



## *Women's and Gender Studies Brown Bag*

**Monday, October 20, 2008 at 12:00  
318 Milne Library**

**Presenter:** Gretchen Sullivan Sorin, Director/Distinguished Professor,  
Cooperstown Graduate Program, Cooperstown, New York

**Description:** Professor Sorin will discuss gender as a subtext in her current exhibit at the Fenimore House Museum in Cooperstown, **Through the Eyes of Others: African Americans and Identity in American Art.**

"The images of African Americans at the Fenimore Art Museum offer insights into the ways that Americans in the past viewed one another; how artistic representations of black people created and reinforced popular attitudes; and how these attitudes continue to affect us today. This is not simply a story for African Americans, but for all of us, because the issues represented in this exhibition—identity, self-portrayal, survival, resistance, and stereotyping—are issues that relate to each individual who has ever wondered about their own identity and to every group that has entered this country." (from Fenimore House Museum website).

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