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News

2013 Kentucky Women's Book Festival Features Local and National Writers, Introduces New Content

by Mary Alice Endicott, Work Study Student, UofL Women's Center

This year's Kentucky Women's Book Festival (KWBF) is shaping up to be an exciting event with a lineup full of fresh and unique voices, so mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18. Poets are strongly represented in this year's programming, with Lexington poet and multimedia artist Bianca Spriggs (Kaffir Lily; How Swallowtails Became Dragons) appearing as the festival's keynote speaker. Poets Erin Keane (Death-Defying Acts; The Gravity Soundtrack), Sheri Wright (Nuns Shooting Guns; The Feast of Erasure), and Amy Tudor (The Land of Intention; Message from Limbo) will also be featured in an afternoon poetry panel.

In addition to the featured poets, the KWBF will also be hosting its first poetry open mic following the conclusion of the festival. Students, faculty, community writers, along with featured writers are all welcome to share 1-3 poems with a maximum of 5 minutes length. This event was created in response to the growing number of enthusiastic creative writers on campus and the



Bianca Spriggs

proliferation of open mics throughout the Louisville metro.

Other confirmed speakers include opening speaker Judith C. Owens Lalude (The Long Walk: Slavery to Freedom), fiction and poetry writer Kristen Gentry (Solution; To Have and to Hold); sociologist and writer Nora Rose Moosnick (Adopting Maternity), nationally renowned journalist Sarah Garland (Divided We Fall: The Story of an African-American Community that Ended the Era of School Desegregation), and Author & Executive Director, Kentucky Foundation for Women Judith Jennings (Helen Matthews Lewis, Living Social Justice in Appalachia).

UofL hosts this yearly event

to promote talented, diverse women writers and to encourage the celebration of writing in the community. Kentucky is home to many vibrant writing communities, and the festival brings together writers from a wide variety of Kentucky backgrounds. Doors open at 9 a.m. at Ekstrom Library and the schedule concludes at 2:30 p.m.

Check for updates at the 2013 KWBF site (<http://louisville.edu/womenscenter/kwbf>); new information will be posted as the details of the festival are confirmed.

(Mary Alice Endicott is a junior English major at UofL and serves as a student representative on the 2013 Kentucky Women's Book Festival committee.)

Human Trafficking Bill in Kentucky Legislature

by Susan E. Harris, Intern - Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs

According to Shared Hope International, up to 300,000 U.S. children are at risk of being trafficked in the U.S. each year, with 12-14 being the average age of entry into prostitution. In order to fight this crime, the Kentucky legislature considered House Bill 3, a Human Trafficking Victims' Rights Act. Introduced in the House on Feb. 7, 2013, it passed the first hurdle. The purpose of the legislation is three-pronged. First, it is meant to create a "safe harbor" to ensure that sexually-exploited children are treated as victims and not criminals. The law specifies that child victims will receive trauma-informed services through the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, rather than being committed to the Department for Juvenile Justice. These child victims shall not be charged with prostitution or any status offenses related to their being victims



of human trafficking. Second, the bill targets the gains of human traffickers by creating a human trafficking victims fund from fines, asset forfeiture, and seizure provisions in order to serve the needs of victims. The bill also extends the Statute of Limitations for civil suits on behalf of trafficking victims, enabling them to sue traffickers once they reach adulthood. It also allows victims of forced labor to sue their traffickers for unpaid wages and receive punitive damages. Finally, House Bill 3 provides additional funding to law enforcement with which to train agents on human trafficking. It also designates a specialized unit within Kentucky State Police to provide support on human trafficking

investigations statewide. With 2013 being a short legislative session, it is imperative that every Kentuckian in support of House Bill 3 pick up the phone and call their Representative and Senator. To do so, call the Kentucky Legislative Message Line at (800) 372-7181. Leave a message asking for their support on House Bill 3, the Human Trafficking Victim's Rights Act. Each call is documented and given to your House or Senate member expressing your thoughts on this matter. Time is of the essence. Be sure to pick up your phone and call your legislator!

(Susan Harris is a Social Work major in the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work. She is from Lawrenceburg, Ky.)

Human trafficking bill passes House, goes to Senate

The House passed legislation by a vote of 95-0 that would help victims of human trafficking in Kentucky receive treatment and protection from possible criminal prosecution.

