

**Chellis House, The WAGS department and Sujata Moorti have all been very influential in the path I ended up on. Actually, the fall of my first year at Middlebury, I was lucky enough to take the course I believe set me on my current path--philosophy and feminism with Heidi Grasswick. It was that class that persuaded me to double major in Philosophy and Women's Studies at MIDD, as it made me examine more closely social conventions that up until that point I had taken as normal. Around that same time, I was lucky enough to be invited to sit in when the WAGS department brought in Sujata Moorti to do a mock class as part of her interview. I remember being blown away at the sheer volume of knowledge she had on topics relating not only to women's rights, but international human rights, sociology, politics and social justice, topics that I had always been interested in.**

**I think what is important to stress about WAGS at Middlebury is how interdisciplinary it truly is, and I think that has helped me tremendously in my nonprofit and development work both in and out of the country. Women's and Gender Studies at MIDD helps foster students' passion to make a difference through advocating for those groups who are so often marginalized or underrepresented--or at least it did this for me... Chellis House offers more support for this.**

**After Middlebury and my experiences as an international intern and volunteer working for women's advocacy and youth empowerment in countries like India, Brazil and Morocco, I decided to explore further the realm of international and community-based development through joining the Peace Corps' Masters International Master of Public Administration program at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, where my WAGS background served as a great foundation in all of my courses, especially my courses focused on human rights, policy and development. Further, the analytical thinking and writing skills I honed through my WAGS coursework, helped me successfully complete Grad School.**

**I loved all my WAGS courses, the extra support through guest speakers and just a nice space to hang out through the Chellis House, and Sujata and Karin...**

**-Noor**

