**Iris Marion Young**  
(1949-2006)

Iris Marion Young (1949-2006) was a faculty member in Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs in the 1990s and a member of the Women's Studies Program steering committee. As a teacher, a mentor, and a member of the Pitt community, Young was a galvanizing presence. She maintained strong ties with friends and colleagues at Pitt after she accepted an appointment as a professor of political science at the University of Chicago in 2000.

Young trained as a philosopher, earning a PhD from Pennsylvania State University in 1974, but her work has influenced scholars in many academic disciplines. She published on topics as varied as women’s embodied experience (*Throwing Like a Girl and Other Essays in Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory*, Indiana UP 1990), political theories of justice and democracy (*Justice and the Politics of Difference*, Princeton UP 1990; *Inclusion and Democracy*, Oxford UP 2002), and law and social policy (*Intersecting Voices: Dilemmas of Gender, Political Philosophy, and Policy*, Princeton UP 1997).

In keeping with her scholarship, Young worked actively on behalf of fair labor relations, gender equality, peace, and other causes she endorsed. The Young Award for Political Engagement is designed to honor her memory each spring by celebrating members of the Pitt community who have worked on behalf of social justice and democracy.

**Linda Gordon**

THE IRIS MARION YOUNG AWARD RECIPIENTS

MICHELLE McGOWAN

Michelle McGowan will receive her BA in Social Work this April from the University of Pittsburgh and plans to pursue a master’s in social work. She has worked locally and abroad to support at-risk women and their reproductive choices. She began her political activism in high school, taking part in the Million Women March, attending youth leadership conferences, and earning a service learning certificate for work with Easter Seals and Planned Parenthood. At Pitt, she has participated in Students Taking Action Now in Darfur (STAND), the G20 Resistance Project, and Student Global AIDS day. She studied and worked in South Africa, receiving a certificate in community development from Stellenbosch University and working with a grassroots organization to aid women at high risk for sexual assault and HIV. Since 2008, she has interned at the Women’s Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh.

GAIL AUSTIN

Gail Austin has worked for forty years as an advocate for civil rights, human rights, and peace—both at the University and in the community. She received her BA from Pitt in French literature and has done graduate work in psychology and anthropology. As a student in the late 1960s, she was inspired by the Civil Rights movement (and by visits to Pitt by such activists as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Stokely Carmichael). With other activists from Pitt and the community, she helped form the Afro-American Cultural Society to increase the number of black students, staff, and faculty at the University. She has been an advocate and resource for students in her roles as staff member of UCEP (University Challenge for Excellence Program) and more recently as Director of the Academic Resource Center. She served on the Pitt Divestment committee, urging the University to divest its holdings in South Africa. She has also worked in her community to improve social conditions of inner city neighborhoods. She is currently active in Black Voices for Peace and is president of Kente Arts Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to community arts.

Salomé Gutierrez
Honorary Notice

Salomé Gutierrez promoted social justice in her teaching of indigenous languages and culture and in her support of international exchange. As an instructor in Pitt’s Less-Commonly-Taught Languages Center, she taught Quechua and Aymara as well as Andean culture, making Pitt one of only 14 programs in the US to offer these languages. She worked to improve the condition of Quechua speakers in Peru, and was active in Quipunet, a volunteer organization of Peruvians around the world. In Pittsburgh, she presented workshops on Peruvian language, dance, and culture, and encouraged students to study abroad—not just in the metropolitan centers. Professor Gutierrez died in November 2009. We honor her for her lifetime mission to promote social justice and democracy through language and culture.

PROGRAM

LECTURE

Welcome.................................................David Y. Miller
Director of the Innovation Clinic, GSPIA

Introduction of Linda Gordon .....................Lara Putnam
Associate Professor of History

“Visual Democracy”.................................Linda Gordon
Professor of History
New York University

AWARDS CEREMONY

Opening Remarks......................................James F. Knapp
Senior Associate Dean, Arts & Sciences

Remembrance.........................................Jean Ferguson Carr
of Iris Marion Young
Director of Women’s Studies

Honoring the 2010 Nominees.......................Jean Ferguson Carr

Introduction of.................................Melinda Ciccocioppo
Michelle McGowan
Doctoral student, Psychology
Recipient of the 2010 Undergraduate Young Award

Remarks..................................................Michelle McGowan

Introduction of .................................John Beverly
Gail Austin
Distinguished Professor of Hispanic Languages & Literatures
Recipient of the 2010 Gail Austin Young Award

Remarks..................................................Gail Austin

Closing.....................................................Jean Ferguson Carr