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2009 Minx Auerbach Lecture to Feature Film Maker Anayansi Prado

By Nancy M. Theriot, Chairperson & Professor, Women's and Gender Studies

The University of Louisville Women's and Gender Studies Department is pleased to bring filmmaker Anayansi Prado to campus for the 12th annual Minx Auerbach Lecture on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Speed Art Museum, adjacent to the U of L campus. A reception will follow.

Prado produces and directs documentaries about the experiences and challenges of Latinos. With this purpose in mind, she founded Impacto Films, a production company geared towards the production of documentaries with a social impact. Her first production, "Maid in America," completed in 2004, concerns the lives of domestic workers in Los Angeles. The film was supported by a MacArthur Foundation grant and is

distributed by Women Make Movies.

Ms. Prado's second independent film is the recently released "Children in No-Man's Land," which focuses on the plight of undocumented children who cross the border into the United States. In addition to her work on her own films, Prado served as executive producer of the documentary series *Voces de Cambio*, which takes a look at humanitarian work by Latino celebrities on several issues in the Latino community in the U.S. She also acted as director/producer/camera operator for a documentary on the "Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride," a 12-day cross-country



Anayansi Prado

bus trip from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. to raise awareness about the working conditions of immigrants. In 2005, Ms. Prado worked as a camera operator and post-production coordinator on the PBS documentary mini-series "California and the America Dream: The New Los Angeles."

Ms. Prado is winner of numerous grants and awards for her film work. She is currently finishing her third independent documentary, "Give Us Your Retired, Your Rich, Your Americans," about the growing phenomenon of Americans retiring to Panama and the effects they are having in the local Panamanian culture.

The lecture and reception is free and open to the public. For more details, call the WGS department at 852-8160 or e-mail Nancyt@louisville.edu

Nurse Practitioner Center to Open Spring, 2009

By Marcia J. Hern, EdD, CNS, RN, Dean, School of Nursing; Whitney Nash, ARNP, Adult Health Nurse Practitioner; Lee Ridner, ARNP, Family Nurse Practitioner

Anticipating change with innovative models of health care delivery is part of what the new U of L Health Care Outpatient Center at Chestnut and Preston Streets is all about. In addition to the more than 400 UofL physicians and dentists providing state of the art health care across many specialty areas, a group of nurse practitioners (NPs) from the School of Nursing will join the UofL Center. The NP Center will be located on the first floor, with a waiting room and six examination rooms. Operating in collaboration with the Centers for Primary Care and Internal Medicine and Dr. Steve Houghland will be the Nurse Practitioner Center in Adult Health. The center is scheduled to open late Spring, 2009.

As an independent faculty practice center operated in conjunction with the School of Nursing, two full and part-time nurse practitioners will provide wellness health assessments for UofL and UofL

Hospital (ULH) employees, convenient/urgent care, physicals for school, sports programs, and downtown employees, well patient follow-up care, and management of some chronic diseases.

In simple terms, if you are acutely ill at work or you are a new employee to UofL yet to find a medical home, you can be



seen at the NP Center with or without an appointment. Patients must be a minimum of 13 years of age.

Beginning in the 1960's the nurse practitioner role emerged as a way to provide health care in underserved

rural areas. Since that time, NPs also provide health care in private practices and hospitals in collaboration with generalists and specialist physicians, in health departments, clinics, industry and middle and high schools, among other sites. In a recent syndicated publication, Kevin Pho, M.D. reported, "Studies show

that increasing fragmentation of care results in a corresponding rise in cost and medical errors" (*USA Today*, 2008). The American College of Nurse Practitioners reports that nurse practitioners stand ready to provide primary care that is high quality, cost effective and readily available. (Personal communication, N.J. Sharp, March 18, 2008).

According to the President of the American College of Nurse Practitioners, Dr. Julie Stanik-Hutt, if universal healthcare succeeds, more primary care providers will be needed to meet the needs of 45 million newly-insured people as well as the baby boomers who are entering the stage of life when patients are more likely to need management of chronic conditions and coordination of care (Stanik-Hutt, 2008).