House Bill 3, sponsored by House Majority Caucus Chair Sannie Overly, D-Paris, and Rep. Addia Wuchner, R-Burlington, includes several provisions to help human trafficking victims by including them in the state's abuse and neglect statutes, offering them protective custody and protection from prosecution for forced crimes (such as prostitution) and by creating a victim assistance fund to help them.

Overly said human trafficking is believed to be "the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the Commonwealth," with children comprising around 53 percent of human trafficking victims in Kentucky, according to the group KY Rescue and Restore that worked on HB 3 with Overly and Wuchner.

"What these advocates tell us is that these children are very resilient and, with therapy, they can (recover)," Overly said.

HB 3 now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

(Source: Capitol Notes, from LRC (Legislative Research Commission) Public Information)

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Passes

by Phyllis M. Webb, UofL Women's Center

The reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act was passed with a bipartisan 78-22 vote in the Senate (on February 13, 2013).

Jewish Women International executive director Lori Weinstein issued the following statement in response to the significant Feb. 13 vote of the Senate:

"The Violence Against Women Act has already reduced the rate of domestic violence by more than 50 percent since its original passage in 1994. On behalf of the thousands of women who represent Jewish Women International, I applaud the Senate for passing this critical bill which ensures the continued support of successful programs and services, strengthens legal protections for LGBT victims, immigrants and college students, and gives Native American women equal access to justice. We urge the House to swiftly pass strong bipartisan and inclusive legislation."

An expanded Violence Against Women Act won bipartisan approval on February 28, 2013 from the U.S. House.

A statement by the administration released prior to the VAWA passing, said it "strongly supports Senate passage of S. 47 to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), a landmark piece of bipartisan legislation that first passed the Congress in 1994 and has twice been reauthorized. VAWA transformed the nation's response to violence against women and brought critically needed resources to states and local communities to address these crimes."

Claudia Crawford, a local Family Therapist and a former Policy Chair for the American Association of University Women, joined others in applauding the passing of the bill. "VAWA is THE most effective tool the United States has in addressing these issues" she says in an editorial article in the March 5, 2013 issue of *The Courier-Journal* newspaper. This is in reference to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

To read more about the VAWA, visit these web sites:

<http://www.abqjournal.com/main/2013/03/05/news/violence-act-will-protect-women-on-reservations.html>

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/02/28/politics/violence-against-women/index.html>

HR 80

HR 80 urges females ages 9 to 26 and males ages 11 to 26 to obtain the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination and all citizens to become more knowledgeable about the benefits of HPV Vaccination. (Passed House 2/21/12)



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH QUOTE:

I'm a woman / Phenomenally / Phenomenal woman, / That's me."

—Maya Angelou

Join the Women's Center. We're on our way to phenomenal!



Valerie M. Casey,
Interim Director

Message from the Interim Director

Dear friends and colleagues,

Women's History Month is a great time for

the Women's Center to reflect on our accomplishments, Points of Pride, and our upcoming programs and partnerships. We are so proud of the women leaders who invested in the future of women and contributed to the success of the Women's Center which just celebrated 20+ years of service at UofL.

We are tremendously proud of the success of all our student groups, including the Women 4 Women Student Group who spearheaded their third annual Human Trafficking Conference. It has become a community event and was covered by every major television station and attended by well over 100 people.

<http://www.whas11.com/news/University-of-Louisville-to-host-Human-Trafficking-Conference-184501531.htm>

We are also proud of their statewide College Women's Leadership Conference which

held a one-day conference titled "\$tart \$mart" which focused on negotiating skills for women.

We are proud of our newly-created global learning experience, which has an independent study component, investigating women's issues. This year students will travel to Peru and visit Lima, Cusco, and hike Machu Picchu. While in Cusco, students will spend a day with women in a government-run facility for victims of human trafficking.

The Women's Center is proud of our involvement in the community. We are networking and partnering with organizations such as the American Association of University Women, UofL Women's Club, Greater Louisville Outstanding Women, National Association of Women Business Owners, Women 4 Women, Metro Office for Women, the Kentucky Commission on Women and many others. These organizations are also providing mentors for our students and sponsorships for our programs.

