

# Spring 2010

## **WMST 352: Women, Gender and Information Technology**

Thursdays, 7:10 – 9:40 p.m.

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This course examines important issues concerning women, gender, and information technology (IT). Students will consider such topics as the history of women's involvement with IT, how women are impacted by technology, how women and girls fare in the educational setting as well as online, and the way that gender intersects with IT in relation to other dimensions of women's experience such as race, class, and age. Students will connect issues relevant to women and IT to their own career choices, interact with women in the IT field, and utilize technology for research and presentation. Also listed as CMSC 352 and IFSM 352

**Prerequisite:** a prior course in computer science, information systems *or gender and women's studies*.

As CTO of Andrews Federal Credit Union, Michelle Benvenga is responsible for the strategic alignment of technology to the business. Before working at Andrews Federal Credit Union, Benvenga supported the Trading applications at T. Rowe Price. She currently serves on the board for Multinational Development for Women and Technology (MDWIT) and mentors a UMBC technology student. She started her career as a computer operator and then programmer. Benvenga earned a B.A. in Political Science and a B.S. in Public Relations at Utica College of Syracuse University and a M.B.A. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.