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News

Ruth Brinkley, President/CEO of KentuckyOne Health, to speak at UofL Women's Center Empowerment Luncheon

by Phyllis M. Webb, M.Ed., Program Coordinator, UofL Women's Center



Ruth Brinkley

Ruth Brinkley, President/CEO of KentuckyOne Health will deliver the keynote address at the annual Women's Center Empowerment Luncheon set for Nov. 14. Her topic will be "Women Leaders: Leveraging the Power of Excellence and Influence." This event will take place at the University Club on Belknap Campus from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Brinkley brings more than 35 years of healthcare experience working in private and public healthcare organizations, once serving as president and CEO of Carondelet Health Network and, prior to that, as an executive with Catholic Health Initiatives. She also served as president and CEO of Memorial Health Care System in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Brinkley is a registered nurse who holds a Bachelor and Master's degree in nursing.

In addition to the keynote address, the Women's Center will recognize winners of two annual awards—the Mary K. Tachau Gender Equity Award and The M. Celeste Nichols Professional Development Award.

The Tachau Award is named in honor of Mary K. Bonsteel Tachau (1926-1990) who was a nationally recognized constitutional scholar, and the first woman to serve as chair of the UofL History Department and also the Faculty Senate.

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 UofL's English Department. Dr. Nichols taught African American literature and writing at UofL, 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.

Special awards will also be presented to University Provost Shirley Willihnganz and Executive Director for the Commission on Women, Eleanor Jordan.

Applications for the Tachau and Nichols awards are on the Women's Center website at <http://www.louisville.edu/womenscenter> and the deadline to apply is Friday, Oct. 11, 2013.

The luncheon seeks to empower women in all aspects of their lives—political, social and economic. For cost and reservation information, call the UofL Women's Center at (502) 852-8976.

Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) and Commission on Diversity & Racial Equality (CODRE) Appointments and Selections 2013-14

Congratulations to Ann Larson, Ph.D., Vice Dean & Professor in the College of Education, who was appointed by President James Ramsey to serve as Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women (COSW),

and to V. Faye Jones, M.D., School of Medicine – Pediatrics, as Chair of the Commission on Diversity & Racial Equality (CODRE) and all vice-chairs and members.



Message from the Interim Director



Valerie M. Casey,
Interim Director

Welcome to another exciting year with the UofL Women’s Center. The summer months passed quickly for the students and staff of the Center. As mentioned in our last issue, two of our students traveled to Maryland for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, and our staff helped planned and also attended the highly regarded UofL Pathways Women’s Conference, a professional development opportunity to focus on leadership development, critical

and strategic thinking and personal goal setting.

In June the Women’s Center hosted a day-long retreat to review our strategic plan and develop programs for the upcoming academic year. In July, sixteen members of our Global Learning Group traveled to Peru, South America, and while there visited a facility for adolescent girls who are victims of human trafficking. The experience of traveling to a developing country, participating in activities and meeting women from another culture was a profound experience which we plan to provide again.

With the start of a new academic year, our staff is invigorated and already offering resources and support to students, staff

and faculty on campus. Kicking off the new academic year, we will welcome back our student groups—Women 4 Women, Women’s Veterans and our Student Parent groups. We will also offer networking events for graduate students on both Belknap and the Health Sciences campuses. On the 27th of September we will again co-sponsor the Brown Cancer Center Mobile Unit and offer free mammograms to UofL staff and faculty. Also starting in September is our Women’s 3rd Thursday Brunch Forums which will expand to the Health Sciences campus beginning in October. Rounding out the semester we will host our 11th annual Women’s Empowerment Luncheon on Nov. 14 with keynote speaker Ruth Brinkley, President and CEO of KentuckyOne Health. Look for information in this newsletter on how to register. At the luncheon, we will present several special awards including the Tachau Gender Equity Award, sponsored by the Commission on the Status of Women to a community member who has worked to improve the status of women, and the Nichols Award for graduate student research. Other recognitions may also be acknowledged.

Clearly, there is much to do at the Women’s Center and we welcome your sponsorship and support. Visit our website and join our Facebook group to stay up to date on Women’s Center activities and join us!

Best regards,
Valerie

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Committee members for COSW:

Vice chair, Jeanne Guerrero, Admissions

New members: Jennifer Hall, Grad Med Education; Tawana McWhorter, Admissions; Mechelle Stoner, Med Liver-Research; Zihui Sun, Engineering; and Dianna Zink, Education.

