



# Emma's Journal

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## Meet Clara Oleson, Our Choice Event 2012 Speaker

Come in from the cold....and warm up with the Emma Goldman Clinic's annual Choice Event on Thursday, January 19th, 2012 from 6-8pm at Hotel Vetro in downtown Iowa City. This year, to help get you fired up, we have invited a fantastic guest speaker to join us—Clara Oleson. This year's speaker is a local woman that many of you may know...and if you don't know her, you definitely don't want to miss this opportunity to meet her and hear her speak!

Clara began her education at the University of Pennsylvania doing graduate work in American Studies, and then continued on to the University of Iowa Law School to get her JD. From there, a varied and remarkable career in labor law, politics, and women's issues was launched. Clara worked as a lawyer from 1976-1985 practicing family law, work place discrimination, and general law. Later she went back to the University of Iowa, where she was an Adult Laborer Educator for their Division of Continuing Education—as well as a member of the adjunct faculty for the School of Social Work and Family Law. Along the way, Clara has been very involved in Iowa politics, an occasional newspaper columnist, and even hosted the cable access TV show "Conversations" for four years.

Clara was honored with the University of Iowa's Jean Jew Award in 1995, which is given to those who "demonstrate outstanding effort or achievement in improving the status of women on campus". The Women's Resource and Action Center and the Council on the Status of Women choose nominees for this award. In 2010 she was again honored with the DAWN's List (Democratic Activist Women's Network) Award. This award recognizes progressive pro-choice Iowa women who have made a difference

in the lives of other Iowans, and in Iowa politics. If all of this didn't keep her busy enough, Clara is an accomplished quilter. Her quilts have been on exhibit since 2002 in Iowa and New York (maybe some of you are familiar with her work?), and she has an upcoming exhibit this June at Muscatine Art Center.



When asked why she wanted to be our 2012 Choice Event speaker, this is what Clara had to say: "A woman asked me to do so. I generally try to listen to and respond to requests from women. Sounds simple, but still, too many women do not ask and too many women do not respond. As a woman in her later years I am interested in 'passing it on', the 'herstory', the road

tales of where we have been, the laughter and tears gone by." I asked Clara why she supports EGC, and she said, "Emma is a continuing attempt to respect women, to work with women, and to be open to the needs of brothers and sisters." I also asked her why she felt Emma was important to the community, and she had a very interesting answer: "I defer on this and hope to listen to others at the dinner and learn the answers of today to the questions of yesterday."

Clara will be speaking about "The Fierce Urgency of Then." Curious?? Then please come join us at our Choice Event. We will once again have delicious food donated by local businesses, and new this year—a silent auction! For more information on the event or to RSVP, please go to our website at [www.emmagoldman.com](http://www.emmagoldman.com), or contact Toni at 319-337-2111. Reserve your tickets today, they're going fast!

~Toni EGC Staff

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## A Feminist Approach to Health Care

### Mission Statement

*The Emma Goldman Clinic is a not-for-profit independent organization founded in 1973 by a group of women driven by feminist ideals. We exist to empower women and men in all life stages through the provision of quality reproductive health care that includes abortion services, gynecology services, safer sex promotion, and active education. We promote respectful, client-centered and participatory health care through informed decision making, client rights, advocacy and expansion, and support of pregnancy choices.*

*We strive to provide an environment in which diversity is acknowledged and celebrated. We are actively committed to staff diversity in employment policies and practices. We strive to increase economic, geographic, structural, and language accessibility for the clients we serve through fundraising, outreach, and advocacy.*

*We offer non-judgmental, quality health care services. Our goals are inspired by our belief in the larger ideals of feminist philosophy: political, economic, and social equality.*

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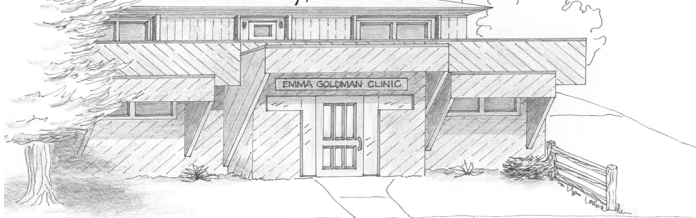
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*The Emma Goldman Clinic is working to increase our outreach to teens in 2012. We want to ensure that teenagers have access to the information and services they need to avoid unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. We provide accurate information through our Speakers Bureau and our new Teen Facebook Page. And now; teens can come to the clinic for our new "Clothes on Exam" which can be customized to fit individual needs for the low cost of \$50.*

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### Political Update

#### Republican Presidential Race



The race to the Republican Presidential caucuses and primaries can easily be characterized as one in which the candidates have succeeded in earning a plethora of points with their socially conservative base, especially in Iowa. Although not all of the candidates have been as focused on social issues as others, there is not a solid supporter of reproductive justice in the bunch. There is no serious (in the most generous sense) contender still in the race that stands up for women's rights. From Newt Gingrich, to Jon Huntsman (who did not campaign in Iowa), to Rick Perry, to Mitt Romney, to Rick Santorum, and, yes, even Ron Paul, all serious contenders are anti-choice.