Each NP staffing the center has prescriptive authority in the state of Kentucky for non-scheduled and limited-scheduled medications. Preliminary surveys have indicated that busy Health Science Center employees, including

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Honoring Rachel Carson in Her Lead to Save the Planet



Mary Karen Powers, Director Women's Center

During Women's History Month 2009, the National Women's History Project will honor Rachel Carson (1907-1964), founder of the contemporary environmental movement as a "Wom[an] Taking the Lead to Save our Planet."

Carson graduated from Pennsylvania College for Women in 1929, studied at the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory, and received her MA in zoology from Johns Hopkins University in 1932. Hired by the Bureau of Fisheries as a biologist in 1936, she was the second woman to work for the department in a professional capacity, leading to a fifteen-year career as a federal scientist. After World War II, she became increasingly disturbed by the use of synthetic pesticides and reluctantly changed the focus of her career to warn the public about their long term effects. In 1962 she published *The Silent Spring* documenting that "DDT was killing birds" even as it was increasing crop yields. Subsequently Carson testified before Congress, "challeng[ing] the practices of agricultural scientists and the government, and call[ing] for a change in the way humankind viewed the natural world." At her death, Ms. Carson's *New York Times* obituary noted that she had a "remarkable knack for taking dull scientific facts and translating them into poetical and lyrical prose...." She was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980.

I have read Ms. Carson's book, *The Sense of Wonder*, often. In it, she writes, "A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, filled with wonder and excitement...I would ask [that] each child [keep alive] a sense of wonder... throughout life, as an unfailing antidote against...boredom and disenchantment..." When I worked with MIT students, I was often reminded that wondering curiosity is at the heart of science. It has power to nurture the pursuit of STEM careers, and to sustain in us the passion to preserve our planet.

Stacy M. Bradley, Women's Center KTAP Grant Coordinator

As a former KTAP recipient and current student at the University of Louisville Kent School, I have taken on the exciting position as the KTAP Grant Coordinator at the U of L Women's Center. Presently, I am working on a Master of Science in Social Work, and I am developing skills necessary to better support and serve diverse populations. I received a Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a minor in Communications from U of L. Some areas of study included Sociology of Family, Juvenile Delinquency, Gender and Public Dialogue, and, in particular, the Impact of Race on Social Success and Development.

Driven by my life experience as teenage single mother and overcoming the hardships that I faced, I have found my passion to be helping young women and their families in any way possible. Previously, I fulfilled this passion



Stacy M. Bradley

through working with families and their children who suffer from severe emotional disabilities at Seven Counties Services, providing tutoring services to children from low income households at the Salvation

Army Boys and Girls club, and, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Charities, assisting pregnant teens and young mothers with life skills such as parenting, housing, and money management/budgeting. Now, it's my privilege as the KTAP Grant Coordinator to provide services to students who currently receive KTAP and to offer them the resources they may need to obtain a higher educational degree.

Effective Tips on Money Management

By Dr. Sharon Kerrick, Assistant Professor, College of Business

Times are tough in this challenging economy; everyone is affected in some way or another. This article provides five simple but effective tips on money management and **money behavior management!**

Write out a budget – this will enable you to understand clearly what obligations you have. Divide your spending into fixed costs and variable costs. Your fixed costs will include such things as mortgage payments, rent, or loan payments. Your variable costs will include such things as clothing, food and entertainment. You must know how much income you have coming in and how much expense you have going out!

Get a notebook and for 30 days write down EVERYTHING you spend money on –yes, even a can of soda. If age appropriate, get the entire family involved in tracking spending! Then, after writing down all items in a notebook for 30 days –evaluate and categorize all items you spent money on –some people use a code letter after each entry to identify Need (N) versus Want (W)—focus on the items that you “just wanted” but didn't need and write down a note to yourself on a way that you could eliminate those items.

