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News

Kentucky Women's Book Festival Set for March 7

by Phyllis M. Webb, M.Ed., Co-Chair, Kentucky Women's Book Festival

The 9th Annual Kentucky Women's Book Festival is set to get underway on the University of Louisville's Belknap Campus on Saturday, March 7, 2015, with author presentations, book sales and signings, and a luncheon. This annual event, previously held the third Saturday in May, has been moved to March to be a part of Women's History Month.

The themes of place, war, activism, race and homophobia, among others, will be discussed by both fiction and non-fiction

Kentucky women writers who will be the speakers at this year's festival. They include best-selling author Julie Kibler, who will be the keynote speaker; Kelly Cogswell, opening speaker; and Tytianna N.M. Wells Smith; Aisha Hamid, Maryjean Wall; Linda Y. Atkins, Mitzi Sinnott, Mary Hamilton, and Mary Popham, who will lead various sessions.

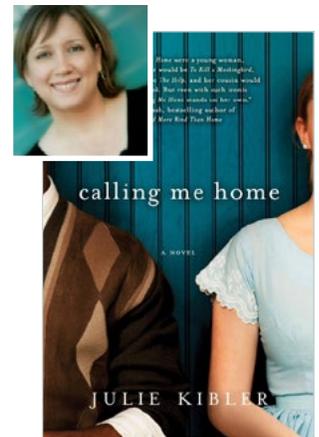
(See the press release on page 2 for more information on the authors) and/or visit [http://www.louisville.edu/womenscenter/programs-](http://www.louisville.edu/womenscenter/programs-events/community/kwbf)

[events/community/kwbf](http://www.louisville.edu/womenscenter/programs-events/community/kwbf) or the KWBF Facebook page for schedule and more details.

Doors open at 9 a.m. The festival begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Ekstrom Library and continues until 3:30 p.m. Festival sessions are free, except for an optional lunch at the cost of \$10. Reservations for the lunch must be made in advance no later than March 4. Call the UofL Women's Center at (502) 852-8976 for more details.

Mark the March 7 date on your calendar. Bring a friend and

stop by the Ekstrom Library to meet the authors, attend the lunch and sessions, and network with others.



“Supporting the Academic Success of Pregnant and Parenting Students: Under the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972” is a revised (June 2013) pamphlet published by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights. The first section provides background on school retention problems associated with pregnant and parenting students. The next two sections, “Title IX Requirements Regarding Pregnant and Parenting Students” and “Frequently Asked Questions Pertaining to Title IX Requirements Regarding Pregnant and Parenting Students,” provide information on the law’s specific requirements regarding pregnancy and parenthood. The final two sections, “Strategies to Assist Educators in Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Students” and “Programs Designed to Support Pregnant and Parenting Students,” include strategies that educators can use and programs that schools can develop to address the educational needs of students who become pregnant or have children.

To get a copy for your review, go to: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>

(Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, *Supporting the Academic Success of Pregnant and Parenting Students under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*. Washington, D.C., 2013.)



Message from Director Valerie Casey

Welcome spring! The Women's Center is filled with enthusiasm as we look back over our very active semester. Highlights include co-sponsorship of the Pride Week Cookout on the Health Sciences Center, a monthly Post-doc networking program, the *Women's Empowerment Luncheon* and *Campus Talks*, a monthly roundtable discussion facilitated by various professors addressing important topics for UofL students. We also launched an inaugural student chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) on campus. AAUW is the oldest and one of the nation's leading voices in promoting equity and education for women. Student and employee engagement at the Center continues to be robust and we anticipate continued momentum with our upcoming programs and events.

Spring semester promises to be even more engaging. Members of the Human Trafficking Conference planning committee appeared on WHAS-TV's news program announcing this year's conference. Approximately 200 people attended the event to learn from experts on this growing epidemic in human trafficking.

In March we look forward to the 9th annual Kentucky Women's Book Festival with another outstanding lineup of authors, including Julie Kibler, whose book *Calling Me Home* is currently being adapted for a movie. This semester we will also see the graduation of members of our student groups and our Student Events Coordinator, Sara Pickett, which is always reason to celebrate! Sara oversees the Campus Talks and Post-

doc programs, is graduating with a Master's in mental health counseling. We are so proud of the work she is doing at the center and we wish her well. We are happy we will be able to welcome all of our work study students back in the fall.

Please review the newsletter to learn about all of the exciting programs offered through the Center and get involved.

Best regards,
Valerie



Valerie M. Casey
Director

'Calling Me Home' author to speak at Kentucky Women's Book Festival

Julie Kibler, author of the bestselling novel "Calling Me Home," will deliver the keynote address at the 9th annual Kentucky Women's Book Festival at the University of Louisville.

Author presentations, book sales and signings and a luncheon will give participants a chance to connect over their favorite pastimes: reading, writing and talking about books, Saturday, March 7 at Ekstrom Library. The festival, sponsored by the Women's Center and University Libraries, begins at 9:30 a.m with refreshments and socializing in the lobby and ends at 3:30 p.m. Information is online at <http://louisville.edu/womenscenter/programs-events/community/kwbf>

The topic for the 12:15 keynote luncheon is "Writing My Way Back to Kentucky: Julie Kibler discusses her debut novel, 'Calling Me Home.'" The novel has been published in 15 languages, named a finalist for the 2014 Kentucky Literary Award, and selected as a book club pick for Ladies' Home Journal. Warner Brothers has optioned the film rights.

