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Fifth Annual Elizabeth Cady Stanton Luncheon

Thursday, November 8, 2007, 11:30 A.M. – Featured Speaker, Nora Bredes

By Deborah Dunn,
Student, Women's Center

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony laid the groundwork for revolutionizing the lives of American women. To mark the hundred ninety-first anniversary of Mrs. Stanton's birth, the Women's Center announces the Fifth Annual Elizabeth Cady Stanton Awards Luncheon set for Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 11:30 A.M. in the Malcolm Chancey Center (University Club). The luncheon honors the legacy of generations of suffragists who struggled from **1848 to 1920** to win the vote for women.

Highlighted this year will be Susan B. Anthony. Born on February 15, 1820, Susan B. Anthony displayed an independent streak from an early age. At the time of the Seneca Falls and Rochester women's suffrage conventions, she was twenty-eight, unmarried, and extremely skeptical about suffrage. Anthony initially aligned her efforts with the temperance movement. "Liquor was making women's lives hell," she stated. Domestic violence was on the incline and

women bore the brunt of the abuse. Anthony brought energy and commitment to the cause. While attending a New York Sons of Temperance meeting, Anthony rose to speak. The chairman, however, cut her off, saying that women were only there to listen. This spurred Anthony to start her own movement – the Women's State Temperance Movement. "To hell with men" was Anthony's slogan.

Having met Elizabeth Cady Stanton that previous spring, Anthony asked her to be a featured speaker at their first Temperance Convention. Anthony was enthralled by Stanton's ability to convey her convictions with such clarity and eloquence, and they soon became a formidable team. Although neither was alive to see the day that women won the right to vote (August 26, 1920), it was not without their efforts that women have this right today.

Keynote speaker for the Elizabeth Cady Stanton luncheon will be Nora Bredes, director of the Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Leadership in Rochester, NY. Bredes served as a Suffolk County (NY) legislator from 1992-1998.

Among her many notable achievements, she sponsored New York's improved protections for victims of domestic violence. She teaches Women in Politics at the University of Rochester. She often speaks to organizations throughout the region about the status of Women in Government the barriers to Women's election, and what could change if women became a "critical mass" of political leaders.

Winners of two annual awards-- The M. Celeste Nichols Professional Development Award, available to graduate students, and The Mary K. Tachau Gender Equity Award, available to all—will—be recognized at the

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Elizabeth Cady Stanton (Seated)
Susan B. Anthony

Leadership on a Scientific Frontier – The Cervical Cancer Vaccine

By Shin-Je Ghim, PhD, Laboratory of Vaccinology, James Graham Brown Cancer Center, U of L

Dr. Shin-je Ghim and Dr. Alfred Bennett "Ben" Jenson of U of L's James Graham Brown Cancer Center are part of the original team that invented the vaccine that neutralizes the human papilloma virus (HPV), the major cause of cervical cancer. With availability to all women foremost in their minds, now Ghim and Jenson are looking for a less expensive vaccine so that all women can be inoculated. Recently, the Women's Center asked Dr. Shin-je Ghim to submit an article describing her work on the vaccine. Her article appears below.

More than two hundred different types of human papillomaviruses (HPVs)

exist. They are ubiquitous, and form the most common type of sexually transmitted disease. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared that almost all cervical cancers (as well as pre-malignant cervical lesions) and anogenital warts are due to infection by one or more types of HPVs. Plantar warts, common warts, juvenile warts, laryngeal papillomatosis, and epithelial hyperplasia are also caused by other types of HPVs.

Cervical cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in women worldwide. In developed countries, noninvasive

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Shin-je Ghim

The Women's Center Book Discussion Group

Readers are invited to attend a brown bag luncheon on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, from 12:00-1:00 P.M. to discuss

Abundance, A novel of Marie Antoinette with the author Sena Jeter Naslund. The discussion will be held in the Bingham Humanities Colloquium Room 300 of the Humanities Building on the Belknap Campus.

Plan on joining us for this fun and interesting discussion with the author. For information, call the Women's Center at 852-8976.



Women Center's Pride



By Mary Karen Powers, Director

This past academic year was a violent one on college campuses. In December 2006, a woman at Eastern Michigan

University was raped and murdered in her residence hall. In February 2007, a male EMU student was charged with her death. In April 2007, a Virginia Tech student killed thirty-two people and wounded twenty-five before committing suicide in a campus building. In the aftermath, media reported that two women had complained to campus police the previous year about receiving unwanted calls and computer messages from the gunman—a pattern of behavior that the university characterized as stalking.

