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News

UofL Women's Center ECS Empowerment Luncheon Set for November 14, 2012

by Phyllis M. Webb, Women's Center



Former State Auditor Crit Luallen to Deliver Keynote.

Crit Luallen, former Kentucky State Auditor, will deliver the keynote address for the 10th annual ECS (Elizabeth Cady Stanton) Empowerment Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the University Club. Tickets to the event, which will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., are \$35 and can be reserved in advance by calling (502) 852-8976.

After serving with six governors and being elected twice to statewide office, Luallen is known as one of Kentucky's most experienced and respected public leaders. She was elected the state's Auditor of Public Accounts in 2003 and

re-elected in 2007. Prior to that, she served nearly seven years as Secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet, the highest appointed position in Kentucky state government. Previous appointments include State Budget Director, Secretary of Finance, Secretary of Tourism, and Commissioner of the Department of the Arts. She also served as President of the Greater Louisville Economic Development Partnership, a regional economic development agency. In 2009, she was named Public Official of the Year by the Washington, D.C.-based magazine *Governing* for her positive impact on government in Kentucky.

During her tenure as State Auditor, she led her team to aggressively tackle fraud and abuse, leading to the prosecution of dozens of public officials. Her work also brought a new accountability to board-governed organizations across Kentucky after a series of high profile audits exposing mis-management.

Luallen is a native of Frankfort, Ky., and a graduate of Centre College where she serves on the Board of Trustees. She is married to Lynn Luallen.

In addition to Luallen's 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 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> and the deadline is October 12, 2012.

The luncheon seeks to empower women in all aspects of their lives—political, social and economic. For additional details, call (502) 852-8976.

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Women's Center is in our second decade of educating, advocating, and supporting women.

The staff of the Women's Center wishes to acknowledge the women and men who support women and the Women's Center. Come celebrate with us Nov.14th! Call our office for details.

Well-wishers

Thanks to all the inspirational women (and men) who donated generously to the Phone-a-Thon held this past June to benefit the U of L Women's Center.

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Message from the Director



*Valerie M. Casey,
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This year we celebrate UofL Women Center's 21st year of commitment to working in the interest of women at the University and in the community. We will celebrate our accomplishments and thank the many amazing people who have contributed to our success

through a wide range of exciting programs and experiences.

This newsletter highlights some of our most notable and popular programs and recognizes the women and men who make it all possible.

Continuing this semester are our very popular monthly women's forums for staff and faculty. With insights from last year's forums, we updated our programs and increased our outreach and offerings. On Nov. 14 we will host our annual ECS Women's Empowerment Luncheon where we will present the prestigious Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau Award. This award is presented to a member of the community who has worked to advance the status of women and is sponsored by the Commission on the Status of Women with the approval of the Tachau family. In addition, the Nichols Award will be presented to a graduate student to support academic and professional enrichment. Our keynote speaker will be former state auditor Crit Luallen who is always informative and engaging. Her topic will be "Accountability in Leadership".

On the evening of **Nov. 14** we will host an anniversary celebration honoring many of the

supporters and administrators who contributed to our success. Save this date for a full day of activities and celebrations with our special guests. We would love to see you there.

For our students, we will once again host the extremely successful statewide College Women's Leadership Conference. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters. In 2013 we will host a one-day "skills" conference for planners of next year's residential conference. Additionally, we are organizing a service learning trip to Lima, Peru, and the ancient city of Cuzco and Macho Picchu. Students will study Inca and Peruvian women's culture and gain a first-hand global perspective.

As you can see, the Women's Center is an exciting place to be on campus and we are making a huge impact on students. We could not function without your support and our growing list of donors. This year we received 90 pledges for donations to the Women's Center not counting payroll deductions and we hope that number will grow.

It is an honor to continue on in the tradition of the remarkable women who have built the strong foundation that is the Women's Center. Thank you to our staff and supporters who allow us to create these sustainable, vibrant programs, and serve the ever-increasing numbers of women on campus. We invite you to browse our newsletter, web site and Facebook page, and also join us at these worthwhile events. There is still much good work to do.

Best regards,
Valerie

SHOUT OUT!

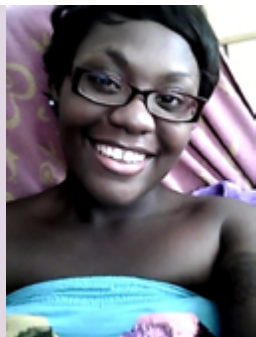
The UofL Women's Center staff would like to give a "Shout Out" to Russ Funk, Executive Director for MensWork, and Shawn Gardner, former UofL student and founder of 2not1 Fatherhood and Family, Inc.

