ohio State, and said she was looking for an opportunity to invite Michele Myers to her home. She showed interest in hosting an event such as a reception which might be in conjunction with our celebration. She also is an old acquaintance of Vice President McDonald, and mentioned that the number of women in leadership positions at Denison adds to our distinctiveness.

invite her for the day
I told her I would pass along these expressions of interest to our women's studies program. Michele may have advice on how to handle this expression of interest from Ohio's First Lady as Dagmar remembers well learning from Michele on a visit to Bryn Mawr that she would soon become Denison's president.

Dagmar could speak at Convocation:

Women's Studies - the larger community

Cordially,

Barry

Barry C. Keenan
Associate Professor of History

CC: Michele Myers, President

December 14, 1989



Dagmar Celeste
First Lady of the State of Ohio
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Granville, OH 43023
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Dear Ms. Celeste:

We were pleased to hear from Barry Keenan, a member of our History Department, that you expressed an interest in the 10th Anniversary Celebration of our Minority Studies/Women's Studies Requirement. Denison takes great pride in having been the first institution in the nation to establish such a curricular requirement, as well as the recognition we have received for the excellence of our Black Studies and Women's Studies programs.

While the university is observing the anniversary in a series of events taking place over the course of this academic year, the highlight of the celebration will be Founder's Day, scheduled for March 8, 1990. On that day we will have a program at 11:30 a.m. during which former students who were instrumental in establishing the requirement will speak. At 6:00 p.m. we will have a dinner celebrating the history of Black Studies and Women's Studies at Denison. Then at 8:00 p.m. we will have an All-College Convocation, followed by a reception for all present. The Convocation will be the highlight of the day and will feature addresses by four former faculty members who led the way in putting the requirement in place.

You are cordially invited to attend any or all of our 10th Anniversary events, most especially the events of that day. (A calendar is enclosed.) If you would care to speak briefly at the beginning of one of the three events of Founder's Day about the importance of Women's Studies and Minority Studies in the larger community, we would welcome your participation. The attendance and/or participation of the "first First Lady with a degree in Women's Studies" would add a great deal to our celebration.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
The Steering Committee for the 10th Anniversary Celebration

John Jackson
Director of Black Studies

Lyn Robertson
Acting Director of Women's Studies

Tara Gray
Assistant Professor
Department of Economics

Lisa Ransdell
Women's Programs Coordinator
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cc: President Michele Myers