The opening speaker at 10 a.m. will be Kelly Cogswell, journalist, blogger and author of the memoir "Eating Fire: My Life as a Lesbian Avenger."

Other speakers include:

- > **Tytianna N. M. Wells Smith**, author/illustrator, "Sweet Pea and Sugar Tea's Country Family Adventures: A Collection of African-American Poems"
- > **Aaisha Hamid**, author, "Faceless: Two Worlds Collide"
- > **Maryjean Wall**, author, "Madam Belle: Sex, Money and Influence in a Southern Brothel"
- > **Linda Y. Atkins**, attorney and author of the Hilary Adams Mystery Series
- > **Mitzi Sinnott**, actress and arts educator
- > **Mary Hamilton**, storyteller and author, "Kentucky Folktales: Revealing Stories, Truths, and Outright Lies"
- > **Mary Popham**, editor and author, "Back Home in Landing Run"

The festival sessions and presentations are free, except for an optional \$10 lunch. Luncheon registration should be made by March 4 by calling the UofL Women's Center at 502-852- 8976.

— *From UofL's Communications and Marketing*



Alice K. Houston, President & CEO of Houston-Johnson, Inc., Brings Keynote Address at Women's Empowerment Luncheon

by Phyllis M. Webb, M.Ed.

The University of Louisville Women's Center sponsored its annual Empowerment Luncheon this past November at the University Club.

The Women's Center and presenting sponsor, Class Act Federal Credit Union, welcomed over 100 women and men to the event. Alice Houston, President & CEO of Houston-Johnson, Inc., gave the keynote address where she talked about "Do you Have what it Takes?" in terms of being a leader.

A former employee of UofL, Houston said she felt an "unexplainable obligation to do so and a genuine gratitude" when asked to speak. She thanked the Office of Black Affairs which gave her the first opportunity as a 24-year old wife and mother to become Director of the Educational Services. The position was in the newly-formed Office of Black Affairs where the employees and others guided her in her career. In the Office of Student Affairs, then-Dean David Lawrence taught her the importance of community service by having her represent UofL at the Louisville Urban League; and then she worked for 14 years as Associate Director of Financial Aid under the leadership of Blake Tanner and the "greatest staff in the world".

After she left UofL and went into the family business, Houston said she had no idea what the future held for



Alice K. Houston

her. She had no exposure to entrepreneurship in her family, was not a risk taker by nature and not a visionary, but what she did have was the education and (experience) that empowered her: discipline, resilience, hard work, team work, dedication, flexibility, the exuberance of victory and the agony of defeat, that you sometimes win, sometimes you lose and that there is always another game. Plus, UofL provided undeniable influence on her personal, professional, civic leadership perspective, role models, and leadership capabilities. She shared, too, that she's always had an abiding faith in God.

She posed the question as to how do we pass the torch locally and how can we empower others through leadership? She said leadership to her is "developing and investing in people." She continued, "For me to feel empowered to do something, I don't have to make you feel less empowered or have power over you." In

"Never look down on anyone unless you are picking them up."

—Yvette Nichols

2014 Nichols Award Recipients' Research

Kelly Njine Mouapi plans to attend and present her research (understanding the mechanism of blood clots in cardiovascular disease) at the 2015 International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH) Congress: Reaching for Unprecedented Peaks and 61st Annual SSC Meeting, June 20-25, 2015 in Toronto, Canada. Her research project focuses on understanding the mechanism of fibrin polymerization at a molecular level using MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry and 2D 15N HSQC NMR spectroscopy.

Rachel Gramer plans to attend and present at the Digital Media and Composition Institute (DMAC) Institute at the Ohio State University's Department of English, Columbus, Ohio, May 11-22, 2015.

Her work will involve two English department projects: Cardinal Compositions, a new Web site and publication space for student writing; and the Digital Media Academy, a free digital media summer camp for local fifth grade girls, and a site of community engagement and research for graduate students.



Nichols Award recipients, Rachel Gramer and Kelly Njine Mouapi proudly display their award certificates at the luncheon. They are pictured with Yvette Nichols, Phyllis M. Webb, UofL Women's Center; Joan Dantoni, UofL English Department and Dr. Mordean Taylor-Archer, Vice Provost for Diversity & International Affairs.



other words, “For me to be successful in empowerment you don’t have to lose your empowerment.”

Houston talked about five levels of leadership. First, do you have the desire to lead? There should be an honest assessment and external evaluation of why you want to lead. How will you use your power? Secondly, do you have a vision or something that you care about? Leaders should care about something and lend their time and talent. She fondly mentioned Cissy Musselman who had that vision—she cared about the development and plight of women--and started what is now the Women 4 Women organization. Third, do you have the courage and conviction to remain true to your values regardless of the cost (and have the conviction to take a stand)? She said “leadership is not a spectator sport or, as is said, a ‘safe haven’... leaders must be true to their values. Fourth, is your character one that

displays integrity, honesty, trust worthiness, wisdom, compassion and fairness? And fifth, are you capable of embracing change?