The winner of the recent Iowa Republican Caucus was Mitt Romney, who according to initial reports, gained eight votes more than Rick Santorum; Ron Paul finished in a close third place. Although Mitt Romney was once pro-choice, recalling a family member who died as a result of an illegal abortion, he is now staunchly anti-choice and argues that *Roe v. Wade* should be overturned. Although Romney supports the use of contraception and claims he couldn't imagine why a state would want to ban it, he doesn't think it should be federal right. As such, Romney would support a constitutional amendment in order to make the right to contraception a state's issue.

Second-place finisher, Rick Santorum, was the favored candidate of Republican caucus goers who

stated that their anti-choice politics were a driving force in selecting a candidate. Rick Santorum has been the most consistent, hard-lined, and vocal about his socially conservative politics with regard to not only abortion (leading the charge to ban late-term abortions), but also other civil rights and liberties. Contrary to the majority of American, Santorum also opposes contraception, citing the moral hazards of its availability. He denies that the Constitution guarantees a right to privacy, which is the basis for the constitutional right to contraception and abortion.

While some left-leaning individuals, especially younger voters, have suggested that libertarian Ron Paul is the best choice, he is not a libertarian with regards to reproductive health. Although Ron Paul sometimes frames his argument against *Roe v. Wade* as an issue of states' rights (just like civil rights, denouncing the 1964 landmark civil rights legislation), it should not be mistaken with being pro-choice. He is very strongly anti-choice, sponsoring "The Sanctity of Life Act," which defines life as beginning at conception. Congressman Paul has also stated that abortion is "the most important issue of our age."

With all the attention focused on the debates and sheer number of candidates in the GOP race, you could almost forget that Democrats also held caucuses. The Democrats did turn out for the caucuses although Barack Obama faced no opposition. It was an opportunity for them to generate some enthusiasm and show that there is still a base of support for the only pro-choice candidate.

As caucuses and primaries continue around the country, it is important to not lose focus on how big of an impact the eventual winner of the presidential race will have on the legal right and access to a full spectrum of reproductive health.

*~Amber EGC Board Member*

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### Sponsor Spotlight

Our Sponsor Spotlight is on the Motley Cow Cafe. The Motley Cow Cafe prides itself on using locally grown produce and farm-raised beef and poultry. Their goal is to serve food that reflects the seasons and the weather. They regularly change the menu to represent the local products that are available.

During the summer, approximately 85% of vegetables used come from Johnson County. The Motley Cow uses local beef, lamb and pork as frequently as possible to assure humane conditions for the animals, living wages for their caretakers, and responsible proprietorship of the land. Their use of local products also helps to minimize the carbon emissions that come from deliveries. They are committed to using local products that support the agricultural heritage of Iowa and Johnson County.

The Motley Cow Cafe has been in Iowa City since 1999 and a sponsor of the newsletter since 2004. The menu is chic and sophisticated, yet affordable. We encourage you to experience the warm decor, excellent service and wonderful food, and at the same time, to support another local, grassroots business in our community.

*Francine EGC Co-Director*



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### Empowerment & Education



*Two of Emma's bilingual staff Jo and Janie presented at the annual Iowa Latino Conference in Muscatine.*

The goal of the conference is to create an event every year that will serve all segments of the Latin@ community throughout the state of Iowa. Emma's workshop focused on sexual and reproductive health issues.

The Clinic strives to provide non-judgmental, culturally competent health care with attention to the specific needs and health concerns of our Latin@ clients.



Please scan with your smart phone to visit our Spanish language webpage.

### Don't Let this be your last issue!

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**"I want Emma's Journal by e-mail."**

### EGC Teen Page

In an attempt to increase our outreach to teens and make our services more accessible, we are hosting a contest to name the Emma Goldman Clinic Teen Facebook page.

Help us Name our Facebook page!

You've known Emma for all sorts of things, but this is a page run by teens for teens. We're all about sexual health and safety, but we also want to make sure your general well-being is awesome too!

This is a page for Teens to ask questions, vent, share suggestions with other teens and do whatever your heart desires.

.....but we need a great name for the page and we need your help to come up with it!

Here's how you enter...

1. Go to the teen Facebook page and like us.



2. Leave your suggestion for a name on the wall. Please don't send it to the inbox.

3. You may enter more than once, but each entry should be a separate posting.

Clinic staff will decide on the top 5 names and will list them as a Facebook question for everyone to vote on! The grand prize for the person that submits the winning name is your choice of:

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*The Emma Goldman Clinic will honor the life and work of Dr. Kretschmar, and his unyielding commitment to women at this year's Choice Event. Please join us for this celebration.*

*The Emma Goldman Clinic strives to seek services from local businesses and unions whenever possible.*

*EGC is proud to have our newsletters printed on recycled paper by Goodfellow Printing Co.,*

*a local Iowa City business.*