Committee members for CODRE:

Vice chair, Phyllis Clark, Cultural Center



Dr. Ann Larson

New members: Dwayne Compton, Education; Michael Rowland, School of Medicine; and Christy Metzger, UGA Administration.

The Task Force on the Status of Women was formed to assess the status of women faculty and staff at the university and recommend changes to improve that status.

The Commission on Diversity and Racial



Dr. V. Faye Jones

Equality serves as the President’s Chief Policy Advisor on issues of diversity. Membership is comprised of dedicated faculty, staff, and students who actively serve on various committees to monitor the charge of the Commission.

For more information about each commission visit <http://www.louisville.edu/cosw> and <http://www.louisville.edu/codre>.

SPOTLIGHT:

Women's Center Welcomes New Students and Interns

by Phyllis M. Webb, M.Ed., UofL Women's Center

This semester, the office is filled with a mix of new students and interns who will be involved in a number of projects and events on campus and in the community that will assist the Center in meeting its mission. We welcome them to the office.



Stephanie Nicole Parks

STUDENTS

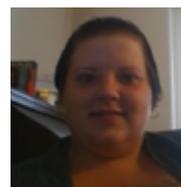
Stephanie Nicole Parks is a junior transfer student from Spalding University who is majoring in art. She plans to pursue a BFA degree in Photography/

Painting with the goal of graduating in the fall of 2015 or spring 2016.

She has many hobbies, including music and theatre; cooking, gardening; movies and video games; reading, writing, collecting books, and drawing comics; sewing, knitting, costuming, and other folk art crafts. Also, she enjoys sculpture, painting and photography; and fitness and nutrition.

What do you hope to accomplish by working in the Women's Center?

I think working with the Women's Center will provide me with a greater sense of independence. Women's issues are an interest and concern of mine, and I feel being in a position where I can do something to make a positive impact on our community as a student, a woman, and as a human being, will be a great experience. I simply



Whitney Leigh Wilson

hope I'm able to bring something to the table unexpected in a good way.

Whitney Leigh Wilson is a junior Political Science major (Paralegal Concentration).

What do you hope to accomplish by working in the Women's Center? I hope to be able to accomplish reaching out to more of the women and parents on campus, and help them address their concerns. My hobbies and interests are shopping, reading, spending time with my children, and just having a good time.



Emma Chapman

INTERNS

Emma Chapman is a junior majoring in business with a minor in communications.

I am originally from Manhattan, Kansas.

I am absolutely thrilled to be working in the Women's Center this fall in addition to Women 4 Women. Through my business internship, I hope to make our annual human trafficking awareness conference bigger and better than before. We have already upgraded to a new location, have some fantastic new ideas, and are forming a strong committee. I can't wait to see what this committee of driven, passionate students can do!



A'Yanna Elaina Eley

A'Yanna Elaina Eley is a senior Marketing major (Minor: Entrepreneurship).

As the new Student Marketing Intern for the University of Louisville Women's Center, I

am thoroughly excited to put my creative approach, marketing/advertising skills, and knowledge/experience in marketing to the test! I am looking forward to the opportunity to see my ideas come to fruition and see how they develop with the experience as well. I'm mostly looking forward to putting my major to work. I have not had a marketing

specific experience or "extended position" so I am ready to see what I am truly capable of in this way, as well as see my abilities and interest in marketing become groomed and distinguished. I also look forward to making the programs, initiatives, and general knowledge of the UofL Women's Center and its affiliates well known, visible, and well-spoken of on campus and beyond! I want to increase the attendance of programs and knowledge of the various organizations. I can't wait to see what this semester as the marketing intern will bring to the Women's Center and its affiliates.



Aaisha Hamid

Aaisha Hamid is a Pre-Law Junior Psychology major (with minors in Creative Writing and Political Science).

I am really excited for the chance to intern

at the Women Center this year! As a communications intern, I look forward to creating, organizing, and launching *Abreast*, the first ever UofL literary magazine with various writing, art, and other fun features that focus on women. I will be spending my first semester working with Ashley (Wimsett) and Valerie (Casey) to create an outline, develop, and progressively create the magazine. I hope to have the magazine launched before the end of the semester so next semester can be utilized to market it and see how it is regarded by students. I will also be working with several other students to organize the second International Women's Day Cultural Awareness event on campus this year. My aim is to make it even bigger and better than last year!