For example, if you write down “eating lunch out” – you would come back and write underneath it “take your lunch” or “soft drinks vending machine”—get a refillable water container. Get commitments from everyone in the family to stop the “Wants” from impacting the “Needs.” Pay bills as soon as they come in. Avoid destroying your budget with late fees. If you cannot pay an entire bill, at least send in something consistently each month to demonstrate your commitment to creditors. Be proactive and call the creditor **before** they call you—most are willing to work with you.

A technique used to help people quit smoking is to put a rubber band on your wrist and SNAP it when tempted – use this same technique to discourage impulse spending.

Write down your goals related to finances. Goals may start small, such as pay all bills on time or track each day's spending.



Dr. Sharon Kerrick

Women's History Month Calendar of Events

Each year, **March** is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces and communities throughout the country. The 2009 National theme is "Women: Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet".—Source: **National Women's History Project**

The University of Louisville Women's Center has compiled a listing of campus and community events that covers the latter part of February, MARCH and April. Unless noted, all events are free and open to the public and will take place on the U of L's Belknap Campus. Dates are subject to change without written notice. Contact the sponsoring organization or group listed for more details. The calendar is online at <http://www.louisville.edu/provost/womenctr>

FEBRUARY

**Monday, February 23,
at 3:00 p.m.**

**Lily Alyce Akers Student Travel
Award Research Presentation
William F. Ekstrom Library
(Room #104)**

Jamie Ratliff, a graduate student in Art History, will present a talk on Mexican women artists titled, "Polvo de Gallina Negra: Feminist Art in the Age of Discrepancies" and Tiffany Gist, Theatre Arts Department, will present her research based on a 2008 Theater trip to Senegal. For more details, e-mail Dawn Heinecker at d0hein01@louisville.edu

**Monday, February 23 –
Friday, February 27
(specific times)**

**Body Appreciation/Body
Awareness (BABA) Week
(Collaborative departments/units)
Various locations, U of L campuses**

Join Misty Tripoli, International Nike Elite Instructor, for a journey of self-discovery through movement and meditation exploration. In addition to Ms. Tripoli's talks and discussions, the week will include the films, "America the Beauty" and "A Season in Hell," panel discussions; MAPS health fair with screenings; residence hall events/outreach; yoga ; a fashion show; a Fearless Friday event; a tea; a field day of games and activities; and an all week collection of donated jeans. The "Feel Good in Your Genes/Jeans" event aims to raise awareness about eating disorders. Donated jeans will benefit The Healing Place. For a complete list of BABA week of events with specifics, e-mail Karen Newton at ksnewt01@louisville.edu or call Student Health at 852-6479.

**Saturday, February 28,
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Women of Vision
Advocacy Workshop
Muhammad Ali Center,
144 North Sixth Street**

At this workshop, Eleanor Jordan, Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Women will lead an advocacy discussion for community groups and leaders. For more details, e-mail Nina Stum at nrstum01@louisville.edu

MARCH

**Monday, March 2 –
Tuesday, March 31**

**Women's History Month
Display (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,
Mondays-Fridays)
Kentucky State Capitol, 700 Capitol
Avenue, Frankfort, KY**

Visit the Kentucky State Capitol and stop by the display case, outside of the Capitol Rotunda, honoring women's history month. While in the Capitol, make sure to visit the "Kentucky Women Remembered" Exhibit honoring Kentucky

women who have made a difference in Kentucky history. Contact Donna Britton at (502) 564-2611 or Donna.Britton@ky.gov for more information.

**Tuesday, March 3
(Also March 10, 17, 24,
31) at 11:00 a.m.**

**Legal Aid Society
Foreclosure Clinics
Legal Aid Society Office,
416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd.**

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice on foreclosures. For additional details, email Meagen Agnew at MAgnew@laslou.org

**Tuesday, March 3,
at 1:00 p.m.**

**Akers Faculty Travel Award
Research Presentation at 1:00 p.m.
William F. Ekstrom Library
(Chao Auditorium)**

Dr. Julie Peteet, Chairperson & Professor, A&S Anthropology, will present her research exploring how the fragmentation and reconfiguring of Palestinian space and subsequent restrictions on mobility are experienced, accommodated, and resisted according to gender. For more information, contact Dawn Heinecker at d0hein01@louisville.edu