MensWork, Inc., <http://www.mensworkinc.com>, focuses on awareness and education and encourages men to do their part to promote safe, respectful male-female interactions. 2Not1 Fatherhood and Family, Inc., <http://www.2not1.org>, promotes the safety and well-being of children by implementing strategies to keep families together.

Both men were featured in the August 2012 edition of the Today's Woman magazine.

Welcome New and Returning Students

The Women's Center welcomes our new and returning students to the office. The student assistants, graduate student and student events coordinator are involved in a number of projects, and they bring unique student perspectives to the mix.



Precious Turner is a freshman Porter Scholar who plans to major in psychology.

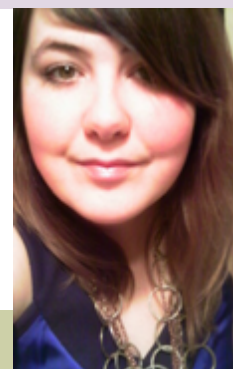
"While working in the Women's Center I hope to gain knowledge in an environment that's solely based on helping women better themselves in all types of ways, whether it's just bringing awareness to a situation or actually doing something about it. I hope to gain insight about things I have yet learned and things that I may experience. One day I plan to spread the word around to other young ladies who have yet to experience such opportunities. I hope to accomplish becoming a voice for women who have none for themselves.

I began working in August. While at U of L and the Center I hope to accomplish lots of things. I hope to keep my grades up and stay focused on what's important, like being able to volunteer my services to the causes that could benefit my community in some type of way. I also hope to gain leadership skills so that I can become a better leader. I hope to accomplish a successful first year at the University. Cardinal Proud 2k16."

Mary Alice Endicott is a junior transfer student from Elizabethtown Community College who began in September.

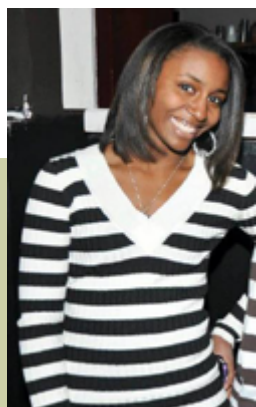
"While working in the Women's Center, I hope to contribute any of my relevant skills to its projects, and become active in campus groups. As a writer and English major, I am especially looking forward to any opportunities that involve writing. I am also studying French and creative writing (poetry) while at UofL, and I hope to graduate in fall 2014.

When not on campus or studying, I enjoy playing the mandolin and trying to make it out to as many local writing events as I can."



Mashayla Raevon Hays is a sophomore Pan-African Studies major (Justice Administration & Communications minor).

"I began working in August and my plan is to extend my network and become more involved with Women 4 Women so that this isn't just a job for me but a place of family network. I plan to learn more ways on how to become a better leader on campus and in my community and to touch the lives of the women on campus. To be an encouragement and a light to them if they shall ever need me, no matter the reason—that is my goal."



Ashley Wimsett, Graduate Assistant

"I could not be more thrilled to be working at the Women's Center again; I returned in August. After being the Student Events Marketing intern this past spring, I knew that I wanted to pursue a graduate assistantship with the Center. Upon my acceptance into the Entrepreneurship MBA program, I received news that I would be hired as their graduate assistant for the next two years.

For me, this job means trying to help create positive energy and change at the Center. I am hoping that my marketing background and entrepreneurial spirit will help take the Women's Center to a higher level. One such way is through the upcoming service-learning trip to Peru that I will help formalize. I also will be working closely with the Women 4 Women student group, helping them plan a one-day leadership conference this year as well as next year's College Women's Leadership Conference."



Cassidy Hamman, Student Events Coordinator

"Hi. My name is Cassidy Hamman and I am returning to the Women's Center as the student events coordinator for my second year. I am a senior, middle and secondary education major, and look forward to being on campus and working with the Women's Center. I am excited to work on new projects for the Women's Center and hope to help make the website and Facebook page a more student-friendly resource. Seeing the amazing work the Women's Center did last year, I am very excited to help make the Center a comfortable place for students to visit, whatever their needs may be. I began working in August and am looking forward to a great year!"





