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Speaker Links Suffrage Movement with the Civil Rights Movement

Seventh Annual Elizabeth Cady Stanton Luncheon Scheduled for November 12

By Phyllis M. Webb, Women's Center

The U of L Women's Center is pleased to announce the 7th Annual Elizabeth Cady Stanton Luncheon on Thursday, November 12. The event will take place at the University Club on the Belknap Campus, 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Tickets to the luncheon are \$25 per person and can be reserved in advance by calling (502) 852-8976.

The keynote speaker will be researcher Dr. Johanna Miller Lewis, Associate Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR). Lewis has been involved in the "Little Rock High School Historic Site" since its inception and wrote the park's historic resource study. In collaboration with Erma Glasco Davis, Lewis's first major exhibit, "The Finest High School for Negro Boys and Girls: Dunbar High School in Little Rock, Ark., 1929-1955" led to a partnership between the National Dunbar Alumni Association and UALR, which resulted in the Dunbar History Project, an archival collection housed at UALR's Ottenheimer Library. In addition to her teaching responsibilities at UALR, Lewis plays an active role in the community and is currently serving on two grand opening committees for the Historic Arkansas Museum.

While working with the park's history, Lewis also did historical research for a 40th anniversary exhibit on the Women's

Emergency Committee (WEC) for Open our Schools, a Little Rock community group that helped facilitate the reopening of the city's four public high schools in 1959 after voters had elected to close them rather than accept racial integration and court ordered desegregation. The founder of the WEC, Adolphine Fletcher Terry, was active in the suffrage movement and the civil rights movement. Two years later, Lewis helped create "A Gathering of Women: Arkansas Women, 1930-2000," an exhibit for the Arkansas Women's History Institute.

Lewis will discuss her work and involvement with the historic site and its relation to the WEC. Plans are also in the works to recognize some of the women and men who integrated Louisville's schools and the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., since members of that unit were sent to Little Rock to safeguard students who integrated high schools in that area. In addition to Lewis' talk, the Women's Center will recognize winners of two annual awards – The M. Celeste Nichols Professional Development Award and The Mary K. Tachau Gender Equity Award.

The Nichols Award is named in honor of Margaret Celeste Johnson Nichols (1951-1996), who was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. from U of L's English Department. Dr. Nichols taught African American literature and writing at U of L, Kentucky State University and at Bellarmine University before her death in 1996 at age 45. The award will be given to a graduate or professional student to support academic and professional enrichment.

The Tachau Award is named in honor of Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau (1926-1990) who was a nationally recognized constitutional scholar, the first woman to serve as chair of the U of L History Department, and the first woman chair of the Faculty Senate. Applications for both awards are on the Women's Center web site at <http://www.louisville.edu/womenscenter/>.

The luncheon honors the legacy of generations of suffragists like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony who laid the groundwork for revolutionizing the lives of American women with social and political changes—organizing committees and making the way for women to have the right to vote.

For additional details on the luncheon, call the U of L Women's Center at (502) 852-8976.

Women's Center On-Site

Learn more about the Women's Center and meet the staff and students as they provide information. Look for their booth or table at these events (*note – partial listing*):

- U of L Red Barn, Graduate Orientation Fair, Thurs., 8/20, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 - "Discovery Walk," part of Welcome Weekend, Sun., 8/23, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 - Frazier International History Museum, Women's Equality Day (WED), Tues., 8/25 at 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 - U of L's Health Sciences Campus (Kornhauser Library), Wed., 8/26 at 10 a.m.
(WED) – "The History of Ky. Women in Medicine" Exhibit
 - U of L Red Barn, Recognized Student Organization (RSO) Fair, Wed., 8/26 at 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
(WED) – Women's Suffrage movement, photos, suffrage tea bags and voter registration, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
 - U of L Red Barn, "Take Back the Night" Event, Tues., 9/29 at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 - Diversity Open House, Thurs., 10/22 at 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- (See 'campus happenings' column for more details)

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WOMEN'S CENTER

“And the rains came tumbling down!”