With more women taking on positions of leadership, Houston says that women are in a unique position to spearhead, change advancement, and pose the question that do we have a special (obligation) to help other women or will we be the “oppressor” like those who became before us? She says that people are basically seeking to be empowered.

Houston graduated from Baldwin Wallace College in Ohio; attended Vanderbilt University and later graduated from the University of Louisville.

The Women’s Center recognized winners of its two annual awards — The Mary K. Tachau Gender Equity Award and The M. Celeste Nichols Professional Development Award. The office also presented its Women’s



The Women 4 Women Organization received the 2014 Women Center Empowerment Award at the luncheon. Pictured is Misty Cruse, Managing Director of the W4W Board holding the red “Dancing Lady”. Others in the photo (pictured left-to-right, members of the UofL Women4Women student board, Jamieeca Jones, Whitney L. Wilson, Tailore McLennan and Tiarra Clark; W4W members, Laura Douglas, immediate past chair; Carolle Jones-Clay, Valerie M. Casey, Director-UofL Women’s Center; Misty Cruse; Tawana Edwards, Chair, W4W Board; Amy Berge, Victoria Buster, Ashley Wimsett, and Joyce Seymour.

Empowerment Award during the event.

The Tachau Gender Equity Award, sponsored and presented by the UofL’s Commission on the Status of Women (COSW), was presented to Judge Jerry J. Bowles, whose work has focused on systemic change through strategic development of tools, collaborations and education to engage others in advancing gender equity by preventing violence against women and holding perpetrators accountable. He developed the first domestic violence unit in the Jefferson County Attorney’s Office, which has helped shaped the policies and procedures still in use today. He is a strong advocate and supporter in expanding VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday). Recognizing that VINE was helping victims in Jefferson County stay safe by notifying them when their perpetrator was released from jail, and knowing domestic violence victims are often killed or seriously injured immediately after petitioning

the court for protection, he convinced the creators of the VINE service to develop the VINE Protective Order Program to notify victims when their protective order is served.

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 UofL History Department, and the first woman chair of 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 Nichols Award Committee recognized two UofL graduate students: Kelly Njine Mouapi and Rachel Gramer in support of their academic and professional



Attorney Jerry Bowles (center) is the recipient of the 2014 Tachau Gender Equity Award. He is flanked by members of the UofL Commission on the Status of Women, Heather Fox, Mimi Bell and Jeanne Guerreo; Chris Owens, Director-Louisville Metro Office for Women; Valerie Casey, Director-UofL Women’s Center; Attorney David Tachau and Dr. Ann Larson, President of COSW.



development.

The Nichols Award was sponsored by the UofL Women's Center, the UofL Student Affairs Division Dennis C. Golden Torchbearer Endowment and Program, and the UofL Commission on Diversity and Racial Equality (CODRE).

Both Attorney David Tachau, the son of Mary Bonsteel Tachau, and Yvette Nichols, daughter of Dr. M. Celeste Nichols, were present at the event. Nichols gave a few encouraging words to the audience and spoke of her mother's love for the campus and people. She said her mother taught her to "never look down on anyone unless you are picking them up."

The recipient of the Women Center Empowerment Award was presented to the Women 4 Women organization whose mission is to "improve the lives of women and girls in Metro Louisville through education, advocacy and fundraising for focused grant making in four key areas that enable self-sufficiency."

All photos courtesy of Tom Fourgerousse, UofL photographer.

Human Trafficking Awareness Conference

The UofL Women's Center and Women 4 Women Student Board sponsored the 5th annual Human Trafficking Awareness Conference in February and over 150 attended the event held in the UofL Student Activities

Center. Speakers included Laura MacFarland, Catholic Charities of Louisville; Theresa Hayden, Professor-Justice Administration Department and Gretchen Hunt, JD, Staff Attorney, Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault

Programs. A human trafficking survivor from Thistle Farms located in Tennessee spoke at the event. In addition there were 15 non-profit vendors on hand to provide information on Human Trafficking.



Brigid Connelly and Bailey Thomas of the UofL Women 4 Women Student Board served as chairs of the HTAC.

(Photos courtesy of Tom Fourgerousse, UofL Photographer)



An attentive audience and artist (shown left) at the conference.



Tiarra Clark

Welcome Back!

A welcome back to all our students for the spring semester:

Sara, Whitney, Hannah, Catlin and Tiarra

Tiarra Clark is back as a work-study student in the office after a hiatus. A mother of two, Tiarra worked in the office a few years ago and is back on campus pursuing a B.A. in Public Health with a minor in Communication. Tiarra is a founder and past president of the Women 4 Women student organization; currently vice president of the newly-formed UofL AAUW (American Association of University Women) chapter, and secretary of the Student Parent Association (SPA). She is also a member of TRIO. While working in the Center, she hopes to extend the longevity and validity of the student organizations associated with the Women's Center by focusing on valuable student programming and organizational sustainability.