**Wednesday, March 4 –
Sunday, March 8, at
8:00 p.m. (Sunday
matinee at 3 p.m.)**

**Soldiers Circle Play
HPES/Studio Arts Bldg. (Thrust
Theatre), 2314 South Floyd Street**

This play dramatizes the daily lives and struggles of American soldiers in Iraq, told through humor, heartbreak, song and the stories of soldiers themselves. For ticket information, call 852-6814 or e-mail Russel Vandenbroucke at rjvand01@louisville.edu

**Thursday, March 5,
at 3:00 p.m.**

**Legal Aid Society
Bankruptcy Seminar**

**Legal Aid Society Office,
416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd.**

Attorneys from the private bar will be present to answer questions about bankruptcy. Contact: MAgnew@laslou.org for details.

**Sunday, March 8,
at 3:00 p.m.**

**International Women's Day
(Location to be announced)**

Come and celebrate International Women's Day with women from across the state in Lexington, specific location to be announced. Join longtime human rights/women's rights activist Loretta Ross, along with music and arts performers for "Women's Health is a Social Justice Issue!" This multicultural celebration is co-sponsored by Kentucky Health Justice Network, KY Foundation for Women, and U of L's Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research. For details, contact kentuckyhealthjusticenetwork@gmail.com or call (502) 544-5396.

**Monday, March 9 –
Friday, March 13**

Pre-Spring Break Goodies!

The U of L PEACC (Prevention, Education & Advocacy on Campus and in the Community) staff will distribute freebies and will present information (prior to spring break week) to various groups and organizations about safety and healthy decision making. E-mail Sharon Larue at sdlaru01@louisville.edu or call 852-2663 for more information.

**Tuesday, March 10,
at 1:00 p.m.**

**Kentucky Women
Remembered Ceremony**

**Capitol Rotunda, 700 Capitol Avenue,
Frankfort, KY**

Join Governor and Mrs. Beshear

and the Kentucky Commission on Women in unveiling three watercolor portraits of exceptional Kentucky women who have left their mark on history. Governor Beshear will also be reading a proclamation for Women's History Month at this ceremony. Invited speakers include Governor and Mrs. Beshear, Eleanor Jordan, Aloma Dew and Vera Newton.

**Tuesday, March 10,
at 2:30 p.m.**

**"Maid In America"
Documentary (Film)**

**William F. Ekstrom Library
(Chao Auditorium)**

This one-hour documentary, produced by Filmmaker, Ms. Anayansi Prado, explores the lives of Latina immigrants who work as domestic workers in the Los Angeles area. The film takes a personal look into the lives of the women who care for and tend to a large number of American households and their children today. The showing of the film, sponsored by the U of L Women's Center and the Women & Gender Studies Department, is in conjunction with Ms. Prado's March 25th visit to U of L. (See the articles on page 1 of the Women's Center spring newsletter for more details.)

**Tuesday, March 10,
at 7:00 p.m.**

**LGBT Women's Voices
Coffeehouse**

U of L Red Barn

For more details, e-mail Brian Buford at bwbufo01@louisville.edu

**Saturday, March 21,
at 2:00 p.m.**

**"SHeroes You Should Have
Heard of But Haven't"**

**Frazier International History Museum,
829 West Main Street**

Historian Judi Jennings, PhD, Executive Director of the Kentucky Foundation for Women will talk about pivotal women in history. She is the

author of two books on 18th Century British History and founding director of the U of L Women's Center. Light refreshments will be served. The lecture is free with museum admission.

**Wednesday, March 25,
at 2:00 p.m.**

Small Claims Clinic

**Legal Aid Society Office,
416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd.**

Clients are provided with the forms necessary to file a claim, and an attorney will review completed claims. Contact: MAgnew@laslou.org for more info.