Women for Habitat with Humanity; Building Community

by Nicole Bremer Nash, Women for Habitat committee member

It is 8:30 on a hot Saturday morning and I am standing with a group of women waiting for my assignment for the day. The goal: to build community by building affordable housing in Louisville. The challenge: I can barely swing a hammer.

That was two months ago and now I can swing a hammer, raise roof trusses, paint upright doors without dripping paint, and I even know a little about building stairways. I learned all that in just two days of volunteering on the Women for Habitat Sweet 16 house. I also learned that you don't have to know how to build a

house to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Working on a Women for Habitat house is an opportunity to get on-the-job training in an un intimidating environment.

That friendly environment extends to the Women for Habitat committee itself. This group of volunteers has a can-do attitude that spreads to new members and people in the community faster than tomatoes split in a heat wave. There is a place for everybody both on the build site and on the committee.

The Women for Habitat committee has three vital goals; to build Habitat houses, to build community, and to empower women. If swinging hammers isn't your thing, no problem; Women for Habitat needs people with all skill types. Some members plan fundraisers, some write grants, some sell t-shirts and get lunch catered to the job site, some plan ahead for the group's future; the



Mark Neal, future owner of the Sweet 16 house, and family have already put a lot of sweat equity into building Mark's home.



Dee Allen, 2012 Volunteer Chair, builds community by helping to build affordable housing and encouraging committee members.

list goes on and on and you can contribute YOUR special talent. Just like on the job site, the assignments change as tasks are accomplished, goals are achieved, and people volunteer for new projects. Just like on the job site, nobody is asked to do anything with which she isn't comfortable. And, just like on the job site, everybody is encouraged and given the tools to succeed.

My concern when joining the committee was much like that of our new homeowner taking on his first mortgage—what if I

take on more than I can handle? But, much like our homeowner, I have found a positive place in which to grow. We need your energy and ideas as we begin to lay the foundation for the 17th home sponsored and built in the Louisville community primarily by women.

For more information on Women for Habitat, please contact:

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2012 Volunteer Chair
Women for Habitat, HFHML
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Women 4 Women Releases Benchmark II: A Study of Louisville Women and Girls 2012

Women 4 Women released the Benchmark II report during a press conference this past May at the Brown Theatre lobby.

The report is a follow-up to Benchmark I, released to the community in 2000. Both studies, while 12 years apart, give a look into the lives and economic situations of women, girls and families from a variety of perspectives. Benchmark II evaluates the research which spurred the creation of the Women 4 Women Economic Self-Sufficiency Model. The model focuses on four key areas: health and safety, education and leadership, jobs and earnings, and social change and the single-parent economy.

Women 4 Women offered two community forums in May to discuss findings and begin the collaborative process of what we as a community can do to change these statistics. The forums were held at Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana and The Center for Women and Families.

To download a copy of the entire report, visit: <http://www.w4w.org/images/pdfs/benchmark.pdf>



Take Back the Night: Truth, Empowerment, and Unity

by Sharon Larue, Director, UofL PEACC Program

This year's Take Back the Night (TBTN) event will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the UofL Red Barn. TBTN is a night of Truth, Empowerment, and Unity. Everyone is invited to participate in the inspiring march to take back our streets and the moving candlelight vigil where powerful stories from those who have experienced violence are heard. There are several parts to the event this year.

Our keynote speaker this year will be Nancy Schwartzman, creator of the documentary "The Line" and the Circle of 6 phone app.

> Circle of 6 won the "Apps Against Abuse" challenge held by the Department of Health and Human Services and the White House. This phone app allows people to quickly and discreetly contact those they trust in the event of an unsafe situation.



> We will be screening "The Line" at the Floyd Theater at 2p.m. that day. The Line Campaign is a movement committed to empower young leaders to create a world without sexual violence by generating critical dialogue and original media to inspire social action. Join the director, Nancy Schwartzman, for the film and discussion.

Also:

> Louisville has recently been designated a Compassionate City. PEACC volunteers will be organizing a "What is Compassion?" digital storytelling project. People across campus and the community are taking pictures of scenes from their daily life to show others what compassion looks like to them. The finished product will be shown at TBTN. If you are interested in adding your perspective, let us know.

> Volunteers will create CARDS for PEACC kits that will include stamps and handmade cards for letter writing. These kits will be distributed to women who have been imprisoned for domestic violence.



