

GWIPP – Graduate Women In Public Policy



An organization for women and women's interest in the public policy arena, based at

University of Maryland School of Public Affairs

News and Events For Your Information in the DC Metro Area

In this edition...Member's Corner, Goings-On at the University of Maryland, and in and around D.C., Jobs/Employment section, Items of Interest (articles, etc.), GWIPP Upcoming Events, and Listing of Current Officers and GWIPP Information Sheet

"Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely." - Karen Kaiser Clark

Member's Corner

Welcome back to all returning students and a big, warm welcome to all the first year Maryland School of Public Affairs Students. As always the beginning of a new school year offers a chance to reconnect with old friends as well as the chance to make many new friends and take some new opportunities.

GWIPP is taking a giant step forward this year with this inaugural edition of GWIPP's bi-weekly newsletter – connecting you to policy events in the area, news about your fellow students, career info and much, much more. This newsletter was your idea (thanks to that strategic planning session) and we are really excited to be able to present this to you today. But to keep this going, we need your help! When you find articles or events you think would interest other GWIPP members, then pass it on! Send all your submissions to Tonnye, Alumni Relations Chair, at tconnerwhite@yahoo.com. Also, we welcome member submissions for future editions of the "Member's Corner" – tell us and other GWIPP members what you have been up to, what you are thinking about, pose questions, tackle issues – this newsletter is all about you!

See you at the first GWIPP meeting of the year – Wednesday, September 25th noon-1:30 PM, Dean's Conference Room!

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Alumni Relations Chair

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Goings-on at and around University of Maryland

The following is an event sponsored by WIIS, Women In International Security:

WIIS INVITES YOU TO THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENT:

"Conflict, Justice, and the International Criminal Court"
WIIS Panel Discussion featuring Ruth Wedgwood, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University; Nancy Paterson, The World Bank; Rama Mani, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva; Sarah C. Carey, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (Moderator) DATE:Thursday, September 19th, 2002 TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. LOCATION:Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1800 K St., NW, Washington, DC This event is open to members and friends of WIIS. RSVP online at www.wiis.org, or email events@wiis.org. Please contact Kate Capossela at events@wiis.org for more information.

CISSM -
Thursday, September 19, 2002
12:15-1:30 p.m. CISSM/ISEP Forum
Milton Leitenberg, CISSM Senior Research Scholar
"Deaths in Wars and Conflicts in the Twentieth Century"

Thursday, September 26, 2002
12:15-1:30 p.m. CISSM/ISEP Forum
International Monetary Fund
Room 1113 Van Munching Hall

OTHER

Lyceum Dinner Series. "Responding to Sylvia Hewlitt: Professional Women and the Decision to Have Children".
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Government

Thursday, October 3rd in the Stamp Student Union
Baltimore Room. Free dinner, panel discussion and
open conversation for 40 graduate students and panel
members. If interested in attending, please contact
Jason Pontius at jpontius@union.umd.edu.

Goings-on in the DC Metro Area

Joining WIN – Women's Information Network. This fantastic organization is "a political and social network" that "provides a forum for professional advancement and mentoring and leadership opportunities." It has many great opportunities and loads of information regarding events, activities, forums and workshops, and networking information. Visit them at www.winonline.org. (Courtney, there's so much STUFF on their website, that I am having a hard time picking and

choosing what to include here, so I just did a blurb, so that anyone interested could go to the website themselves.)

Women and Diversity Leadership Summit and Gala! – Taking place right here in Washington, DC, October 23rd-October 24th at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Included in the weekend is a Leadership Summit, a Diversity Gala, and a “Global Day.” Sponsored by Business Women’s Network. Register/sign up at www.bwni.com/2002summitgala/.