The institutional response to these incidents has been strikingly varied. At EMU, university administrators made a decision, according to the Department of Education, NOT “to provide a ‘timely warning’ [in which the university retains] discretion on what information to release, [while yet alerting the campus community of a crime that] presents a threat to students and employees.” As a result, EMU was cited for violation of the Jeanne Cleary Act “that requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses.” By contrast, administrators at Virginia Tech have been very public in examining the tragic events at Blacksburg. At UofL, Campus Crime Alerts are posted on the Department of Public Safety website, http://louisville.edu/admin/dps/crime_alert.htm.

I’m proud that the Women’s Center has worked in conjunction with campus police since 1999 to create the PEACC Program a proactive response to violence against women at UofL. I am proud that the Women’s Center staff also serves on the UofL Campus Safety Committee, that our Campus Police Chief Wayne Hall, serves on the Governor’s Task Force on Campus Safety, and I continue to hope that the services we provide for victims of violence will someday be obsolete in the university community.

Save the date! Take Back the Night 2007

By Kayla Granville, Student Volunteer Coordinator, PEACC Center

Take Back The Night 2007 will be held on Tuesday, September 25, from 5:30-7:30 P.M. at the UofL Red Barn. The theme for Take Back The Night 2007 will be “**Until the Violence Stops!**” continuing the statewide campaign by Kentucky Domestic Violence Association. Participants will be encouraged to speak out through music, drama, and the spoken word *until the violence stops*. The 2007 agenda includes:

- Keynote speaker: spoken word artist, **Ms. Bridget Gray**, the only female to become a two-time Grand Slam Champion back-to-back in L.A. and Hollywood.
- **Step Show** performance by **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.**
- A children’s art project “**Hands are Not for Hitting.**”
- Personal appearances by **UofL** President Ramsey, Rev. Al Herring of the **Muhammad Ali Institute**, and Karina Barillas from the **Center for Women and Families**.
- A *Speak Out* session.
- *March and Candlelight Vigil*. Men are

encouraged to show their support for women in this community by participating in all aspects of TBTN.

- **The Pinwheel Project:** Participants are asked to place a pinwheel on the UofL West Lawn in remembrance of victims of violence.
- **White Ribbon Campaign** in which men will pledge *never to commit, condone, or keep silent* about violence against women.
- **Women’s Empowerment Luncheon** at the Red Barn. Sept.25, 11:30-1:00.

TBTN is sponsored by the UofL Student Activities Board, the Center for Women and Families, Planned Parenthood, Zeta Phi Beta, Men’s Work, The UofL Counseling Center, the Women’s Center, the PEACC Program, and others. Volunteers are needed and welcomed. Please contact PEACC at 852-2663 or **visit our website** (<http://www.louisville.edu/org/peacc/>) or Facebook group, **Faces of PEACC**. Men are encouraged to show their support by participating in all aspects of TBTN.



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luncheon. These two annual awards are named in memory of two esteemed scholars and educators who contributed greatly to their respective fields and served as role models for many women. Dr. Nichols was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Louisville Department of English. Dr. Mary K. Tachau, a women’s rights activist, nationally recognized constitutional historian and member of the UofL history department became the first female chair of the UofL history department and the UofL faculty senate.

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To receive a hard copy of the newsletter or to sign up for email announcements, contact us at: Women’s Center, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292; or 502-852-8976; or womenctr@louisville.edu.

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To obtain a registration form for the luncheon or an application for either annual award, please email the Women’s Center at womenctr@louisville.edu or call 502-852-8976. The Women’s Center is now on facebook.com.

Scholarship Opportunity

Business and Professional Women/Louisville announce the Ruth L. Koch Scholarship for Upper-Level Students.

- You must be pursuing an undergraduate degree (junior or senior level) or graduate degree.
- You must be registered for at least six (6) credit hours.
- Your cumulative grade point average must be at least 2.5.

The deadline to apply is November 1, 2007. For information, call Phyllis Webb at 852-6656.