**Wednesday, March 25,
at 6:00 p.m.**

Minx Auerbach Lecture

**Speed Art Museum,
2035 South Third Street**

Film maker Anayansi Prado will be the guest speaker for the 11th annual Minx Auerbach Lecture. She produces and directs documentaries about the experiences and challenges of Latinos. With this purpose in mind, she founded Impacto Films, a production company geared toward the production of documentaries with a social impact. A reception will follow the lecture. For more details, contact Nancy M. Theriot at nmther01@louisville.edu

**Thursday, March 26
(All day)**

Thursdays in Black

U of L's PEACC (Prevention, Education & Advocacy on Campus and in the Community) is sponsoring this day as a strength and courage, representing our solidarity with the victims of violence, demanding a world without rape and violence. Everyone is welcome to participate. E-mail Sharon LaRue at sdlaru01@louisville.edu for specifics.

**Thursday, March 26,
at 12:00 p.m.**

**U of L Network Luncheon
University Club**

“More Than Girl Scout Cookies: Voices of Today’s Girls” is the topic of discussion at this Network (New Energy to Work Out Racial Kinks) Luncheon with guest speaker, Ms. Terry Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer, Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, Inc. She will talk about diversity’s role in her organization’s 96-year history and mission to instill qualities of character, courage and confidence in girls. Meal cost is \$10 and reservations must be made the Monday prior to the event. For reservations, e-mail Linda L. Wilson at llwils01@louisville.edu or Marian Vassar at mrvass01@louisville.edu

**Thursday, March 26,
at 3:00 p.m.**

**Transformation Tea
Location to be announced**

An opportunity for university women of color and their allies to become empowered by sharing concerns, problems and positive suggestions. The program includes speakers and networking. Reservations required. For more details, contact Georgette Moore at glmoor01@louisville.edu or Libby Davis at mewhit01@louisville.edu

**Thursday, March 26,
at 6:00 p.m.**

**Diversity Lecture Series
Elizabethtown Community &
Technical College, 600 College Street,
Elizabethtown, KY
(Administration Bldg., Room 112)**

A “Discussion on Social institutions as Systems of Oppression” will be presented by ECTC Instructor, Susan Berry. She will discuss various institutions in American society and how they can be identified as systems of oppression in order to raise awareness and inspire community change. For more details, e-mail, Allison Palumbo at

apalumbo0004@kctcs.edu or call
(270) 706-8446.

**Saturday, March 28,
at 2:30 p.m.**

**SWAN (Support Women
Artists Now) Day
2nd floor, Actors Theatre of Louisville
(ATL), 316 West Main Street**

SWAN Day is a community building reception in support of women artists, co-sponsored by Actors Theatre of Louisville and the Kentucky Foundation for Women.

APRIL

**Wednesday, April 1,
at 12:00 p.m.**

**PEACC (Prevention, Education &
Advocacy on Campus and in the
Community) International Tea
2nd floor, International Center**

The U of L PEACC Program will sponsor a tea for students, staff and faculty providing an opportunity to meet and make new friends in an informal setting. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**Tuesdays, April 7 (Also
April 14, 21) at 11:00 a.m.**

**Legal Aid Society
Foreclosure Clinics
Legal Aid Office,
416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd.**

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice on foreclosures. Contact: Meagen Agnew at MAGnew@laslou.org for more details.

**Thursday, April 16,
at 5:00 p.m.**

**Diversity Lecture Series
Elizabethtown Community
College, 600 College Street Road,
Elizabethtown, KY
(Administration Bldg., room 112)**

The ECC campus will sponsor a lecture and discussion on “What’s Gender Got to Do With it?” dealing with gender diversity, how gender as a construct affects expressions of individuality

and community relations. For more information, e-mail Allison Palumbo at apalumbo0004@kctcs.edu or call (270) 706-8446

**Wednesday, April 22,
at 2:00 p.m.**

**Legal Aid Society
Small Claims Clinic
Legal Aid Office,
416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd.**

Clients are provided with the forms necessary to file a claim and an attorney will review completed claims. Contact: Meagen Agnew at MAGnew@laslou.org for additional info.