Mary Karen Powers,
Director Women's Center

On August 4, Patsy was dropped off at the Women's Center to begin her workday, just as heavy rains began to fall. Soon, Phyllis called in to say that she was stranded on Preston Street. A few minutes later, after navigating water accumulating near the Louisville Zoo, I called in to say that I was on the way. In that conversation, Patsy mentioned she had forgotten to bring her cell phone. Just as I hung up, a text message arrived: “Campus is flooding. If you are not on campus stay away....” By

then, I was making very slow progress along Eastern Parkway, and called Patsy to say I was coming to get her so that we could leave campus together. During that call, she told me water

was coming into the Center and she was evacuating to higher ground. Eventually, a police officer let me park on the Eastern Parkway bridge and wade to our building, to meet Patsy and a staff member from Community Engagement. The three of us then took a circuitous - but safe- route home. August 6, our staff returned to the Center to find objects stacked in piles, carpeting removed, and a damp smell filling the air. We're lucky: the Center's art, furniture, electronic equipment, and library survived intact. Currently our staff is displaced into other Belknap locations. Valerie – who was out of town on vacation – reports it was startling to see the flood on national news!

“In other news,” concern for the environment and the desire to manage financial resources wisely have altered the *Women's Center News*. This year we will publish the newsletter twice in hard copy and twice online. To sign up for the electronic editions, look for the textbox elsewhere in this issue.

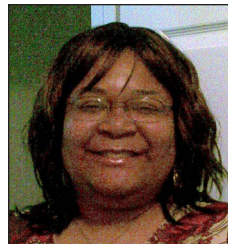
I look forward to the coming year.

Student-Parent & Grant Recipient: Donna M. Russell

University of Louisville K-TAP Grant Program Endorses Student-Parent Success

By Stacy M. Bradley, K-TAP Student
Coordinator and Phyllis M. Webb,
Women's Center

University of Louisville student-parent and K-Tap recipient, Donna Russell has decided to return to school and attain a bachelor's degree with an interest in Social Work. She started out at Spalding University, but had to leave because of unfortunate circumstances. She then joined the work force as a full-time employee and single mother. With the encouragement and motivation of her two children, who are now getting older (one just started at Western Ky. University), she decided to go back to school. She wanted to set an example for her children, and she recognized that in today's society a higher degree is necessary for stability in the workforce and in life.



At U of L, she recently participated in the K-TAP Grant Program administered through the Women's Center. The grant allows students who are K-TAP recipients and enrolled at U of L to receive a work experience and pay in an on or off-campus position and also to attend classes. While she was on the grant, she worked for the Commission on the Status of Women, and the grant helped her to focus on school and her children. She shared the benefits of participation in the grant, which include making employment a convenience with a flexible work schedule and learning more about the campus and campus life while doing her job.

The grant also offers mentoring, tutoring, assessment, academic assistance, training work experience, job shadowing and career counseling.

For more details about the grant, call the U of L Women's Center at 852-8976.

Women's Center Welcomes Back Elizabeth “Bits” Dansberry as Student Events Coordinator

Elizabeth Dansberry, or “Bits” as she is known on campus, returns as the Student Events Coordinator for the fall semester. She will be representing the Women's Center at planning events across the campus and in the community with our student constituents. Just this past U of L Welcome Weekend, she represented the Women's Center at the “Discovery Walk” event on August 23 by staffing a booth near the Administrative Annex (where the Women's Center is housed) and passing out pertinent information about the Women's Center. “Bits” will also work on the Kentucky Women's Book Festival, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton luncheon and write articles for the newsletter.



Bits spent the 2008-2009 school year at Jacobs University Bremen in Bremen, Germany doing graduate work in the Intercultural Humanities Program. She is back at U of L working on a Master's degree in Women & Gender Studies. She is very glad to be back at the UofL Women's Center, and she is ready to use her international experience! Look for Bits on campus at various events as she proudly represents the office.

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Campus Happenings

PEACC (Prevention, Education, and Advocacy on Campus and in the Community) Announces “Take Back the Night” (TBTN) Event and the 10th Anniversary of the U of L PEACC Program

The Annual TBTN event will be held on Tuesday, September 29th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the U of L Red Barn. This event, which includes a march and candlelight vigil, raises awareness about violence against women. It also symbolizes the ability of women to reclaim the streets, rather than to remain passive in the face of violence. In honor of the 10th anniversary of the U of L PEACC Program, the theme for 2009 TBTN is “Pursue PEACC: Refuse to Accept a Culture of Violence!” This year’s event will feature Kim Coleman’s original music and poetry by Lenelle Moise. Moise will perform at the event and at a Women’s Empowerment Luncheon, held at noon on the same day. She will also direct a student play, *Cornered in the Dark*, to be performed at the Jefferson Community and Technical College System campus on 9/28 as a lead in to the U of L campus appearance. Men of PEACC volunteers will organize a GREEN DOT campaign with a focus on what each person can do to prevent violence. This campaign is open to everyone in the Louisville Metro community. Everyone is welcome to attend!