Congressional Briefing on Girls and Young Women with Disabilities

September 19, 2002

11:30 am to 2:00 pm, Rayburn B-354

(Lunch will be provided)

Please join the Center for Women Policy Studies on September 19, 2002 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm in Rayburn B-354 for lunch and a briefing on girls and young women with disabilities co-hosted by the Congressional Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus and the Congressional Caucus on Women’s Issues. The briefing will focus on research and programmatic efforts to address the educational needs of disabled girls and young women.

Presenters will include Center Board member Harilyn Rousso, director of Disabilities Unlimited Consulting. Ms. Rousso will provide an overview of research on disabled girls and young women particularly as it relates to the educational system. Corbett O’Toole, director of the Disabled Women’s Alliance, speaking as an advocate, a disabled woman and the mother of a disabled daughter, will discuss what the educational system is like for disabled girls at the pre school and elementary level. Former student activist Ivonne Marcela Mosquera will complete the presentation part of the briefing by describing the challenges and opportunities she encountered in school. Center president, Leslie R. Wolfe will serve as moderator. Following the panel presentations there will be time for questions and discussion.

Please RSVP to Ann Bowles, Executive Assistant to the President of the Center for Women Policy Studies no later than September 17 – by email (specasst@centerwomenpolicy.org), by telephone (202-872-1770 extension 209), or by fax (202-296-8962). Please also let Ann know if you need disability accommodations.

Welfare Reform Wine and Cheese

Please be our guest at a wine-and-cheese reception to discuss welfare reform and the persistence of poverty in the United States with our featured guest, U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky.

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Law Firm of Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20004

RSVP to Allison Brown 202.548.0320 or allisonbrown@povertylaw.org

The National Center on Poverty Law, founded in 1967 by R. Sargent Shriver, uses strategic approaches to ensure fair laws and reasonable public and private policy to help people move out of poverty. Our work includes administrative and legislative advocacy, legal representation, communication, and research. Our agenda derives from community work in which we represent clients and community groups as well as collaborate with and provide support to a nationwide network of advocates for low-income people.

The Center employs an esteemed staff of nationally recognized attorneys. Donations raised at this reception will support the Center's law school loan forgiveness program to help us continue to recruit and retain highly skilled and experienced attorneys to fulfill our mission.

Representative Jan Schakowsky of Illinois's Ninth Congressional District has been fighting throughout her career for economic and social justice. She is committed to health care coverage for all Americans, to ending violence against women, to national investment in public education and housing needs, and to issues affecting working families. She serves on the House Financial Services and Government Reform Committees and is Democratic Chief Deputy Whip.

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"The ultimate measure of a person is not where one stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where one stands in times of challenge and controversy." Martin Luther King

Jobs/Employment

Outstanding women scholars in arts and sciences are invited to apply for a one-year research fellowship or short-term publication grant from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Funds are available for:

Postdoctoral Fellowship

- * \$30,000 is available to women who will have earned a doctoral degree by Nov. 15, 2001.
- * Limited additional postdoctoral support may be available when matched by the fellow's institution.

Dissertation Fellowship

- * \$20,000 is available to women in the final year of a doctoral degree program and who will complete dissertations by June 30, 2003.
- * Support for all fields of study except engineering (engineering candidates are eligible for the AAUW Educational Foundation's Selected Professions Fellowships).
- * Scholars researching gender issues are encouraged to apply.

Summer/Short-Term Research Publication Grant

- * \$6,000 is available to women college/university faculty or independent researchers to prepare completed research for publication.

To download an application, or to request an application on-line, please visit our website at <http://www.aauw.org/3000/fdnfelgra/american.html>

To receive a hard copy of the application, please contact:

AAUW Educational Foundation
c/o Customer Service Center, Dept. 142
2201 Dodge St.
Iowa City, IA 52243-4030
phone: 319/337-1716 ext.142
intsymp@aauw.org

Public Policy Associate

Entry level to mid-level position with a small non-profit in downtown DC. Assists Public Policy director with a wide range of duties, including, but not limited to, coordination of OWL's legislative strategies, communication with our chapters and members, attending Capitol Hill events and coalition meetings, performing administrative functions of the department, and a great deal of research and writing.