2015 Auerbach Lecture: Stephanie Coontz

Modern family: Author Analyzes Shifts in Women's Roles

Historian Stephanie Coontz, who writes about marriage and modern families, will talk about the evolution of women's roles since World War II during a March 10 talk at the University of Louisville.

Coontz's free, public talk is "From the Feminine Mystique to the Supermom Syndrome: Women, Work, Marriage and Motherhood from WW II to the Present."

Her lecture will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Floyd Theater, Swain Student Activities Center, with a reception afterward. Coontz's talk is the annual Minx

Auerbach lecture in women's and gender studies, which UofL's women's and gender studies department sponsors during Women's History Month.

Coontz teaches history and family studies at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., and is director of research and public education for the Council on Contemporary Families. She wrote "A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s" and

"Marriage, A History: From Obedience to Intimacy, or How

Love Conquered Marriage." Other books include "The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap," "The Way We Really Are: Coming to Terms with America's Changing Families" and "The Social Origins of Private Life: A History of American Families". She earned a bachelor's degree in history from University of California-Berkeley and master's degree in European history from University of Washington.

For more information, contact Nancy Theriot in Women's and Gender studies at 502-852-8160.

(From UofL's Office of Communications & Marketing)



Cassandra Rauch Receives Award and Presents Paper in Singapore

Congratulations to Cassandra Rauch, M.S., a 2013 Nichols Award recipient. She was awarded the Best Student Research Paper Award while attending the 2nd Annual International Conference on Forensic Sciences & Criminalistics Research this past November in Singapore, and was the only student from the United States accepted to present. Her paper, "Interdisciplinary Practices Within American Law Enforcement—The International Context," was also published within the conference proceedings.

There were about 16 representatives from across the globe attending the conference including India, various European countries, Egypt, Malaysia, Russia, Japan and Australia.

Rauch, a student and mother of two, is currently a Graduate Research Assistant pursuing a Ph.D. in UofL's Department of Justice Administration.



Post-doc students enjoy a delicious meal at February's Post-doc event at the Health Sciences campus sponsored by the UofL Women's Center and the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (From the photo files of the UofL Women's Center: Sara Pickett)



UofL Women's Center student worker, Caitlin Rothrock coordinated a project for the office, "Grow in Self-Love Week" during the month of February. Pictured is a student who showed a positive image sign during the "#Iwoke up like this photo shoot" near the Bingham Humanities Bldg. (From the photo files of the UofL Women's Center)

Sundown Towns

by Sara Pickett, Student Events Coordinator, UofL Women's Center

"Most Americans have no idea such towns or counties exist, or they think such things happened mainly in the Deep South. Ironically, the traditional South has almost no sundown towns. Mississippi, for instance, has no more than 6, mostly mere hamlets, while Illinois has no fewer than 456..." Jim Loewen, Author of "Sundown Towns".

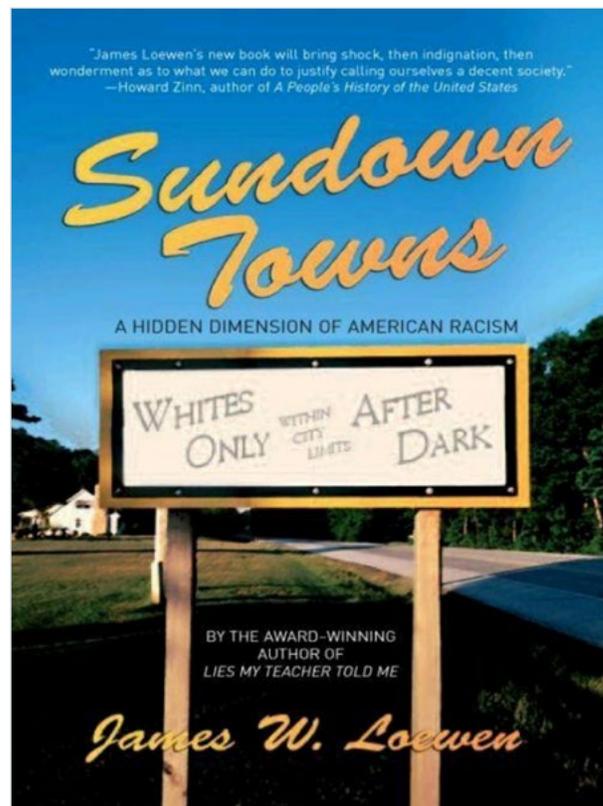
Similarly to this quote, when I was given the assignment of looking into what is known as Sundown Towns for a library exhibit and lecture, I had practically no prior knowledge of this history. However, the stories and information that have emerged since researching this hidden historical entity is both shocking and heart-breaking.

Beginning around 1890 until the late 1960s, white Americans systematically and intentionally drove out black Americans from towns and cities around the United States. Often this was done through intimidation and violence, although some towns passed additional ordinances which banned people of color from owning property or being out after dark without repercussions.