To reserve a table or for more information, visit the PEACC web site at <http://www.louisville.edu/peacc> or call (502) 852-2663. Submitted by Sharon LaRue, PEACC Program.

First Year Initiatives: Book in Common

The Devil’s Highway by Luis Alberto Urrea has been chosen as the 2009-2010 Book-In-Common (BinC). Based on a true story, the book describes a journey of 26 men who cross the Mexican border into the Arizona desert. The text investigates immigration, foreign policy, healthcare and law enforcement in conjunction with themes of exploration, survival, hope and ultimately death. The program, coordinated by First Year Initiatives (FYI), helps first-year students transition to university life. For more details, visit: <http://www.louisville.edu/bookincommon> Submitted by Christy A. Metzger and intern, 1st Year Initiatives

Women’s and Gender Studies Fall Lecture Series “(Re-) Presenting Sex and Gender”

The Department of Women’s and Gender Studies will sponsor lectures, presentations and discussions on Wednesdays, in the U of L Ekstrom Library (Chao Auditorium), from 3 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. Sept. 9: Diane Pecknold, “*Why I Can’t Stop Worrying and Learn to Love Gaga (and Why I’m Still Trying)*”; Sept. 23: Yaba A. Blay, “*Rude Gon Batty: The Paradox of Dancehall Masculinity*”; Oct. 21: Dawn Heinecken, “*Sexed Appeals: Marketing Sexual Consumerism to Women*”; Nov. 11: Silvia Martinez and Vivian Stronberg, “*Discussion of the Intersection between Local Activists and International Advocacy for Sexual Rights.*” For updates, visit: <http://www.louisville.edu/wgs/fall-lecture-series.html>

“I Believe I Can Fly...”

The WINGS Clinic

by Brenda D. Gunn

More than 30 years ago “AIDS” was the disease of the century, and the disease is as prevalent now as it ever was. To help combat the growing problem of new HIV/AIDS infections and to assist individuals with HIV disease, WINGS Clinic, a part of U of L’s Health Sciences Center, began operating in 1995 and continued through 1999 as an all female clinic. With Ryan White grant funding, it now provides medical care and services that specifically target women, adolescents, and families who are both infected and affected by HIV disease. Today, WINGS Clinic is Kentuckiana’s only federally funded medical clinic specializing in care for HIV-positive individuals, with 1,310 current patients and more than 15 new referrals each month. It is the largest provider of HIV care in the Commonwealth. WINGS is proud to be a member organization of AIDS Services Center Coalition.



Deborah N. Wade,
Program Director
WINGS Clinic

The goal of the WINGS Clinic is 100% access to care with 0% disparity in the quality of care regardless of disability, social background, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, marital status, national origin, age, sexual orientation or ability to pay. WINGS also is a cosponsor and beneficiary of funds from the annual Louisville AIDS Walk, to be held this year on Sunday, September 13.

Program director Deborah N. Wade is passionate about the work of the WINGS Clinic. She points out that at WINGS the “majority of our staff are women. We have one male psychotherapist and two male infectious diseases physicians. With no pediatrician on site, infants and children are provided HIV services at Kosair by the Peds ID staff.” Also, women with HIV are increasing in number; 346 women currently receive care and services at WINGS.

Anna Huang, M.D., Assistant Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, U of L School of Medicine, is director the WINGS Clinic. Dr. Huang received her A.B. in Chemistry from Brown University in 1980 and her M.D. from U of L’s School of Medicine in 1984. She completed her internship in Internal Medicine at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., in 1985. Dr. Huang then completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Pennsylvania Hospital in 1987 and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, in 1989. She joined the Division of Infectious Diseases at U of L in 1990. In 1999 she received the Ryan White CARE Act grant to serve patients of the WINGS Clinic.



Anna Huang, M.D.

For additional information about WINGS and all its medical services, or the AIDS Walk, please call (502) 561-8844.

Upcoming Walks...