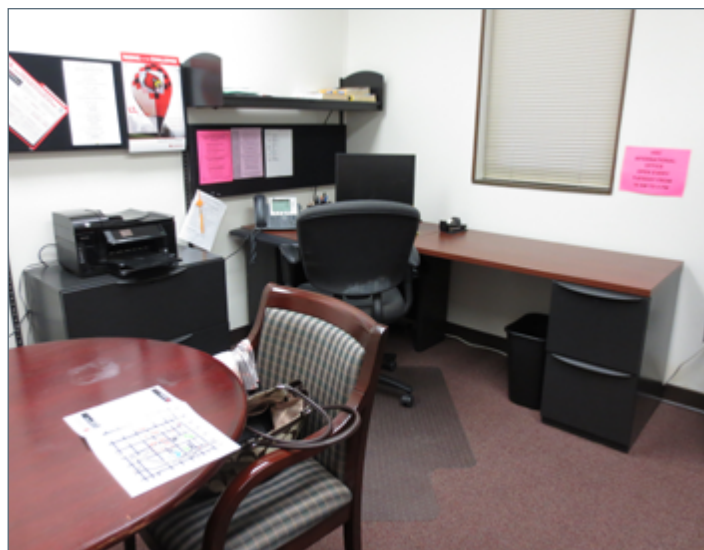
We are proud of our dedicated

staff and students who are reaching more students, staff and faculty than ever before. Work-study students Mary Alice Endicott and Precious Turner staff our tabling events and provide logistical support for our Student-Parents Group and programs; Graduate Assistant Ashley Wimsett serves as the liaison with our Women 4 Women student groups and assists with programming, and Jennifer Frieders is interning with the Center and helping to formulate the UofL Women

Student Veterans Group. We love our staff and volunteers!

Finally, we are extremely proud to be able to offer our service to women on the Health Sciences campus through the generosity of Dr. Thomas Geoghegan, Professor of Biochemistry, who is lending us office space in the Instructional Building. Thank you Dr. Geoghegan. Stay tuned for updates and Points of Pride from our new location.

With best regards,
Valerie



The Women's Center location at the Health Sciences campus is in room #120 of the Instructional Building at 500 South Preston Street. Check out the web site and next issue of the Women Center News for more photos and updates. Women's Center photo files: Valerie Casey.

Just released this semester is the inaugural edition of our new UofL Women's Center Student Newsletter with articles written by and for students. <http://louisville.edu/womenscenter/news/student-newsletters/NEWS-Womens%20Center%20Student%20Winter%202013.pdf>

2013 Women's History Month Calendar

The 2013 national theme for Women's History Month is **"Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics."**

For several years, the UofL Women's Center has provided a listing of campus and community events in celebration of Women's History Month, as well as related events beyond the month of March. Unless noted, the events are free, open to the public, and will take place on UofL's Belknap campus. Please note that dates and times of events may change, so check with the contact person/telephone number listed with each event prior to attending.

Thanks to all the event sponsors for their commitment to women's equality.



Amelia Earhart, Aviator

Month-long events – MARCH

Individual meetings with currently enrolled student-moms and/or student-parents will take place in the UofL Women's Center during the month of March by appointment only. This is an opportunity to meet with a member of the Women's Center staff on an individual basis. Call 502-852-8976 to schedule an appointment.

Women's History Month Display, including the permanent "Kentucky Women Remembered" Exhibit, Kentucky State Capitol, Frankfort, Ky., Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The "Kentucky Women Remembered" exhibit honors Kentucky women who have made a difference in Kentucky history. The Kentucky Commission on Women will profile a woman from the KWR Exhibit each day in March on its listserv. Eleanor Jordan, Director of the Kentucky Commission on Women, will also speak at various Women's History Month celebrations in March. **Friday, March 1:** Ky. Association of Black Veterans, Inc. (NABVETS); **Tuesday, March 12:** Kentucky Women Remembered-Capitol Rotunda; **Thursday, March 21:** Speaking to a group from South Korea Government Civil Servants; and **Friday, March 22:** United States Army Human Resources Command. For more information, visit <http://www.women.ky.gov/> or call (502) 564-2611.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: UofL Women's Center on-site location: UofL Health Sciences Center Instructional Building, room #120; 2nd & 4th Thursdays, March 14 and 28; April 11 and 25 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Fridays, March 8 and 22; April 12 and 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursdays in Black,

UofL campuses, all-day event throughout March. The UofL PEACC (Prevention, Education & Advocacy on Campus and in the Community) is sponsoring Thursdays in Black. Wear black as a symbol of courage, demanding a world without violence. Look for ways you can PAINT IT BLACK. Free buttons. Everyone is welcome to participate.