We will have several events leading up to TBTN including:

> Men have a vital role to play in TBTN. Men of PEACC volunteers will organize our "Green Dot Pledge Campaign" in which men pledge to never commit, condone, or keep silent about interpersonal violence. If your men's group would like to take a leadership role in our community and join us in this campaign, please contact PEACC.

> Nominate a SHE-ro. If you know of someone who has accomplished significant work to end violence in our community, please nominate her as a Green Dot SHE-ro.

Stand with us to demonstrate our solidarity against the violence that affects all. Take back the day! Take back the night!

We are making up the CARDS for PEACC kits which will be given to women who have been imprisoned for domestic violence. We're asking for donations of stamps or money to buy stamps for the kits. They can send donations to our location, 100 Student Services Annex, Louisville, KY 40292.

For more information, please contact PEACC at peacc@louisville.edu, or 502-852-2663. Table reservation forms are available. Download the PEACC app at the App Store for information on safety and a calendar of events.



Women's Center Seeks to Form Support Group for Women Student-Veterans

The UofL Women's Center is interested in forming a support group for women student-veterans at UofL. If you are a woman veteran (Army/Navy/Air Force/Marines) or a woman serving on Active Duty, Reserves, or National Guard, please email the following information to Phyllis M. Webb, phyllis.webb@louisville.edu:

Name, address, city, state, zip code, telephone number (best time to call), branch of service, dates of service and rank/grade.

For more information, call the UofL Women's Center at *852-8976. We will contact you for a future meeting to network and meet other women student-veterans on campus.

(*Use area code 502 if you are calling from outside Louisville, Ky.)

Upcoming Walks

by Phyllis M. Webb, Women's Center

In September and October, many students, staff and faculty from the campus will join with others from the community to walk in support of health initiatives (fundraising and awareness) in the Louisville, Ky., area.

A few of those walks, with dates and contact information, are below:

- > Walk to End Alzheimer's, Sept. 8 at Waterfront Park; <http://www.alz.org>
- > Hunger Walk/5K, Sept. 9, Waterfront Park; <http://www.thehungerwalk.org>
- > Arthritis Walk, Sept. 15, Slugger Field; <http://www.kintera.org>

- > Kentuckiana Heart Walk, Sept. 22, Great Lawn/Waterfront Park/Southern Indiana; <http://www.heart.org>
- > Walk for Lupus, Sept. 22, E.P. Tom Sawyer Park; <http://www.walkforlupusnowlouisville.kintera.org>
- > Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure®, Oct. 13, Iroquois Park; <http://www.komenlouisville.org>
- > Annual Louisville AIDS Walk, Oct.14, Waterfront Park; <http://www.louisvilleaidswalk.org>

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.

In Action: Women 4 Women Student Chapter

My name is Emma Chapman, and I am a junior at UofL. I am majoring in Equine Administration and minoring in Entrepreneurship and Communications. I am honored to be the President of the Women 4 Women Student Chapter for this coming year, and we have a lot of great things planned!

In August, we hosted a "Chill Out" event to help with recruitment early on in the semester where we provided students with free freeze pops, and offered them more information about our group as well as about the Women's Center.

This fall, we will sponsor a self-defense seminar – skills we feel every woman should have. Our third event will be a Zumbathon, which has become a popular recurring event for our group. We are bringing in a couple of instructors for this exciting dance-type of exercise.

Finally, we will sponsor a new networking event. We are looking to bring in professionals from the Louisville community to network with our members and any other students on campus who wish to attend. Having a strong professional network is key, and something we encourage all of our members to pursue. This event will ideally serve as a catalyst for that network development.

In addition, we are looking to add to our group's philanthropic work in the Louisville community. We have discussed approaching the Center for Women and Families, and in the past we have worked with Family Scholar House. Philanthropy is something our group has begun to be known for, and this year we can hopefully solidify that image.

Events for the spring semester are still in the works, but we are tentatively planning our third annual Human Trafficking Conference in January to draw attention to this

vital issue occurring worldwide, and giving students options to get involved in preventing trafficking. We will likely have a luncheon, mentor appreciation day, and many other social events.

I am really looking forward to this year, and everything that it has in store for the Women 4 Women student chapter.



*Emma Chapman
is a native of
Manhattan,
Kansas.*

Student-Parent Association (SPA)/Mom's Support Group

The UofL's Student-Parent Association (SPA)/MOM Support Group will sponsor its annual Clothing Exchange Project this semester. For specific dates, times and locations, in addition to meeting dates and other events, contact the Women's Center at 852-8976. Leave your name and email address.

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