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### University of Saint Mary Professor Joins Co-Authors for Discussion on "Women, Trauma, and Empowerment"

*7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Walnut Room*



(Leavenworth, Kan.)— Dr. Natalie Riegg, a University of Saint Mary political science professor, hits the literary circuit with her co-authors this month for a discussion on their book, "*Feminist Conversations: Women, Trauma, and Empowerment in Post-Transitional Societies*," at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in the Walnut Room, second floor of Mead Hall on the main campus, 4100 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Leavenworth, Kan.

The event, sponsored by USM's Lawrence D. Starr Global Studies Institute, is free and open to the public and will be followed by an 8 p.m. dessert reception.

Dr. Riegg and co-authors Dovile Budryte and Lisa M. Vaughn, will also give their presentation on Wednesday, March 25, at the Kansas City Public Library's Plaza Branch, 4801 Main Street in Kansas City, Mo., in a program sponsored by the International Relations Council, the Library, and GSI. The March 25 program is also free and begins with a 6 p.m. reception. You may register for the KC Library presentation at [www.irckc.org](http://www.irckc.org).

"It's always a cause for celebration whenever a faculty member publishes a book, poem, or scholarly essay," said Dr. George Steger, director of GSI. "We're extremely proud of Dr. Riegg, and we look forward to hearing her insights."

Dr. Riegg's book is an examination of women's rights in developing countries dominated by patriarchies and violence. It examines the strategies women can use to overcome those daunting challenges to improve their everyday lives and gain a say in their local political systems.

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