Annual Take Back the Night Features Litigator Susan Burke

by Sharon Larue, Director of UofL PEACC Program
(Prevention, Education and Advocacy on Campus and in the Community)



Susan Burke

The 2013 Take Back the Night (TBTN) will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 24. So inspired by those who have spoken out against injustice at great personal risk, the theme

is The Power to Speak! The Power to Hear! The Power to Act! Everyone is invited to join this annual event and listen to their powerful stories.

The keynote speaker this year is Susan Burke, an experienced litigator. During the course of her 24-year legal career, she has both defended and prosecuted civil actions involving a wide range of topics. Burke is spearheading a nationwide series of lawsuits designed to reform the manner in which the military prosecutes rape and sexual assault. Her work on this project is the subject of a documentary premiering at Sundance called *The Invisible War*.

The Invisible War will be screened at the Floyd Theater at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 24. It is a groundbreaking investigative documentary about the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military. Focusing on the powerful stories of rape victims, the film chronicles the struggles of soldiers to rebuild their lives and fight for justice. It is a call for our civilian and military leadership to listen...and to act!

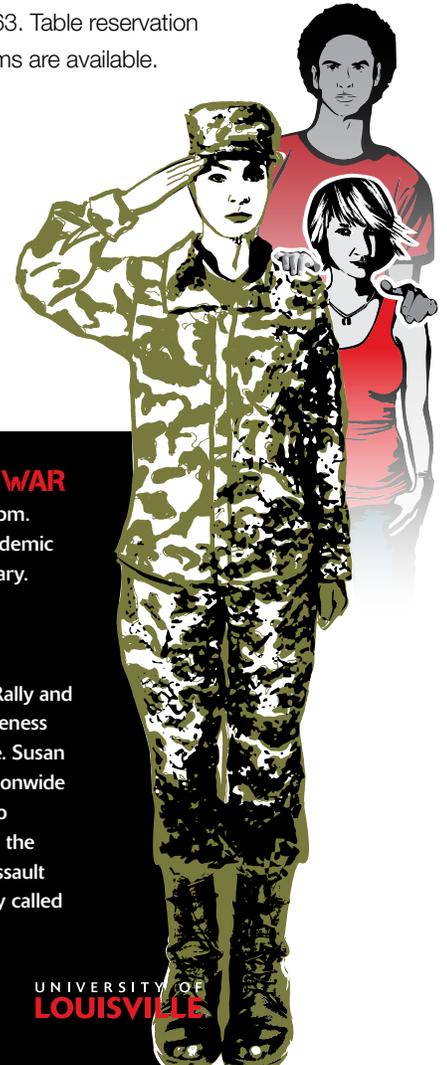
TBTN will also include:

- > Teens from the LouMetro PACT in Action will present their violence prevention program, "Young & PreventinIt."
- > An interactive art project created around the statement, "I am Taking Back the Night for...."
- > Drumming, musical, and poetry performances from students across the Louisville Metro Community will be included.
- > Men of PEACC will organize the "Green Dot STRONG Pledge Campaign." Last year, President Ramsey and Coach Strong kicked off this campaign. This year Men of PEACC volunteers will challenge

each man to ask 10 men to sign the pledge and attend TBTN. If your men's group would like to take a leadership role in our community and join 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 them as a Green Dot SHE-ro.

Stand with us to demonstrate solidarity against the violence that affects all. Donations are needed and welcomed. For more information, please contact PEACC at peacc@louisville.edu or 502-852-2663. Table reservation forms are available.



TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

The Power to **SPEAK**, The Power to **HEAR**, The Power to **ACT!**

9.16 - 9.26
WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE

9.24 THE INVISIBLE WAR

Floyd Theater, 2:30 — 4:00 pm.
Documentary about the epidemic of rape within the U.S. military.

9.24 TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

Red Barn, 5:30 — 7:30 pm. Rally and speak out raises public awareness about interpersonal violence. Susan Burke is spearheading a nationwide series of lawsuits designed to reform the manner in which the military prosecutes sexual assault featured in the documentary called *The Invisible War*.

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Women's Center Support Group for Women Student-Veterans

The mission of the UofL Women's Center is to educate, advocate and build diverse communities. We are seeking UofL women student-veterans (Army/Navy/Air Force/Marines/Coast Guard) or women serving on Active Duty, Reserves, or the National Guard to become involved in an on-campus Women Veterans Support Group.

