

# Estrella professors dispels feminist stereotypes

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Olga Tsoudis, a sociology faculty member at Estrella Mountain Community College is hoping to dispel some feminism misconceptions with her sabbatical project, "STOP CALLING ME GIRL!"

"People tend to have these negative stereotypes about feminism. They think they're all these angry women. They think they're all lesbians and own motorbikes," said Tsoudis.

Tsoudis is creating a 60-minute documentary and photo gallery dealing with what is now called the Third-wave of feminism. Different organizations such as Planned Parenthood of Arizona, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the National Organization for Women in Sun City are a few local organizations interested in participating.

Other possible participants are chapters of the Arizona Association of University Women in Tucson, the White House Project in Washington D.C., and a faculty member of Johns Hopkins University.

"I got approved by the National Organization of Women in Washington D.C. to interview their interns as well as go to their national conference and interview people," said Tsoudis.

The Third-wave feminism began in the 1990s. It arose in reaction to perceived exclusion of race, disability, social, religion and sexuality issues during the Second-wave of feminism.

The Second-wave of feminism of the 1960s through the 1980s has been criticized as a period of feminism where the emphasis was on the issues of upper middle class white women.

"People think that gender issues are no longer a problem, but it is. We still have a lot of gender issues. There are people out there who want equality, but then they're afraid to say they're feminists and to fight for it," said Tsoudis.

"I'm an ordinary college student who lives a normal college student lifestyle. I go to church, bible studies, play sports and listen to music. A feminist might do the same things, but would live by her own morals and values. They would be a little different from mine," said SCC student Caitlin Ahern.

"I've always been one to focus on social awareness and to fight for everyone's human rights. I think women have been short changed., oppressed for many centuries in all different places and there's no reason why people should not have equal opportunities," said Tsoudis.

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