**Thursday, April 23,
at 11:30 a.m.**

**(Specific on-campus location
and time to be announced)**

“Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work” Day is an opportunity for girls and boys to share their dreams and communicate their expectations for the future. This year’s theme is “Building Partnerships to Educate and Empower”. For young people visiting the campus, the U of L Women’s Center will host a welcome table with snacks & souvenirs. Call 852-8976 for more details.

**Mark your calendar:
Saturday, June 20, 2009
Women4Women Champions 4
Her Walk, Run, and Festival**

This is a community event to raise funds and morale for issues facing women and girls. Specific details forthcoming.

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Students at the International Tea hosted by the Women's Center in January.

“Maid in America” Movie Shown March 10 at Chao Auditorium

In conjunction with Ms. Anayansi Prado's appearance at U of L as part of the March 25th Minx Auerback Lecture, the university's **Women's Center** and the **Women & Gender Studies Department** are partnering to show the one-hour documentary “Maid in America”. This film, produced by Ms. Prado, explores the lives of Latina immigrants who work as domestic workers in the Los Angeles area. The film takes an intimate and personal look into the lives of the women who care and tend to a large amount of American households and their children today. The documentary captures an intimate image of the Latino people, culture and history in the United States. It is a film that shows how these women are socially redefining the significance of the type of work they do and at the same time inspiring communities, children, and other immigrants.

The film will be shown in the Chao Auditorium of the William F. Ekstrom Library at 2:30 p.m. For more details, call 852-8976 or 852-8160.

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UofL to Host Kentucky Women's Book Festival

By Amy Hartsough

The UofL Women's Center is proud to be a planning partner for the 2009 Kentucky Women's Book Festival on Saturday, May 16, 2009, at the Ekstrom Library. This event will include presentations and workshops given by local women authors and will provide an opportunity for Kentucky women readers and writers to connect over their favorite pastime: reading and talking about books.

The event will start with registration at 9:00 a.m., followed by the keynote opening session. Plans are to have six concurrent workshop sessions, a luncheon speaker, a book signing (where participants will have a chance to purchase and have authors sign copies of the books that are featured in each session), and a closing keynote speaker ending the festival at 5:00 p.m. The event is free and open

to the public. Session topics will include playwriting, children's literature, poetry, and writing for a political cause.

The Kentucky Women's Book Festival will prove to be an ideal gathering for avid readers and aspiring writers. Anyone who enjoys reading and appreciates writing with a local flair will enjoy this event, so gather a group of your girlfriends or make a date with your mom and come to the festival. (Men who appreciate women's literature are also welcome and encouraged to attend!)

For more information about the Kentucky Women's Book Festival, visit our website at: <https://louisville.edu/womenscenter/kwbf>. The site will be updated over the next couple of months to have current up-to-date details. You can also find our event on facebook by searching for “Kentucky Women's Book Festival.”

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health care professionals, faculty, and staff, would value quick and convenient access to quality healthcare services on the HSC. The new center will provide the continuity of care by a regularly staffed NP and integrated clinical care with high customer service and prompt referrals to physicians and dentists who occupy the remaining office suites in the building. The NP center will operate on a fee for service, through third party payers (including Humana and Medicare) and also will accept cash or credit card payments. Health promotion education, which patients can access through a waiting room computer, will be a key feature of this nursing center. In addition, the center will provide regularly scheduled educational sessions (e.g., menopause, parenting, smoking cessation).

The School of Nursing celebrates its 35-year anniversary in 2009 and regards the NP center as a unique innovative practice model to represent this celebratory year. In addition, the NP center will serve as an adjacent portal for a soon-to-be-developed Women's Health

Center. More information will follow to highlight the Women's Health Center in the next issue.

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It's Happening Here.

Dr. Edna Ross, Educator Extraordinaire

By Robin R. Harris,
Brandeis School of Law

In her more than twenty years as a faculty member, Dr. Edna Ross has become a well-known personality on campus. She has taught psychology courses to thousands of students, served on countless committees, conducted focus groups on a wide range of issues, and actively participated in the life of the university. She's the Ideas to Action (i2a) Specialist for Critical Thinking, the Course Director for Introductory Psychology, the Chair of the University Instructional Technology Committee, and the "Clicker Queen." Above all, Ross is a skilled and innovative teacher.