Additional Qualifications:

In addition to an undergraduate degree and one year (or equivalent) of legislative/advocacy experience, the successful candidate must be hard-working, flexible, and able to handle multiple tasks. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Candidate must possess a high level of personal initiative, attention to detail, and professionalism. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are expected. Commitment to women's rights is essential.

How to Apply:

Please send resume, cover letter, and two short writing samples by mail or fax to:

Public Policy Search/Human Resources
OWL

666 11th Street, NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20001

Fax (202) 638-2356

Job posted on: September 14, 2002 – Last Day to Apply: October 4, 2002

Program and Policy Analyst -- Youth Programs

The Program and Policy Analyst will work with local and state organizations that provide assistance to homeless youth and those at risk of homelessness. Successful practices will be identified, as will successful public policies, and gaps and needs. Products of such endeavors will include written reports, successful practice summaries, and the formation of coalitions or networks of those working in different areas of assistance to youth. Further, the Analyst will investigate federal housing, income and service policies that affect homeless people focusing specifically on youth. Expected products of such analysis will include written policy analyses, strategy reports, public education pieces, briefing papers, website and newsletter articles, etc. The Policy Analyst may also speak at and participate in various forums and meetings on policies related to homelessness.

Additional Qualifications:

A successful candidate for the Policy Analyst will have a demonstrated commitment to and interest in issues related to homelessness and poverty. S/he will have two or more years relevant experience; excellent writing and speaking skills, including ability to present complex information in a manner that is accessible to people from a wide range of backgrounds and demonstrated ability to take initiative in exploring policy issues. A working knowledge of federal and Congressional procedures is essential, as is knowledge of federal poverty programs; knowledge of federal homeless programs is preferred. A graduate degree and quantitative skills are desirable.

Candidates with a minimum four years of supervisory and management experience in the policy or program area are particularly encouraged to apply and may be considered for additional management responsibilities.

How to Apply:

Send resume, detailed cover letter, and salary requirements to:

National Alliance to End Homelessness
Youth Search

1518 K St., N.W., Ste. 206

Washington, D.C. 20005

Job posted on: September 13, 2002 – Last Day to Apply: January 17, 2003

Research Associate - U.S. Foreign Policy, National Security, and Int'l Law

The Studies Department of the Council on Foreign Relations is one of the country's largest foreign policy think tanks, with a widely respected and influential research staff of over 100 Fellows. The Studies department's aim is to produce insights into international affairs and U.S. foreign policy through its research, programs, and publications.

The Research Associate will work under the direction of the Deputy Director of Studies/Senior Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy and International Law. The major responsibilities of this position will include (but are not limited to):

I. Administrative Responsibilities:

- Coordination of Events: including arranging mailings, preparing invitations; travel arrangements, scheduling; corresponding with speakers and presiders; helping to prepare background papers and materials for distribution; and providing other logistical support
- Budgets and Finances: including preparing budgets and tracking monthly statements; monitoring grant information and writing reports and requests; creating and updating Excel spreadsheets, and preparing vouchers for reimbursement
- Office Administration: including answering telephones; correspondence; filing; responding to requests for information

II. Research/Writing Responsibilities:

- Researching specific areas as requested by the Fellow. Tracking news and data sources on major international issues.
- Handling writing assignments, including articles, book chapters, rapporteuring at meetings, summarizing research findings, and business writing

Additional Qualifications:

Preferred Qualifications:

- BA in a related field with educational background and interest in U.S. Foreign Policy, National Security, and International Law
- Outstanding writing ability and verbal communication skills
- 1+ years related administrative experience
- Excellent computer skills, including MS Word, Excel, Lotus Notes, and the Internet
- Strong proofreading and editing skills

How to Apply:

Qualified candidates should fax, email, or mail a resume and cover letter to the Human Resources department to the address below. The Council on Foreign Relations is an equal opportunity employer and actively seeks candidates from a diverse background. Quality, diversity and balance are the key objectives sought by the Council on Foreign Relations in the composition of its workforce.