(Note: If you are calling from outside the Louisville, Ky., area, use "502" area code.)

If you are interested and have ideas to share, email the Women's Center at womenctr@louisville.edu or contact Phyllis M. Webb at phyllis.webb@louisville.edu. You can also call the Women's Center at (502) 852-8976. Leave your name, contact information and the best time to reach you. We look forward to hearing from you.



...About the Peru Trip

by Megan Casey

The Women's Center's recent trip to Peru was a total success. Lima is as metropolitan and electric as the jungle is not. Before moving to Cusco and other smaller cities, we had the opportunity to see the national museum and witness some of the protests that are common in the area. Our fearless guide, provided by the university, helped us navigate through the city and to the calm of a Chifa restaurant, Peru's version of Chinese food.

After Lima, we traveled to several smaller towns and got a view of the countryside. A train took us into the jungle, where we toured Macchu Picchu and (as a group) climbed the astonishing Huayna Picchu, which towers over the ruins and the rest of the jungle.



In Cusco, we visited a facility for young women who had been rescued from sex trafficking. We taught them some games and played volleyball. They spoke only Spanish or Quechua, so this was an excellent opportunity to practice our foreign language skills.

Hopefully this trip will provide practicable plans for future visits..

Megan is a 2007 graduate of the University of Louisville with a BA in psychology and a MS from Spalding in Applied Behavior Analysis.

Women's Center Empowerment Luncheon set for Nov. 14

Reserve your space today for the Women's Center Empowerment Luncheon by calling 852-8976. Tickets are \$50 per person/\$400 table of 8. Charge cards, checks and IUT's accepted. Student sponsorship encouraged.

Reserve your spot today!

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

The Student-Parent Association Mom's Support Group (S.P.A. /M.O.M.) support group at the Women's Center works to promote the academic success of the university's student-parents; offer support service and resources to student-parents who are pursuing a college degree, and empower student-parents learn to

balance their personal, social, academic and professional lives.

Meetings will take place twice a month in the fall semester. For specific dates, times and locations, call 852-8976 (leave your name and contact information) or visit the Women's Center Facebook page at [Facebook.com/uoflwomenscenter](https://www.facebook.com/uoflwomenscenter).

For other information, contact Phyllis M. Webb, staff advisor, at phyllis.webb@louisville.edu or 852-8976.

Student-parents are asked to complete the on-line survey at the Women's Center website, <http://www.louisville.edu/womenscenter>.

Louisville Student-Athletes Trek to Vietnam for Service Learning Project

UofL Sports Information/Athletics Office

Summer usually means taking a break from school, but three University of Louisville student-athletes took their learning experiences abroad as part of the *Coach for College* program. Stefanie Villajuan (Women's Tennis), Lexie Berra (Cheer), and Jenna Wargo (Track and Field) took part in the three-week service learning trip to Vietnam in conjunction with the athletic department's CardsCARE and LCare programs.

Coach for College brings together college student-athletes from various Atlantic Coast Conference institutions with Vietnamese university students to teach academics, sports, and life skills at summer camps to children in rural Vietnam. Each participant co-teaches life skills classes with the assistance of the Vietnamese university student to translate. The student-athletes also teach a variety of sports and academic subjects. The purpose of *Coach for College* is to use sports to bridge divides between cultures.

Villajuan, a fifth-year senior who just finished her eligibility with the Louisville Women's Tennis team, documented her experience in Vietnam with blog posts during her time overseas. "This trip is truly pushing us out of our comfort zone and teaching us a different lifestyle as well as respect for culture not our own... We are all starting to realize how truly blessed we are to have been given the many opportunities our universities have to offer us as student-athletes.

"Coming away from this experience I learned the importance of patience. The language barrier at times was frustrating and the high pace of America does not fit in with the pace of life there. I learned to slow down and appreciate the experience rather than just check something off the list," commented Stefanie upon her return.

The service learning trip is part of the athletic department's CardsCARE community outreach program and LCare



program, the comprehensive student-athletes welfare and development program.

For Villajuan's blog posts as well as entries from Berra and Wargo, check out gocards.com and the *CardsCARE from Abroad* posts.

Walks in the Community for Women's Health

by Phyllis M. Webb, M.Ed., Program Coordinator, UofL Women's Center

This fall, many will gather at various locations in the Louisville, Ky., and southern Indiana areas to walk in support of women's health initiatives (fundraising and awareness). Follow the links at each web site to join an on-campus or community team.