"My whole purpose in teaching is to motivate students to *want* to learn. Learning should be a way of life. I want to get my students excited, and that includes *all* my students—millennials, non-traditionals . . . all of them. I love being able to infuse the love of learning in undergraduates. Everything I do helps me become a better teacher."

"Everything" certainly includes her work at the university's Delphi Center for Teaching and Learning, where she focuses on designing critical thinking workshops used to implement the Ideas to Action (i2a) initiative, U of L's SACS accreditation Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The workshops help faculty

incorporate critical thinking into their courses, and also help faculty figure out how to apply critical thinking to undergraduate research and service learning.

"Everything" also includes her use of the i>clicker response system technology. Students use i>clickers to participate in class, allowing everyone an equal chance to contribute. Dr. Ross explains that "the technology gives every student a voice, shapes students' reading before they arrive, improves class attendance, and helps students feel confident about their beliefs." Because she often teaches large classes (more than 300 students), Dr. Ross uses the i>clickers to keep students engaged. "I'm known as a techno-geek in a lot of circles," she jokes.

Since gaining her "Clicker Queen" moniker, university groups have begun to enlist Dr. Ross to put her i>clicker data collection skills to work for them. During 2006-2007, when the Strategic Planning Steering Committee appointed by Provost Shirley Willihnganz wanted data from current U of L students to help craft the document that eventually become *The 2020 Plan*, the group turned to Dr. Ross for help. She set up a short questionnaire, queried



Dr. Edna Ross

her students about issues the committee was addressing, and using the responses gained through the students' i>clickers, provided current and vital information about student attitudes and concerns.

More recently, Dr. Ross has been using i>clickers in a series of focus groups conducted by the President's Commission on the Status of Women, on which she now serves. With the goal of updating the 1994 Task Force Report on the Status of Women (*Meeting the 21st Century: Access, Opportunity and Achievement*), the COSW held four faculty focus groups during the summer of 2008, followed by four staff groups in the fall. This exercise aimed to find out about the climate for women at the university and to identify problem areas. Dr. Ross explains that close to 100 women participated in the focus groups, providing quantitative and qualitative data to answer the big question—"Fifteen years later, where ARE we?" The COSW will use the responses to create a survey instrument that will be sent to all of the university's women employees.

When asked how she keeps up her frantic pace and whether she plans to slow down any time soon, Dr. Ross laughingly offered her secret "techno-geek" weapon for maintaining her energy level: "I am devoted to my Wii Fit! And I just hit the Wii Tennis 'Pro Level' so I challenge all comers."

Careers for the Current and Future Generation of Women

By Brenda D. Gunn

On January 20 of this year, the 44th president of the United States was installed. Among President Barack Obama's campaign strategy was the promise to create job opportunities that would lead to career and work expansion for our economically-starved country. Many were pleased, but guarded. "... We cannot afford to leave women out of any job expansion or economic stimulus plan," asserts Debbie L. Frett, CEO of Business and Professional Women/USA and the Business and Professional Women's Foundation.

Frett says further, in a letter to the editor published in *The New York Times* (Dec. 2008), "Much needs to be done to fix our economy, and women can and will play an important role." As college

students, whether traditional or non-traditional, women at the University of Louisville are ensuring their role upon graduation. In the top five majors in the fall of 2007, the gamut runs from Psychology to Communication. While each is on the list in various numerical orders for 2003-2008, they still remain in the top five positions for the most part. (Office of Institutional Research and Planning)

According to the 2008-09 edition of *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, the fastest growing occupations with a first professional degree are veterinarians, pharmacists, chiropractors, physicians & surgeons, and optometrists. Unfortunately, the top five majors of women at U of L may or may not transcend to these professions with an undergraduate degree. The list of top five majors are psychology,

biology, nursing, early elementary education, and communication.

