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**Dr. Anne Fausto-Sterling to Discuss Race and Gender in the Science in the Women, Science and Society Seminar Series**

Dr. Anne Fausto-Sterling will present a talk titled “Race, Gender and Science – Still Questions After All These Years,” on February 15.

The presentation will take place in the Sherman Fairchild Lecture Hall at 7 Divinity Avenue from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with a reception to follow.

Fausto-Sterling has explored the role of women in the sciences in two books, *Sexing the Body* and *Myths of Gender*. Until recently Dr. Fausto-Sterling’s laboratory work has focused on the evolution of regeneration and sexual reproduction in a group of flatworms known as *Planaria*. Her most recent work applies dynamic systems theory to the study of human development.

In *Myths of Gender*, Fausto-Sterling investigated long-held opinions on the differences between men and women. The Library Journal credited her with doing “great service in exposing the faultiness of many gender studies and presenting the complexity of this important topic.”

Fausto-Sterling has served on the faculty of Brown University for the last 30 years, and has also served as a visiting professor at a number of universities in the United States and abroad in Biology, Medical Science, and Gender Studies departments.

Dr. Evelyn Hammonds, Harvard’s Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Development and Diversity, will introduce Fausto-Sterling.

The Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering, along with the Office of Faculty Development and Diversity, is presenting this year-long seminar series featuring women scientists and social scientists whose research examines the relationship between gender and science.

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