Signs and posters exclaiming that "Only Members of the Caucasian Race" or "Black Men Don't Let Sun Down

Catch You..." were visibly displayed to mark a place as a Sundown Town. These Sundown Towns ranged from small villages to considerably sized cities. In some cases, whole counties and most early American suburbs became white-only. Despite the belief that racial segregation existed almost exclusively in the Southern states, most Sundown Towns emerged in the Northern and coastal parts of the country including California, Oregon, and Connecticut. Additionally, the discrimination was not limited to black Americans. Native Americans, Chinese, Jewish Americans, and Mexicans were also barred from living in and traveling through Sundown Towns after dark.

From 1936 to 1964, Victor H. Green published "The Negro Travelers' Green Book", which provided a list of safe resting spots and eateries for black American motorists and tourists throughout the United States. Word of mouth became another means by which black Americans shared helpful information for those traveling or in need of specific services. While such signs as the ones previously quoted were visible markers for many Sundown Towns throughout the country, many towns were not in fact overtly marked, and thus posed an even greater threat to



those folks passing through who were not welcomed there.

Perhaps as shocking as the Sundown Towns themselves is the silence that surrounds them. In his book entitled Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism, Jim Loewen suggests that much of this could be a result of shame and embarrassment around these practices. He writes of Sundown Towns, "Local historians omit the fact intentionally, knowing that it would reflect badly on their communities if publicized abroad." It is surprising, though in many ways accurate, that as the Southern states have

willingly admitted to their racist history, the North thus far has mostly hidden behind a guise of fairness while ignoring or silencing a very painful past.

The UofL Women's Center is hosting an exhibit in the UofL Ekstrom Library (West) entitled "After Dark: The History of Sundown Towns in Kentucky" from February 9-March 31. The Center is also hosting a lecture on Sundown Towns, date and time TBA.

Note: This article also appeared in the February 2015 issue of the Owl Newsletter, a publication of the University Libraries. Reprinted with permission from the editors.

"Until we solve the problem of sundown neighborhoods and towns we do not have a chance of solving America's race problem."

— James W. Loewen, author Sundown Towns

2015 Women's History Month Calendar

The 2015 national theme for Women's History Month, announced by the National Women's History Project (NWHF), is "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives."

About the theme: Every year the National Women's History Project selects a unifying theme to be shared with all who want to promote women's history. This year's theme presents the opportunity to weave women's stories – individually and collectively – into the essential fabric of our nation's history.

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, all 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!

Month long events

Individual meetings with currently enrolled student-moms and/or student-parents; women student veterans 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.

Special Announcement: UofL Women's Center on-site location: UofL Health Sciences Center Instructional Building, room #120; 2nd & 4th Thursdays, March 12 and 26; April 9 and 23, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Appointments preferred. Call (502) 852-8891 (HSC) or 852-8976 (Belknap) for more information.

ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) of Kentucky: Moving Justice Forward 60 Years EXHIBIT, UofL William F. Ekstrom Library (Lee & Joy Pennington Cultural Heritage Gallery), continues through March 31, 2015, regular library hours.

The exhibit marks the 60th anniversary of the organization's founding and explores the ACLU of Kentucky's rich history through the stories of members, clients, and former staff and board members.

(The exhibit is a part of a series of events sponsored by various UofL departments and held February-March commemorating 60 years of the ACLU of Kentucky.)

"After dark: The History of Sundown Towns in Kentucky" Exhibit, UofL William F. Ekstrom Library (main level), continues through March 31. Regular library hours.

The exhibit features photos, quotes, maps, and artifacts pertaining to the topic. James W. Loewen's Sundown Towns as well as Julie Kibler's Calling Me Home will be the featured books. (Julie Kibler is the keynote speaker at the March 7 Kentucky Women's Book Festival and she mentions "Sundown Towns" in her book.)

Note: This exhibit, sponsored by the UofL Women's Center in conjunction with the University Libraries, is a continuation from Black History Month and will be on display throughout the month of March during Women's History Month.

Women's History Month at the Louisville Free Public Library

This March, join Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL) in celebrating Women's History month. Across the Library's 18 locations, learn about women inventors, politicians, and even "Super Women"— featured in a program about the most famous super heroines and villainesses of the comic book world. There will be book clubs, activities, and more, for both children and adults.

Women's History month—part of the Louisville Free Public Library's monthly-themed programming—is just one piece of LFPL's commitment to lifelong learning. To learn more, or to find the complete list of Women's History programs, visit LFPL.org/WomensHistory or call (502) 574-1611.

The "Kentucky Women Remembered" Exhibit, Kentucky State Capitol (West wing) Frankfort, Ky., Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (Picture ID required to enter the building)

The exhibit honors Kentucky women who have made a difference in Kentucky history. For more information, call (502) 564-2611.

Monday, March 2

Women's History Month Kick-Off, "Black Feminism to Beyonceism" Cultural Center (lunch provided), Noon -1 p.m.

Co-sponsored by the Women's Center, Empowering Ladies Together (ELT) & Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

International Women's Day (IWD) Cultural Awareness Event, UofL Student Activities Center, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to celebrate women all around the world with international food, dance performances, and presentations about different cultural topics. Sponsored by the UofL Women 4 Women Student Board and UofL Women's Center. Call 852-8976 or email Jamieca Jones at jameicajones@gmail.com for more details.