President Obama's creation of 2.5 million jobs over the next two years may not be attractive for today's generation of traditionally-educated female students. The bulk of his proposed stimulus program may indeed provide more jobs, but for men, because building projects generate jobs in construction where women make up only nine percent of that field. Today, women make up about 46 percent of the labor force. And as pointed out by Linda Hirshman, Op-Ed Contributor to *The New York Times* (Dec. 9, 2008), "as the current downturn



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has worsened, their traditionally lower unemployment rate has actually risen just as fast as men's."

With the top five majors at U of L remaining constant in a five-year period, female students will no doubt persevere one way or another, remembering that jobs showing the largest growth usually require post-grad work.

Alas, jobs for women can be created by concentrating on professions that build the most important (traditionally for women) infrastructure, which is human capital. In 2007, women were 83% of social workers, 74% of education training and library workers, and 94% of child care workers. So while President Obama's job creation may be primarily for the male-dominated professions, female students can be assured that there will also be other areas to pursue.

Scholarship Opportunities

"The news on college costs is mighty grim, but there are plenty of creative ways to keep your college dreams on track. Dwindling state and federal aid, lower endowments and drops in fund-raising have forced many colleges and universities to raise tuition prices and cut back on financial aid programs. What's a cash-strapped student to do? Never give up on scholarships"--

-Internet Source: "7 Alternative Ways to Pay for College" by Lucy Lazarony

Millions of dollars in scholarship money goes unclaimed every year because people just don't know about its availability. This is just a *partial listing* of scholarship opportunities offered by the University of Louisville and other organizations and agencies for incoming and current students. The criteria are different for each scholarship. Some require essays/papers, enrollment in a degree program at U of L, letters of recommendation, application forms, a certain required grade point average, commitment to the advancement of women, limited financial resources, campus and community involvement, or/and undergraduate or graduate student standing, etc. Be aware of various deadline dates when applying. You can view the Women's Center web

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site at <http://www.louisville.edu/provost/womenctr> for more details on these and other scholarships. Also, don't forget to check out other web sites listed below for opportunities.

Department of Women & Gender Studies

(Scholarships available up to \$5,000)
Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau Scholarship for Graduate Work in WGS
Mary Craik Scholarship for Women Students

The Carolyn Krause Maddox Prize in WGS (two \$300 awards)

E-mail: Jan Rayburn at Jan.rayburn@louisville.edu or call (502) 852-8160

Women and Global Issues

Lilialyce Akers Travel/Research Awards (up to \$500)

E-mail Linda Wilson at llwill01@louisville.edu or Nancy Theriot at nancyt@louisville.edu for specifics

The College of Arts & Sciences Awards

The Arthur D. Yocum Scholarship (up to \$1,000)

The Ken Terrill Memorial Award

The Wilma Shaw Roseman Scholarship (min. \$3,000)

E-mail Dr. Roselle Taylor at rtaylor@louisville.edu or call (502) 6490 for more information on these awards.

The Red Barn Alumni Association Awards

Florence M. Strickler Award (two \$800 scholarships)

The Essie Jenkins Torchbearer

Scholarship (two \$300 scholarships)

The Dennis C. Golden Torchbearer (two \$300 scholarships)

Contact George Howe at gjhowe01@louisville.edu or (502) 852-7467 for more details.

U of L Scholarships for Adult Learners

Visit the Student Financial Aid web site at <http://www.louisville.edu/student/services/fin-aid/> for specifics

Other

Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund (five \$10,000 scholarships and fifty \$1,000 scholarships)

<https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/talbotswomen/instructions.php>

Women Leading KY Scholarship (one time award up to \$1,000)

Visit: <http://www.womenleadingky.com> for info.

BPW/Foundation Career

Advancement Scholarship

For more information, e-mail foundation@bpwfoundation.org or call (502) 293-1100

Darcy Blair Memorial Education Fund

E-mail alex@cfloisville.org or call the Community Foundation of Louisville at (502) 585-4649