Council on Foreign Relations
Human Resources Office
58 E. 68th St., New York, NY 10021
FAX: (212) 434-9893
email: humanresources@cfr.org
www.cfr.org

Job posted on: September 13, 2002 – Last Day to Apply: October 11, 2002

Some of these jobs are taken from the [idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org) website, a wonderful website chock-full of interesting jobs for all sectors of public policy, and all area types and concentrations! Go to their website for more information: www.idealists.org. To receive job information from WIIS (specifically international-related), go to their website at www.wiis.org and request a subscription.

Of Interest

Following are a couple of tidbits, taken from various sources on-line, in newspapers of interest, etc.

FROM WomensENews, online

Feds May Track Sex Differences in Drug Reactions

Run Date: 09/15/02

*By Suzanne Batchelor
WENews correspondent*

Scientists, finding more evidence that women and men respond differently to drug trials, are pushing the government to create a permanent, national database of gender-based differences in pharmaceuticals.

(WOMENSENEWS)--As research continues to emerge showing women respond differently and sometimes more adversely than men to widely used medications including antihistamines, antibiotics and painkillers, women's health advocates are pressing Congress to fund a permanent database to track gender, race and age differences in clinical drug trial results.

Congress created such a program last year on a one-year trial basis following two U.S. General Accounting Office reports critical of the Food and Drug Administration's oversight of drug research. One of the reports found that eight of 10 drugs the agency pulled off the market over a four-year period caused increased harm in women.

"Most physicians and patients are still not aware that sex matters when prescribing medications," says Sherry Marts, scientific director of the Society for Women's Health Research, a Washington nonprofit group campaigning for the database, which is scheduled to expire on Oct. 1 at the start of the new federal fiscal year.

The program's researchers studied how best to standardize incoming drug-trial information on safety and efficacy and designed a database to track and compare drug responses by gender, race and age. If the program is made permanent, the database will compile gender, race and age differences from drug trials in a way that can be shared--after drug approval--with other federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health.

"We would like to see there's money set aside to get the database up and running and continue. This is not a one-shot, one-year thing. We want to see it grow," says Roberta Biegel, director of government relations for the Society for Women's Health Research.

FDA Supports Push for Database

The 2001 General Accounting Office report on the 10 drugs removed from the market from Jan. 1, 1997 through Dec. 31, 2000 by the FDA found that the agency failed to analyze gender differences in drug-safety data from clinical trials, even when drug companies included it in their reports, as required by law. It also found that while the drug makers reported to the FDA that their late-stage drug trials included 55 percent women, only 22 percent of subjects in the companies' early safety and tolerability trials were female.

Margaret Miller of the FDA's Office of Women's Health says a permanent database, stocked with the newly standardized drug-trial information, would avoid the need to remove a drug from the market by highlighting patterns of adverse reactions among women, African Americans and other groups before it reaches the public.

"The analysis you could do with it would be incredible. You could look at adverse events by age group and across drugs, and hopefully have a good public health impact from that data," Miller says. "We like practical at the FDA."

"We would like to see the information incorporated into product labels," Miller adds, so that doctors and patients could adjust dosages by gender, ethnic group or age, based on drug-trial results reported to FDA.

Safety and Efficacy of Many Drugs Vary by Gender

Miller says the new database would also allow the FDA to make sure statistically sufficient numbers of women, minorities and age groups are included in drug trials.

Research on many widely used drugs indicates safety and efficacy can vary according to gender. Studies published in 1997 and 1999 indicated women wake up faster from general anesthesia and suffer more of its side effects than men. A 1999 study led by Dr. Jon Levine found pain drugs called kappa-opioids bring greater relief to women than men. Researchers say they don't yet know why women respond differently.