Tuesday, March 3 & Thursday, March 5

Legal Aid Society Foreclosure Clinic, Legal Aid Office, 416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., 11 a.m.; 3/5 at 4 p.m.

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure. RSVP requested. Call (502) 584-1254.

Thursday, March 5

Student Parent Association (SPA) Meeting, Davidson Hall 105B, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

The SPA is a recognized student organization that provides support to UofL student-parents. Some meetings may include speakers on topics of interest to student-parents. (Open also to student-parents at other local colleges such as JCTCS, Bellarmine, and Sullivan. Call (502) 852-8976 for more details.

Friday, March 6

Dress in Blue Day 2015 (Blue of L Day) Luncheon & Awards Presentation, Papa John's Cardinal Stadium (Brown & Williamson Club)



March is national Colon Cancer Awareness Month and all are encouraged to wear blue in support of the campaign to increase colon cancer awareness. The Kentucky Cancer Program (KCP) will launch the 7th annual statewide campaign in Kentucky. Crit Luallen, KY Lieutenant Governor and color cancer survivor, will serve as the 2015 Dress in Blue Day Chair for Kentucky. Celebrate "Blue of L Day" with the Ky. Cancer Program. We hope that you will wear blue and tell your friends and family why. If you or your organization would like Blue of L educational or promotional materials, please contact your local KCP office or visit: <http://www.cancerprogram.org> or go to the Dress in Blue Day Facebook page, <http://www.tinyurl.com/coloncancerresourcekit> for colon cancer screening resources.

Saturday, March 7
9th Annual Kentucky Women's Book Festival, UofL Ekstrom Library, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The Kentucky Women's Book Festival (KWBF) is designed to bring together writers and readers from Kentucky and adjacent states interested in writings by and about Kentucky women authors. Featured keynote luncheon speaker will be Julie Kibler, author of the bestselling novel, "Calling Me Home." Her topic is "Writing My Way Back to Kentucky," and she will discuss her debut novel, "Calling Me Home."

Sponsored in part by the UofL Women's Center, University Libraries, and Vice-Provost for Diversity & International Affairs; the Commission on the Status of Women (COSW), the LGBT Office, the UofL Commission on Diversity & Racial Equality (CODRE); Women Who Write, Inc., and the Ann Braden Institute. The festival is free; however, there is a cost to attend the luncheon. Visit <http://louisville.edu/womenscenter/programs-events/community/kwbf> for updates.

Sunday, March 8
Pre-Spring Break Green Dot Bystander Certification Training, PEACC Program Activity Room, 12 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

The Green Dot strategy has become a

national movement in the field of sexual assault prevention and UofL was one of the first universities to bring it to their campus. Lunch, Greet Dot T-shirt and a certificate of completion available to participants. Save your spot today at louisville.edu/peacc.

For more information, please call 852-2663 or email peacc@louisville.edu.

Monday, March 9
The Gray Area: What Happens on Spring Break? Cardinal Towne - The Avenue, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Ah, Spring Break...that once-a-year extravaganza in which hordes of college students flock to cities to relax, hang out with friends, and enjoy time off from school—but it has also become notorious for traveling to hot party spots and engaging in risky behaviors. Join another fun and thought-provoking discussion of The Gray Area to get safety tips, tricks, hear stories and advice on the week of recess from college—directly from students. Sponsored by UofL's Prevention, Education, and Advocacy on Campus and in the Community (PEACC) Program. Call (502) 852-2663 or email peacc@louisville.edu for more details.

Monday, March 9
Athena's Sisters Meeting, 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month. (Note: The 2nd Monday of the month is an open meeting for community partners and supporters; the 4th Monday is a closed meeting for military women only), Crescent Hill United Methodist Church, 201 S. Peterson Avenue, room 304.

Athena's Sisters is the only grassroots non-profit in KY run by and for military women for physical and mental health care access, education, and advocacy. For more details, visit the Athena's Sisters web site at <http://www.athenassisters.org> or email athenassisters@gmail.com.

Tuesday, March 10
Kentucky Commission on Women: The Premier of Dreamers and Doers: Voices of Kentucky Women Documentary; The Thomas Clark History Center, 100 West Broadway, Frankfort, Ky., 6 p.m.

A one-hour documentary produced by the Kentucky Commission on Women and Michael Breeding Media, Inc., providing insight and profiles of women who have made significant contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in science, politics, the arts, athletics, entertainment, education and the military. Call (502) 564-2611 (now) or visit www.women.ky.gov for more information.

Sponsors of the documentary include Toyota, the Gheens Foundation, Frontier Nursing University, Jerry and Madeline Abramson, Congressman John Yarmuth, Carla Wallace, Tri State Commission and a host of other individuals.

Tuesday, March 10
2014 Minx Auerbach Lecture, Student Activities Center (Floyd Theater), 5 p.m.

