

## PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIUM

**Friday, September 25, 2009**

**4:00 pm**

**Uhler Hall, Room 114**

### *Responding to a changing world: Attitudes about gender, work & family in post-socialist Europe*

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Dr. Frieze will talk about her on-going study of changing attitudes of university students in Central and Eastern Europe as they respond to a world changing around them. These formerly Communist countries are now developing market economies where jobs are no longer guaranteed, prices for all types of goods have risen, and ideas about the necessity for women and men to have full-time jobs are changing. There is also more emphasis on religion. How do these changes affect the young adults? Do we find evidence that communist ideals about gender equality are disappearing? What do they feel are now the appropriate roles for women and men as they grow up? Is there evidence that economic indicators predict attitudes?

*Professor Irene Hanson Frieze has been at the University of Pittsburgh since 1972. She was hired in Psychology and Women's Studies to help develop the Women's Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh, one of the first WS Programs in the nation, and she co-authored one of the first texts in this area. She recently was honored as a Pioneer in Feminist Psychology by the Association for Women in Psychology (AWP).*

*Today, her major research areas are Intimate Partner Violence, and the cross-cultural study of changing work, family, and gender attitudes in Central and Eastern Europe and the United States. She has worked with international scholars around the globe examining gender role attitudes. Her international scholarship and mentoring have been recognized by the Florence Denmark Award given by Div 52 of APA. She also received the Distinguished Publication Award (AWP) for a special issue of Psychology of Women Quarterly on Measuring Gender Attitudes.*

*Irene Frieze has served as the President of the Society of Psychology of Women and of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Previously the editor of the Journal of Social Issues, she is currently the Editor of Sex Roles: A Journal of Research.*