Friday, March 1 DRESS IN BLUE DAY

March is national Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and all are encouraged to wear blue in support of the campaign to increase awareness. We hope you will wear blue and tell your friends and family why. If you or your organization would like Dress in Blue Day educational or promotional materials, please contact your local Kentucky Cancer Program office or call (502) 852-6318. Visit Dress in Blue Day Facebook page, <http://www.tinyurl.com/KCPWest>, for more information.

Saturday, March 2 INTERNATIONAL BANQUET

Student Activities Center (SAC) Multipurpose Room. A fun-filled evening celebrating the food, music and dances from around the world sponsored by the American International Relations Club, Vice-Provost for Diversity & International Affairs, Republic Bank, and the UofL Student Government Association Club Programming Committee. For ticket information, contact Ashley Gray at argray02@louisville.edu or Hampartsoum Barsoumian at hbbars01@louisville.edu.

Mon., March 4-Fri., March 8 PRE-SPRING BREAK GOODIES

The staff of UofL PEACC (Prevention, Education, & Advocacy on Campus and in the Community) will distribute freebies and present discussions about safety and healthy decision-making. To schedule a presentation for your organization or group, email Sharon Larue at sdlaru01@louisville.edu or call 502-852-2663 for more details.



Monday, March 4

2013 MINX AUERBACH

LECTURE, UofL Student Activities Center (SAC), 5:30 p.m. International renowned activist, author and eco-feminist will be the featured speaker for the Minx Auerbach Lecture in Women's & Gender Studies. She will address "Violent Economic 'Reform' and the Growing Violence against Women." Contact Nancy Theriot, nancyt@louisville.edu, for additional information.

Tuesday, March 5

FORECLOSURE CLINICS,

Legal Aid Society, 416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., 11 a.m. The Legal Aid Society in Louisville, Ky., is sponsoring foreclosure clinics every Tuesday throughout the month of March at 11 a.m. Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosures. (Additional Tuesdays dates: March 12, 19, and 26). Call 502-584-1254 to make your reservation.

Wednesday, March 6

LET'S TALK LUNCH, Cultural Center (Multipurpose Room), 12 p.m.-1 p.m. An informational lunch discussion designed to bring staff, faculty, students and community members together in a collegial and safe environment to discuss issues of importance to the community. The March 6 event will be "Sister Talk" in honor of Women's History Month and will focus on issues relevant to women of color. From relationships to finances, power or privilege, Let's Talk is about the ways women can and do support each other.



Dr. Mae Jemison, Physician and NASA Astronaut (former)

Thu., March 7-Sat., March 9

40TH DR. JOSEPH H. MCMILLAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE BLACK FAMILY IN AMERICA

The Seelbach Hilton Hotel, 500 S. Fourth St., Louisville, Ky. (See schedule for list of specific topics and times). The conference includes various speakers and panelists who will address the theme, "Family Reunion: Bridging the past with the Present." Speakers will include Steve Birdine, Roland Martin and Hill Harper. For a complete conference schedule and registration details, visit, <http://www.louisville.edu/culturalcenter/bfc>.

Thu., March 7-Sun., March 10

DRESS FOR SUCCESS, Louisville "Send One Suit Week" encourages women nationwide to donate one new or nearly-new interview suit to help another woman enter the workforce and take charge of her life. Suits can be dropped off at the Dress Barn locations in the Stonybrook South and Springhurst Towne shopping centers. Visit <http://www.dress-barn.com> for more details.

Thursday, March 7
FORECLOSURE CLINICS, Legal Aid Society, 416 W.

Muhammad Ali Blvd., 4 p.m. Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosures. (Additional Thursdays: March 14, March 21, and March 28). Call 502-584-1254 to make your reservation.