Walk to End Alzheimer's, Sept. 7, Waterfront Park;
<http://www.alz.org>

Arthritis Walk, Sept. 14, Louisville Slugger Field;
<http://www.kintera.org>

Dare to Care Hunger Walk/5K, Sept. 15, the Festival Plaza, Waterfront Park; <http://www.thehungerwalk.org>

Kentuckiana Heart Walk, Sept. 21, the Great Lawn/Waterfront Park & Southern Indiana; <http://www.heart.org/KentuckianaHeartWalk>

Walk to End Lupus, Sept. 28, E.P. Tom Sawyer Park;
<http://www.lupuswalkkintera.org/>

National Kidney Foundation Walk, Sept. 29, Waterfront Park; <http://www.donate.kidney.org>

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure®, Oct. 12, Louisville Slugger Field; <http://www.komenlouisville.org>

Louisville AIDS Walk & Pet Walk, Oct. 13, Waterfront Park; <http://www.louisvilleaidswalk.org>



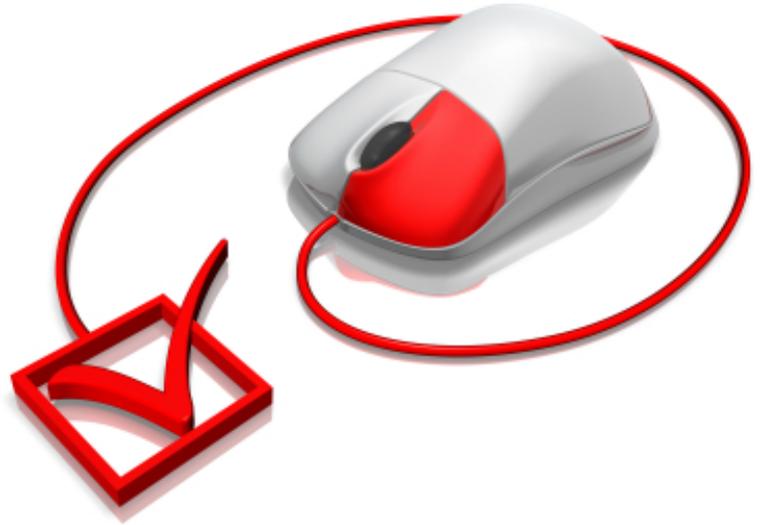
Kentucky's Health Registry

Mary Johnson, Program Manager

The Kentucky Women's Health Registry enrolls women from throughout Kentucky between the ages of 18-89. Women can fill out either a paper survey or a web-based survey located on a secure server at www.kywomensregistry.com. The Registry asks women to fill out a survey every 12 months. The information gathered helps researchers better understand women's health problems as well as help each woman in the Registry focus on their own health and their family history. Also on the website are health recommendations that tell you what screenings and preventative measures should be taken by age as well as why they are important. Newsletters are also available on the website to help women focus on health topics that

have been important to women in the Registry.

It is suggested that women take stock of their health issues as they go through the survey, focusing on some things such as unemployment and stress. In addition, being a caregiver of children or adults may not seem to contribute to your health, but in fact they do. Women should be sure to make their health care provider aware of their problems because one cannot expect to get help without providing proper information. If women can learn to take better care of themselves they will use that information to make their families and friends healthier as well. Completing a survey can also help women



open a dialogue to talk about their health and family history with family members.

All the information women provide in the Registry is protected by a Certificate of Confidentiality. The web-based survey takes 15 to 20 minutes to complete. For women who do not have computer access, a paper survey is available by

calling (800) 929-2320.

Once a woman joins the Registry, she may remain as long as she lives. The enrollment goal for each year is 2500 new women as well as 80 percent of those that have completed a survey in the past.

For information, contact Mary Johnson, Project Manager, at 1-859-323-1377.



UofL Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington

Several hundred students, faculty, staff and community gathered on the UofL campus, Aug. 28, 2013, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Speakers included Raoul Cunningham, a participant in the 1963 March on Washington and current president of the Louisville branch of the NAACP. See the entire story about the celebration at <http://www.louisville.edu>.

Pictured is the crowd as they leave the UofL Student Activities Center headed to the Humanites Building Quad near the Ekstron Library (Photo files: UofL Women's Center/Stephanie N. Parks).

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