Join the fight for Women's Health by stepping forward in September and October to take part in various walks at Louisville's Waterfront Park Great Lawn:

One in six women and one in ten men are at risk for Alzheimer's Disease in their lifetime, according to a March 2008 article in the *Science Daily*, and as many as 5.3 million people are currently living with Alzheimer's, according to a new report, "2009 Alzheimer's Disease Facts & Figures." Join the **Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk** on Saturday, September 12, at 8:30 a.m. To register and/or for more details, email Belinda K. Setters, M.D., U of L's Dept. of Family & Geriatric Medicine at bksett01@louisville.edu or Lauren S. Hess, American Psychological Association of Graduate Students at lsness01@louisville.edu.

In the United States, cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death for women. Stroke is the number three killer. Join the **Kentuckiana Heart Walk** on Saturday, September 26. (Waterfront Park's Great Lawn and the Southern Indiana Visitors Center) To join a team or for more information, contact Patricia Benson, Director of U of L's Get Healthy Now Program at plbens02@louisville.edu, call 852-1907, or contact Edna Ross at the local office of the American Heart Association at (502) 371-6018.

An estimated 192,370 new cases of invasive breast cancer will occur among women in the U.S. during 2009, and an estimated 40,120 women will die from breast cancer. Join the 26th Anniversary of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, October 10. E-mail info@komenlouisville.org for details or make strides at the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 25. Visit <http://maincsevents.org> or makingstrideslouisville@cancer.org for specifics.

By stepping forward, area walkers can contribute to the research efforts, treatment and, perhaps ultimately, the cures for debilitating diseases of the mind, heart and body.

Women's Center Student Meetings

The revised **Modern Outlook on Motherhood Group (MOM)** will host an informational meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 12:00 p.m. in the Administrative Annex Bldg. conference room, 1st floor. Free pizza and refreshments will be served.

Additional meeting dates for the fall semester: Tuesdays, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 & Dec. 8 at 12:00 p.m.

If you would like to attend any of the meetings and/or receive more information about this group, e-mail Phyllis M. Webb at pmwebb01@louisville.edu or phyllis.webb@louisville.edu or call 852-8976.

The **Women4Women Student Group** will host the following events on these dates:

- Finance 4 U Financial Awareness Program, Sept. 2 & 25; Oct. 21, and Nov. 11 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. (Dinner will be included – space limited – reservations required).
- Popcorn Social, Sept. 10, SAC, room 303A, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Women 4 Women meetings, second Thursdays of every month, SAC, room 314

For more details on the group or events, contact Tiarra Hall, President, or Valerie Casey, Staff advisor, at 852-8976.

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Congratulations to...

U of L Commission on the Status of Women New Officers and Members

Founded in 1995, the Commission on the Status of Women exists to promote gender equity at the University of Louisville and to advise the President on issues related to women.

At the June 2009 meeting, Susan Duncan was appointed the new Chair for the Commission; Valerie Casey, (a staff member of the Women's Center), was elected Vice Chair. Pam Feldhoff and Priscilla Hancock were appointed new COSW Executive Committee members. Georgette Moore continues as the Chair for 2009-2010.

U of L President James Ramsey will soon appoint new COSW members. They will be listed in the next newsletter. Commission member, Brenda Hart, received The DuPont Minorities in Engineering Award for exceptional achievement in increasing participation and retention of minorities and women in engineering. She received an honorarium, a framed certificate, and grant monies for travel expenses to attend the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Annual Conference. Endowed by the DuPont Company, this award is intended to recognize the importance of student diversity by ethnicity and gender in science, engineering, and technology.

Congratulations to the 2009 Outstanding Performance Award recipients: Tammy Albers, CEHD; Doris Bir, Medicine; Keni Brown, IT Consulting; Virginia Denny, Delphi Center; Suzanne Galbreath, Student Activities; Jessica Kidd, Political Science; Linda Krauth, IT Information Systems; Dave Masden, Physical Plant; and OPA Honorable Mention: Marsha Shields, Political Science. All will be formally recognized at a reception at the Amelia Place on September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Apologies! In the summer 2009 edition, Greta Brammer and D'Ana McCarty's names were misspelled in articles on page 3.

If you would like to sign up for the electronic editions of the newsletter, please send us your name, current home or work e-mail address to the Women's Center service account at womenctr@louisville.edu