Friday, March 8

UofL CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Rm. 201 Miller Information Technology Building, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Each year around the world, International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8. Thousands of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. (The national theme of IWD is "The Gender Agenda: Gaining Momentum").

The purpose of the IWD event at UofL is to raise awareness of the many underrepresented cultures or religions on campus. There will be talks about the significance of the head scarf; discussion on Hinduism in India and America; performances by the UofL Indian Student Association and the Muslim Student Association as well as bellydancing, food and refreshments. The event is being co-sponsored by the UofL Women's Center, the Commission on the Status of Women, Women 4 Women, Office of the Vice Provost for Diversity and International Affairs; and the Cultural Center as a collaborative effort to celebrate women locally and globally. To RSVP, call the Women's Center, 852-8976.

Saturday, March 9

2013 POLITICAL SKILLS CAMPAIGN CONFERENCE,

Holiday Inn Hurstbourne, 1325 Hurstbourne Lane, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., The Metropolitan Women's Political Caucus, a non-partisan organization that supports increasing the number of women in public offices, is holding its 2013 Political Skills Campaign School. Attendees will learn about targeting precincts, strategic research, public relations, endorsements, polling, fundraising and more. The cost is \$45. For more information or to register, contact Bobbi Jo Weber at (502) 645-7340 or bobbijow@bellsouth.net.

Tuesday, March 12

UNVEILING OF THE 2013 KENTUCKY WOMEN REMEMBERED PORTRAITS,

Capitol Rotunda, 700 Capitol Ave., Frankfort, Ky., 1 p.m. Kentucky Governor and Mrs. Steven L. Beshear and the Kentucky Commission on Women will honor Lois Howard Gray, the Honorable Thelma Stovall and Mary Eugenia Wharton (all posthumously) in the unveiling of the 2013 Kentucky Women Remembered Exhibit. RSVP by March 1. Call (502) 564-2611, ext. 319. Their portraits will become part of the permanent Women's History Month display in the State Capitol Rotunda.

EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

Louisville Free Public Library (Main Branch), 301 W. York St., 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Legal Aid Society. An attorney will be on hand to discuss the expungement process and which charges can be expunged. Attendees are encouraged to

bring a copy of their criminal record which shows the disposition of each case. (An additional Expungement Clinic will take place at the same location and time on Tuesday, March 26.)

Tues., March 12
UOFL WOMEN-STUDENT VETERANS MEETING This is a meet 'n greet for women-student veterans and cadets at UofL. For location and time, email Phyllis M. Webb, phyllis.webb@louisville.edu; or Jennifer Frieders, jmfrie01@cardmail.louisville.edu.

Friday, March 15
DEADLINE TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2013 UNSUNG SHERO (in conjunction with the April 10 Transformation Tea), see April 10 calendar listing. For a nomination form, criteria and more details, email Kathryn Doaty, kfdoat01@louisville.edu, or Georgette Moore, glmoor01@louisville.edu.

Monday, March 18
CHEW ART, an All Women's Art Show, Health Fair & Reception, UofL School of Dentistry, 501 S. Preston St., 2nd floor, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Tapas, wine & sangria live music. RSVP to Deborah Wade, deborah.wade@louisville.edu.

In the spirit of Community Engagement and Innovation, UofL's School of Dentistry will celebrate Women's History Month during the week of March 18-22. The education and health fair will focus on specific oral health care needs of women. Arts in Healing Manager, Kristen Hughes, will employ an innovative

approach to the oral health fair by utilizing an Arts in Health Care approach.

Wednesday, March 20
STUDENT-PARENT ASSOCIATION/MOMS SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS, William F. Ekstrom Library, #W204, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. This support group works to provide resources, information and support for U of L student-parents and/or student moms. Speaker & topic be announced. Light refreshments served. If you plan to attend, email Phyllis M. Webb, phyllis.webb@louisville.edu or call 852-8976.

Additional Wednesday dates for the semester: April 3, April 17 at 3:30 p.m.

SMALL CLAIMS CLINIC, Legal Aid Society, 416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., 2 p.m. Clients are provided with the forms necessary to file a claim and an attorney will review completed claims. To register, call 502-584-1254.