Professor and book author Stephanie Coontz will be the keynote for the Minx Auerbach Lecture in Women's & Gender Studies. Her topic will be "From the Feminine Mystique to the Supermom Syndrome: Women, Work, Marriage, and Motherhood from WWII to the Present." Contact Nancy Theriot, nancyt@louisville.edu, or call (502) 852-8160 for additional information.

History of ACLU of KY's Work on LGBT Rights, Ekstrom Library (Chao Auditorium), 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the UofL LGBT Center.

Tuesday, March 10 & Thurs, March 12
Legal Aid Society Foreclosure Clinic, Legal Aid Office, 416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., 11 a.m.; 3/12 at 4 p.m.

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure. RSVP requested. Call (502) 584-1254.

Wednesday, March 11
UofL Women Center Staff Forum, W204 Ekstrom Library, 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

This "Brunch" Forum is for UofL staff to meet and talk about issues and topics of interest. RSVP's are required and must be made by 12 noon, March 9. Email Phyllis M. Webb, phyllis.webb@louisville.edu for specifics.



Thursday, March 12

Legal Aid Society Divorce Clinic, 416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., 9:30 a.m.

Clients will receive assistance from attorneys in filling out all of the necessary paperwork to file for a divorce. RSVP: (502) 584-1254 to make a reservation.

Legal Aid Society Expungement Clinic, Louisville Free Public Library, Main Branch, 301 York St.

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. For more details and to RSVP, call the Legal Aid Office at (502) 584-1254 to make a reservation.

Student Parent Association (SPA)

Meeting, Davidson Hall 105 B, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

The SPA is a recognized student organization that provides support to UofL student-parents. Some meetings may include speakers on topics of interest to student-parents. Call (502) 852-8976 for more details.

Friday, March 13

UofL Women Center Post-doc Lunch

Social, CTR Building (Health Sciences Campus), 12 p.m.-1 p.m., Co-sponsored by the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies

This 2nd Fridays Lunch Social is an opportunity for post-doc and graduate students to meet and network with others. Call (502) 852-8976 for more details.

Saturday, March 14

Tartan and Tweed Bike Ride, Central Park, 1340 South 4th St., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

This stylist, social and short bicycle ride (part of the St. Patrick Day parade), will involve travel to local historic landmarks. Bike riders are invited to learn about the trail-blazing women on bikes and the intersections between the history of the bicycle and the history of the suffrage movement. Join the UofL Women's Center and others. For more information, visit <http://www.tweedlouisville.com> or see Tartan & Tweed Ride Louisville on Facebook to register.

Sunday, March 15

University of Louisville/Yearlings Club Forum Series, Yearlings Club, 4309 W. Broadway, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Topic: Saving our Youth VI: "Losing the Battle is not an Option": Policy solutions and strategies for improving adolescent choices and lifestyles. For more details, email Cleste Lanier, cvlani01@louisville.edu.

Monday, March 16

Kentucky Commission on Women: Dreamers and Doers: Voices of Kentucky Women, a documentary; The Clifton Center, 2117 Payne St., Louisville, Ky.; 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17

Legal Aid Society Foreclosure Clinic, Legal Aid Office, 416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., 11 a.m.

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure. RSVP requested. Call (502) 584-1254.

Wednesday, March 18

Legal Aid Society Small Claims Clinic, Legal Aid Office, 416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., 1 p.m.

Clients are provided with the forms necessary to file a claim, and an attorney will review completed claims. Call Legal Aid at (502) 584-1254 to make a reservation.

Legal Aid Society Debt Collection

Defense Clinics, Legal Aid Society, 416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., 3 p.m.

The presenter will talk about what one can do if he or she is contacted or sued by a debt collector. The presentation will also cover the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. No reservation necessary.

Kentucky Historical Society, 100 West Broadway, Frankfort, Ky., 12 p.m.

Eleanor Jordan, Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Women, will discuss Dreamers & Doers: Voices of Kentucky Women with members of the Kentucky Historical Society at the monthly Food for Thought Luncheon.

Thursday, March 19

International Center Lunch, UofL George Howe Red Barn, 12 p.m.

(For students, staff and faculty) Join the International Student & Scholar Services and meet some of the Universities' non-immigrant student and scholar population representing over 100 countries. Co-sponsored by Church Women United.

Thursday, March 19, Tuesday, March 24 & Thursday, March 26

Legal Aid Society Foreclosure Clinic, Legal Aid Office, 416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., 4 p.m.; 3/24 at 11 a.m.; 3/26 at 4 p.m.

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure. Call Legal Aid at (502) 584-1254 to make a reservation.

Wednesday, March 25

Campus Talk, William F. Ekstrom Library (#W210), 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This is a roundtable discussion sponsored by the UofL Women's Center held once a month with topics addressing relevant issues to all UofL students while providing a safe space to talk. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Call (502) 852-8976 for more details.

Thursday, March 26

Kentucky Commission on Women: Dreamers and Doers: Voices of Kentucky Women Documentary; St. Catharine College, Pettus Auditorium, 2735 Bardstown Road, Springfield, Ky.; 6:30 p.m.

Women 4 Women Student Board Self-defense Workshop, UofL Student Recreation Center, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.