Meet Dana B. Mayton, Associate Vice-President for Governmental Relations And Special Assistant to the President

By Phyllis M. Webb, Multicultural Academic Enrichment Program

Promoting the University of Louisville's legislative agenda at the local, state, and federal level as well as responding to legislation and administrative actions affecting the university--from education and curriculum issues to construction contracting--Dana B. Mayton is at the forefront in her position at the university. She has been Associate Vice-President for Governmental Relations and Special Assistant to President James Ramsey since January 2004.

Prior to joining the university, Mayton was the Secretary of the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet. She received her B.A. in Criminology from Arkansas State University and her J.D. from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law. She is a member of the both the Kentucky and the Arkansas Bar Associations. She commutes from Shelbyville, Kentucky, where she lives with her husband of 15 years, Doyle, and son, Turner. I had an opportunity to catch up with Mayton during her busy travel schedule to question her regarding her role as a lobbyist in Frankfort on behalf of U of L.

Having prior experience in the Kentucky state government as General Counsel for the Revenue Cabinet and Cabinet Secretary, what did those roles entail?

I actually began at the Revenue Cabinet as a staff attorney, so I got to see the inner workings of the cabinet before assuming any leadership roles and cultivating relationships with many of the people. This gave me an invaluable foundation when I became the Director of Compliance and Taxpayer Assistance, Commissioner of the Department of Law, and ultimately the Secretary of the Cabinet.

And what led you to come to the University of Louisville?

Jim Ramsey and exciting things happening here. Dr. Ramsey was in the process of figuring out how he wanted to structure his administration and asked me to become a part of it. I immediately ceased all other discussions and jumped at the chance to join his team.

During the Kentucky General Assembly regular sessions, many pieces of legislation were reviewed that may possibly affect the University of Louisville. What are some of the issues you have tackled as a lobbyist?

Since the university is not just an institution of higher education, but also a major employer, research institution, and health care provider, we deal with legislation concerning education and curriculum

issues, funding, health insurance, workers' compensation, Medicaid, potential restrictions on research, health education and disease prevention, construction contracting, and even whom we'll play against in the first football game of the season! Dealing with these issues can entail merely tracking legislation, or actively advocating for something, actively opposing it, or working to amend it into legislation that we can support. It is also key to recognize the role of faculty and staff across campus--we request input on literally hundreds of bills each session and could not reply adequately without their quick response.

U of L's priorities in the 2006 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly included the "Three B's"--Benchmark Funding, "Bucks for Brains," and Buildings. Will those priorities continue in 2007-2008? And if so, what will your role be?

Yes. Our priorities for the 2008 biennial budget will again contain these items, as well as seeking an "equity adjustment" to our base funding, to bring us more into line with the percent of the CPE's recommended funding received by some of the other state schools last session, as well as our benchmark institutions. The role of the government relations office is to educate lawmakers and the executive branch on our priorities and the return on investment in our university. We also mobilize our alumni and advocates as well as our boards and keep the faculty and staff informed of what's happening in Frankfort. And while we offer advice to the President and his leadership team on the pros and cons of various positions as legislative issues arise, I see my role as facilitating their decision making-process on what is best for the university, then advocating that position. The role of the many friends of the university at the grassroots level is absolutely integral to the process--the best "lobbying" is the grassroots, one-on-one education that people do with their elected officials.

With about how many bills and resolutions determined to affect U of L have you been involved since coming to U of L?

In the "long" even-year session we usually review more than 300 bills and resolutions, and in the "short" odd-year session over 200 with the help of many others at the university, so since 2004 that would add up to over a thousands pieces of legislation.

If any, what part did you play in the recent legislation on benefits for domestic partners of employees?

I spent a great deal of time working with individuals on campus to assemble factual information to provide to legislators as well as persuasive arguments justifying

the university's decision to offer the benefit. This issue became very heated during the 2007 legislative session, basically because it crosses over into the social/moral values of state legislators. We made every attempt to be respectful of legislators' religious beliefs and motivations, while at the same time advocating and defending the university's position. As you see from the recent special session and the involvement of the Attorney General, this will continue to be an area of interest of state policy makers.

Working on behalf of the University to influence the decisions of state and federal lawmakers can be a challenging and daunting day-to-day experience. What do you consider your greatest and most memorable challenges in Frankfort?

