

'Girls Going Wild': Riley Lecture to focus on girls and violence

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Dr. Meda Chesney-Lind, a researcher from the University of Hawaii at Manoa whose work focuses on the experiences of girls who become enmeshed in the juvenile justice system, will deliver the 15th annual Elizabeth Hallenbeck Riley and Charles P. Riley Lecture in Women's Studies at 5:30 p.m. March 22 in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center on the Alfred University campus. Her talk is entitled "Girls Going Wild: Facts and Myths about Girls' Violence." Chesney-Lind's work also involves gender responsive programs and how girls express relational, covert aggression. "We are honored to have Meda Chesney-Lind at Alfred University," said Dr. Kerry Ann Kautzman, associate professor of Spanish and director of the Women's Studies Program at Alfred University. "She is a recognized expert on girls and violence, and frequently presents on her work at national conferences," said Kautzman. "In addition to her academic research, Dr. Chesney-Lind works directly with the juvenile justice system in Hawaii and thus can combine theory with practice in her presentations to our students, faculty and the community." Chesney-Lind was selected to deliver the 2010 Riley Lecture, Kautzman said, because half of this year's cohort of students who will graduate with a minor in Women's Studies are either psychology or sociology majors, and will thus find her work particularly relevant. During her visit to AU, Chesney-Lind will also conduct a criminal justice institute for AU students. The Elizabeth Hallenbeck Riley and Charles P. Riley Lectureship in Women's Studies is presented annually on the Alfred University campus. Charles Riley and Elizabeth Hallenbeck Riley were AU graduates, Charles in 1935 and Elizabeth in 1936. Their daughters, Pamela Riley Osborn '62, Patricia A. Riley '65, and Melissa Riley generously sponsored the lecture series in memory of their parents.