"Drug companies still refuse to study women very early in a drug's development," says Dr. Raymond Woosley, vice president of health science at the Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson and a researcher on gender, drugs and heart arrhythmias. "I think they are beginning to look at this but it's not uniform. I think it should be part of any analysis of a drug's action. I think it's just good biology and it's good business for them to do that."

Yet some drug companies resist gender testing, he says.

"They've said in the past: 'If we have to study drugs in men and women, then we've got to double the number of people we study.' That's not correct," Woosley says.

"They need to use modern statistical methodology and they can do it with very little change in the way or cost of developing a drug," Woosley says. "Statistical methodology will allow you to tell the difference--if there is one--between men and women without a large increase in the amount of work that has to be done."

Irregular Heart Rhythms Is Common Side Effect Influenced by Sex

Two common reasons drugs get taken off the market are because they harm the liver or cause irregular heart rhythms. In both instances, there's evidence that women are harmed more than men, Woosley says.

Woosley researched 40 drugs known to sometimes cause irregular heart rhythms and found that nearly a quarter of them posed greater risk to women than men of developing potentially life-threatening arrhythmias. He has made this research available on a Web site for the Arizona Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics.

Pharmacia Corporation's Norpace, a medication prescribed to remedy abnormal heart rhythms, is listed on Woosley's site as causing more heart rhythm abnormalities in women than in men.

Pharmacia spokesman Mark Kranack did not return several calls requesting comment on the drug's listing.

Abbott Pharmaceuticals, whose antibiotic Erythrocin is listed on the registry as causing greater heart rhythm abnormalities in women, would not comment on the drug's inclusion on Woosley's site. PCE, Abbott's latest erythromycin product, does warn in its package insert of such potential rhythm abnormalities.

PCE's package insert, however, does not mention that women are more likely to suffer the potentially fatal heart arrhythmias. Abbott spokeswoman Cindy Resman said women are known to be at higher risk than men for such arrhythmias with or without drugs.

Erythrocin is no longer sold by Abbott in the United States. In July, the FDA posted additional label warnings for the drug of increased danger to elderly patients of heart irregularities and hearing loss.

Abbott would not comment on the decision to stop selling Erythrocin.

Suzanne Batchelor has written for the national science series "Earth and Sky" and on health and medicine for Medscape Health, Web MD and the Texas Medical Association's "Healthline Texas."

A Call for Papers:

Women and Development: Rethinking Policy and Reconceptualizing Practice Women's Studies Quarterly

Guest Editors: Frances Vavrus and Lisa Ann Richey

Since 1972, Women's Studies Quarterly has been the leading journal on teaching in women's studies. Thematic issues feature material for specialists and generalists, including the most recent scholarship available in accessible language; teaching material; creative writing; book reviews; and up-to-date bibliographies. The intersections of race and class with gender are of special concern, as are international perspectives.

Women's Studies Quarterly is now seeking submissions for a special Spring/Summer 2004 issue on Women and Development. The issue will focus on the gendered effects of development policies and practices as well as the growing significance of post-development theory and action. We invite submissions drawing upon different feminist approaches to the study of women and development-including liberalism, Marxism, and postmodernism-from those engaged with post-development scholarship and activism along with those who create and implement policies and programs for development organizations. The inclusion of diverse perspectives on women and development will enable readers to appreciate the breadth of meanings associated with the term "development" and the depth of the debate over how development processes restructure gender, power, and geopolitical relations in communities subject to interventions. We want to extend the boundaries of debate as far as possible by encouraging contributions that reflect on the concept of development from historical and contemporary perspectives, and that report on the experience of development through analyses of specific policies and practices affecting women's lives.

The issue will feature articles, essays, creative writing, teaching material, and book reviews that address one or more of the following questions:

- 1) What is development? Whose interests does it serve? Have we moved into a post-development era?
- 2) What are the gender-based challenges faced by women in specific contexts in the 'North' and 'South' today that have changed since the inception of women in development (WID) in the 1970s? In particular, how have the contexts of the Cold War, decolonialization, and neo-liberalism affected development programs in the areas of education, employment, health, and politics?