The sheer volume of the work to be done. We have such a great story to tell and priorities to advance, but keeping up with hundreds of bills in a legislative session competes for our time. The competition for limited resources at the state level is a huge challenge for the university--and not just competition amongst institutions of higher education, but also competition with so many other valid needs--K-12 education, health care, retirement, corrections--the balancing act that state leaders must perform is enormous.

That said, when the university accomplishes something like securing full general fund funding for the fourth phase of the HSC research building or the 1/2 cent cigarette tax matching fund for cancer research, it is very rewarding in that you know that they recognize that we are doing good things and will make a good use of their investment of the public's money in us.

What are some of your hobbies?

I love to travel and read. I currently serve as Chair of United Way of Kentucky, and was recently asked to serve on the "Kentucky High Cost Commission," which will be focusing on the high cost of being poor in Kentucky, a project being led by the Kentucky Youth Advocates.

As a woman in a high-level position, what advice would you give women in general?

Seize every opportunity you're given, and make your own when you can. Emulate behaviors you see in other successful women AND men, take advantage of every role model you can. Don't underestimate yourself; you won't get anywhere if you don't try something new; you'll only regret it if you don't. And have fun--life is too short to do a job you don't love!



UofL Celebrates Women's Equality Day August 23, 2007

On August 26, 1920, American women won the right to vote. Eighty-seven years later, the University of Louisville is celebrating this historic achievement and the women and men who believed and died for justice. On Thursday, August 23, 2007 the University of Louisville Women's Center and the Student Activities Board will sponsor UofL's Eleventh Annual Celebration of Women's Equality Day. The event will be outdoors on the Belknap Campus from 11:30-1:00 P.M. on the West Lawn. The goal of Women's Equality Day is to raise awareness of the historical suffrage movement, and the present-day international struggle for women and gender equality. The event also encourages UofL women and men to exercise their right to vote. Featured performers in the program include Madame Harlina Churn-Diallo from the Imani Dance and Drum Company and more. The event is free and open to the public.

A Season to Celebrate, Title IX, Thirty-Fifth Year

By Holley Sheilly, VPA Administration

With the Thirty-Fifth Year anniversary of Title IX, the University of Louisville has reason to celebrate this year its twenty-third sport – Women's Lacrosse.

When the decision was made to add a Women's Lacrosse team, Tom Jurich (Athletic Director) and Julie Hermann (Senior Associate Athletic Director) went full steam ahead, hiring a coaching staff a year in advance, and preparing a high quality stadium dedicated solely to the team. The choice of coach also showed a commitment to the program, as Head Coach Kellie Young's resume includes a 51-24 career record in four seasons at James Madison University where she led the Dukes to three NCAA Tournament appearances, three Colonial Athletic Association titles, and a top-five national ranking.



Kellie Young

Attention to such features as gender equity is one of the reasons that Tom Jurich was named the 2007 Street's and Smith's Athletic Director of the Year.

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
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procedures are available for screening for cervical cancer and its precursor lesions. Gardasil, which is the world's first effective cancer vaccine, was recently developed by our team at the University of Louisville's Brown Cancer Center and made available by the pharmaceutical company Merck. GalaxoSmithKine may soon have FDA (Food and Drug Administration) approval for a counterpart of Gardasil, called Cervarix. These vaccines are composed of genetically engineered virus-like particles (VLPs) of HPVs, which do not contain the genetic material of the virus but resemble it ultrastructurally. This resemblance causes the vaccine to have the same antigenicity as the authentic virus, leading to a protective antibody response in the vaccinated person. These two vaccines are efficacious with minimal side-effects in preventing infections caused by several types of human papillomaviruses (HPVs). Gardasil includes VLP vaccines of 4 different HPVs (types 6, 11, 16 and 18), produced from the yeast expression system. In June 2006, the FDA approved Gardasil for girls ages 9 to 26 and CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) recommended it for girls ages 11-12. The three injections required cost \$360. Cervarix contains virus-like particles of HPV-16 and -18 with possible broader coverage and is produced from using a different method, the baculovirus expression system.

Although these cervical cancer vaccines will be available for women around the world soon, they may not be affordable to those who really need them. For this reason, researchers worldwide have been focusing on producing cheaper versions of HPV vaccines. In any case, it has been said that the invention of these vaccines is one of those discoveries that happens maybe once in every 50 years. It is not a matter of who invented it, but that it will be available for women worldwide that is important.

UofL PEACC PROGRAM

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