Thursday, March 21
"GIRL RISING" FILM, Gheens Science Hall & Rauch Planetarium, UofL Belknap Campus, 12:15 p.m. This PG-13 film is about the power of education to transform lives and the importance of investing in girl's education. It is part of 10 x 10, a social campaign promoting the need to provide education to girls worldwide and spotlights young women from Nepal, Peru, Haiti, Egypt, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, India and Cambodia. Free and open to the public. (The three showings are sponsored by the UofL Women's Center, and the Gheens Sci-

ence Hall and Rauch Planetarium.) This free film will also be shown on March 22 and March 24. See below for times.



Leena Gade, Motorsport Engineer

Friday, March 22
"GIRL RISING" FILM, Gheens Science Hall & Rauch Planetarium, 6 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.). This free film is about the power of educating girls from across the world. Attendees on this date will be also able to view "Oasis in Space" beginning at 8 p.m. for \$5.

Sunday, March 24
"GIRL RISING" FILM, Gheens Science Hall & Rauch Planetarium, 3 p.m. This free film is about educating girls from across the globe.

Tuesday, April 9
EQUAL PAY DAY, UofL Ekstrom Library (lobby area), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Stop by the Women's Center table and receive information about Equal Pay Day and free candy bars, buttons and stickers. This date symbolizes how far—into 2013 women must work to earn what men earned in 2012. Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men and women's wages. Wear

RED on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay.

Wednesday, April 10
UofL TRANSFORMATION TEA, Shumaker Research Building, 1st floor conference room, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. The Tea is an opportunity for university and community women of color to become empowered by sharing concerns, problems and positive suggestions. The topic is "Finance, Balancing Work & Families & Handling Stress" and will include guest panelists Paula Kommor, Wellness Specialist, Get Healthy Now; Shelia Ann Johnston, Instructor, School of Business; and Sharon E. Moore, Professor, Kent School of Social Work; networking and the presentation of the SHEroes Award. (See March 15 listing.) Limited space. RSVP by March 29 to Georgette Moore, glmoor01@louisville.edu.

WOMEN 4 WOMEN STUDENT CHAPTER ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING/ MENTOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON, UofL Red Barn, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Ashley Wimsett, amwims01@gmail.com for specifics.

FORECLOSURE CLINIC, Legal Aid Society, 416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd., Suite #300, 4 p.m. Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure. (Additional April dates at 4 p.m. are April 12, 19 and 26). To register and/or for more details, email Meagen Agnew, MAgnew@laslou.org.



Saturday, April 13

ALI SHUFFLE 10K RUN (Start at the West End School, 3628 Virginia Ave. (at 8 a.m.) Finish at 144 N. Sixth St.). The University of Louisville's Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice is sponsoring this campus and community 10K run. Fundraising and volunteer opportunities are available. The registration fee includes a t-shirt. Register online at <http://www.active.com> or call 502-852-6372 for specifics.

Thursday, April 18

BROWN CANCER CENTER'S MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT, UofL Belknap campus location and time to be announced The UofL Women's Center is partnering with the Brown Cancer Center to provide mammograms for UofL employees. (More details will be available soon).

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 17

PATHWAYS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, UofL Shelby Campus, Shelbyville Road, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This conference is for UofL employees and will have various sessions including topics on Ethics, Pathways, Financial health, Kentucky women, Futurist; with goals/objectives planning, plus book signings. For registration fees and a list of speakers, visit: <http://uofl.me/pathwaysconference>.

Participants will have an opportunity to attend an optional "Dining for Women" event following the conference from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

KENTUCKY WOMEN'S BOOK FESTIVAL, UofL Ekstrom Library, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., The Kentucky Women's Book Festival (KWBF) is designed to bring together writers and readers

Ruchi Sanghvi, Software Engineer



from Kentucky and adjacent states interested in writings by and about Kentucky Women authors. Featured keynote luncheon speaker will be Bianca Spriggs, an Affrilachian poet and multidisciplinary artist.

Sponsored in part by the UofL Women's Center, University Libraries, the UofL Commission on Diversity & Racial Equality (CODRE), the Commission on the Status of Women (COSW), the LGBT Office, and Women Who Write, Inc. The festival is free; however, there is a cost to attend the luncheon.