3) How can liberal, Marxist, and postmodern feminist scholarship contribute to our understanding of development for women? What are the specific features of feminist post-development theory, and how does it differ from other forms of scholarship on gender and development (GAD)?

4) How do the dynamics of race, class, gender, education, and urbanism limit women's participation in the development process? Do these dynamics look different at various levels of development implementation? How might a focus on gender inform debates on the dynamics of other forms of inequality?

5) What might feminist development theory and practice look like in the coming decades as a result of the cultural, economic, and political changes brought about by the forces of globalization? What challenges do the anti-globalization and subsistence movements pose for development programs, policy, and practices?

6) How can teachers incorporate women and development issues into the curriculum to foster learning and debate about gender and power relations at the local, national, and international levels?

Contributions accepted for the special issue will be reviewed by at least two reviewers with the understanding that the materials have not been submitted to another journal. All submissions should be double-spaced, printed on one side of paper with 1-inch margins, and conform to the APA (in-text) citation style. Articles should not exceed 20 pages (5,000 words) in length, excluding references. Essays, short stories, and strategies for teaching (with syllabi) should not exceed 15 pages (3,750 words). Book reviews should not exceed 3 pages (750 words), and they should include a complete citation for the book under review.

Please send a disk and three hard copies of submissions along with a full mailing address, daytime telephone number, and an e-mail address to

Professor Frances Vavrus, Teachers College
Columbia University, 525 W.
120th Street, Box 55
New York, NY 10027, USA.

Queries should be sent to either [Fran Vavrus](#) or to [Lisa Ann Richey](#).
The deadline for submission is November 29, 2002.

USA Women's Human Rights Program

The Amnesty International USA Women's Human Rights Program is pleased to announce a new activist resource! The Women's Human Rights Program E-Bulletin will be a monthly electronic update full of new resources, emergency cases, related global and national news, and all the information you need to stay plugged into the women's human rights movement. Simply send-us your e-mail address to take advantage of this new resource. For more information on AIUSA's Women's Human Rights Program, visit www.aiusa.org/women or call 212.633.4292

_____ Yes! I would like to be added to the AIUSA Women's Human Rights Program monthly electronic bulletin. Below is my e-mail address so that I may be added to the list to receive monthly updates on current women's human rights issues, emergency cases, and news from the international movement to promote women's rights.

NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Sign up a friend! _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:

AIUSA Women's Human Rights Program

600 Pennsylvania Ave, S.E.

Washington, DC 20003

-OR-

akozma@aiusa.org

GWIPP Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 25th noon-1:30 PM, Dean's Conference Room

Call for Information

Calling all alums and students – if you have anything to place in the next newsletter, events, speakers, forums, conferences, or just something you've come across that you'd like to share, please email it and include your return contact information at: tconnerwhite@yahoo.com.

Further Sources for More Information

- Women In International Security
- WIN – Women's Information Network
- www.dcyoungpro.com (DC Society of Young Professionals)
- idealist.org
- Women's Studies Database - www.mith2.umd.edu/WomensStudies/index.html - at University of Maryland

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Purpose

To promote the visibility of women in public policy; to provide a community among female alumni, current students and incoming students of the Maryland School of Public Affairs (MSPA); and to sponsor meaningful networking opportunities that allow for connections among women towards increasing awareness of women's participation in public policy.

Goals & Roles

Internally, GWIPP seeks to build a community of female students and to engage with the MSPA through increased participation in school events; interaction with the MSPA students, faculty, staff and administration; and Meet & Greet events with incoming students.

Externally, GWIPP plans to engage in networking and community-building opportunities with organizations, alumni, and student groups in the local area. This includes group excursions to local companies, non-profits, and government agencies; attendance at local conferences, sit-down talks with area leaders and executives; and alumni social events.

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month during the academic year. Additional events are to be announced.