Visit <http://www.louisville.edu/womenscenter/kwbf> for updates. Call the UofL Women's

Center at 502-852-8976 to register.

Thursday, June 30

WOMEN WHO WRITE 2013 INTERNATIONAL POETRY & SHORT PROSE CONTEST

Women Who Write, Inc., a Louisville-based writing organization, is offering prizes for international poetry and short prose. In addition to receiving prizes, the winners' works will be published in Calliope, the group's annual anthology. The deadline for submissions of poetry and short prose is June 30. For more information, contact director@womenwhowrite.com or call 502-632-2241.

Helping Adult Learners Move Forward with GED® Study

The clock is ticking. Have you heard that in 2014 the nationally recognized GED® test will be changing significantly? Adult learners who need to complete the GED® test should take action now so that they won't have to repeat sections of the exam they have already passed.

The statistics are troubling. In 70 percent of Kentucky's counties, between one-quarter to one-half of all adults lack a high-school diploma. These Kentuckians are often unemployed and are three times more likely to live in poverty. In our prisons and jails, 43 percent of those incarcerated don't have a high-school diploma or equivalency.

Materials are available through KET's GED Connection Television series that help adult learners study at home and prepare for the tests. It's available free on public TV stations across the country. Fast Track Ebooks+ are also available for learners to study at home on computers or mobile devices. To learn more about the GED® study initiative visit, <http://ket.org/gedstudy> or call (800) 228-3382.

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Doctors & Lawyers for Kids

Assisted 110 families in its first year

Doctors & Lawyers for Kids is a partnership of the Legal Aid Society, the Louisville Bar Association and the University of Louisville Department of Pediatrics. Its mission is to connect the medical and legal professions to address legal needs that affect the health and welfare of children and their families. This partnership has concluded its first full year by representing 110 low-income families in the areas of housing, utilities, income supports, education, legal status and family safety and stability.

“The goal of the medical-legal partnership is to identify and resolve a legal need before it becomes a crisis, which is the point at which most folks realize they need legal help,” said Martha J. Hasselbacher, president of Doctors & Lawyers for Kids.

“The issues these providers encounter bear that out. For example, they are referring families whose unsafe apartments pose a health risk to their children, not just families who are being evicted,” Hasselbacher added. One-third of all cases concern inadequate rental housing.

Doctors & Lawyers for Kids works by integrating attorneys into the medical team. Doctors and social workers at University of Louisville Pediatrics and Kosair Children’s Hospital learn to identify legal needs that affect patient health and refer them to the free program for patients in need.

“Because our clients have a wide array of legal needs, we rely on a strong network of *pro bono* attorneys to provide high-quality legal service,” said Jeffrey A. Been, executive



director of the Legal Aid Society and vice president and treasurer of Doctors & Lawyers for Kids. “Legal Aid has developed a curriculum of Continuing Legal Education courses for volunteer attorneys who become involved in the program.”

ADDITIONAL 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

Originally piloted at UofL’s Children and Youth Project, Doctors & Lawyers for Kids was rolled out to Kosair Children’s Hospital and two additional

UofL Pediatrics primary care clinics in 2012.

Doctors & Lawyers for Kids became a public service placement of UofL Brandeis School of Law. Nine students have signed up to volunteer.

Five organizations supported the program with \$60,000 in donations: Gheens Foundation; Children’s Hospital Foundation; Kentucky Bar Foundation; Louisville Bar Foundation; and the University of Louisville Department of Pediatrics.

The mission of the Legal Aid Society is to pursue justice for people in poverty. Legal Aid provides free legal services to low-income families and individuals facing serious threats to their physical and economic well-being. Those assisted include the elderly, children, victims of domestic violence, and other vulnerable groups. To learn more visit, www.laslou.org. The mission of the Louisville Bar Association is to promote justice, professional excellence and respect for the law, improve public understanding of the legal system, facilitate access to legal services and serve members of the association. The University of Louisville Department of Pediatrics exists to contribute to the university’s quest to become a nationally recognized metropolitan university by excelling in the education of physicians who care for children; providing excellent health care services to children and their families; and by bringing new clinical and basic science pediatric knowledge to the bedside. For more information, contact Anne Eldridge, UofL Pediatrics, at (502) 852-0943 or anne.eldridge@louisville.edu.

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