This FREE self-defense workshop is for anyone who wants to know the basics of self-defense. Sponsored in partnership with Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

Storycatcher Project, Theatre Arts Dept. (Thrust Theatre), 7:30pm

The PEACC Program is pleased to showcase a powerful performance and gallery reception this spring. Ten participants creatively share their connection to interpersonal violence using Native American ritual and storytelling.



This inspirational experience is a way to increase truth-telling among survivors of violence and raise awareness of how abusive power impact us all. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for everyone else. For more information, go to louisville.edu/peacc.

Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice in the 21st Century: Celebrating Ten Years of Ali Scholars, Muhammad Ali Center, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. (by invitation only)

The Muhammad Ali Scholar program will be celebrating its 10th year anniversary with the recognition of past directors, the welcoming and induction of the 2015-2017 Scholar Cohort, and the commemoration of the work of current and past Ali Scholars.

Friday, March 27

Student Conference. "Peace & Justice in the 21st Century: What Does Peace and Justice Mean Today to You, Your Community, Your Nation and Our World?" University of Louisville, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

The Ali Institute will host a conference with paper, poster, multimedia and artistic presentation by students. The conference proceedings will be published online by the Ali Institute.

PINK 2015 Event, Student Activities Center (SAC) Multipurpose room

Now in its 18th year, PINK holds the record as the longest-running student-organized fundraiser on campus. Proceeds from PINK will help defray the costs of the LGBT Center's civil rights immersion tour. For additional information, tickets and reservations, call Lisa Gunterman, (502) 852-0696.

Saturday, March 28

Shop & Share Day at various stores, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

All Kentuckians are asked to participate in the seventh annual Shop and Share day, a one-day goods drive to benefit the Kentucky Coalition against Domestic Violence (KCADV) shelters across the state. The drive will be held at Kroger, Food City and Super Dollar Discount food stores throughout the

state. (In past years, Shop and Share has been held the Saturday before Super Bowl Sunday, in early February. In an effort to avoid winter weather complications, this year Shop and Share day will be held in late March, during the midst of March Madness.)

For more information on Shop and Share, visit <http://firstlady.ky.gov/initiatives/shopandshare/Pages/default.aspx>.

To tweet about Shop and Share, use the hashtag #ShopShare2015.

Tuesday, March 31

Legal Aid Society Foreclosure Clinic, Legal Aid Office, 416 West Muhammad Ali Blvd., 11 a.m.

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about foreclosures and provide advice on alternatives to foreclosure. Call Legal Aid at (502) 584-1254 to make a reservation.

Bluegrass Alliance for Women 9th Annual Legacy Award Luncheon, Clarion Hotel, Lexington, Ky.

Luncheon keynote speaker will be Renee Shaw, producer, managing director and host of the KET Connections Program. Award presentations and celebration of Women's History Month. For more details and to register, visit <http://www.bluegrassallianceforwomen.org>.

UofL Women Center Lecture Series, Speaker, time and location to be announced. Call 852-8976 for specifics.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Wednesday, April 1

UofL Transformation Tea, #139, Shumaker Research Building, 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 "Workplace Equity: Employment & Disability Discrimination" and will include networking and the presentation of the SHEroes Award. Special guest panelists to be announced. Limited space. RSVP by Friday, March 27 to Georgette Moore, gimoor01@louisville.edu.

Sponsored in part by the UofL Women's Center and the Commission on the Status of Women.

Thursday, April 9

Kentucky Commission on Women: Dreamers and Doers: Voices of Kentucky Women Documentary; The Kentucky Theater, 214 East Main Street, Lexington, Ky.; 7 p.m.

Friday, April 10

Post-doc Lunch Social, CTR Building, Health Sciences Center, 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

This 2nd Fridays Lunch Social is an opportunity for post-doc and graduate students to meet and network with others. Sponsored by the UofL Women's Center and the Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies. Call (502) 852-8976 for more details.

Saturday, April 11

Women's Veterans Conference, Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville, Ky Kentucky's first statewide conference focused exclusively on Women veterans.

Speakers include opening remarks by KDVA Commissioner Heather French Henry; General Peggy Combs, Fort Knox Base Commander and luncheon keynote speaker; Eleanor Jordan, Ky. Commission on Women. Panel discussions, breakout sessions and documentary included.

Space is limited. For more details and to pre-register go to <http://veterans.ky.gov/Pages/Pre-Register-for-Women-Veterans-Conference.aspx>

Monday, April 13

Mammograms for UofL employees, UofL Belknap Campus, Gottschalk Circle, next to the Shumaker Research Bldg., 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The James Graham brown Cancer Center Mammogram unit will be on campus to provide mammograms for women 40 years and over. Call 852-6318 to schedule an appointment. Insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid will be billed. *UofL Insurance will cover 100%.

Mammogram unit on campus, sponsored by KCP and UofL Women's Center.



Athena's Sisters Meeting, Crescent Hill United Methodist Church, 201 S. Peterson Avenue (Room 304), 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Athena's Sisters is the only grassroots non-profit in Kentucky run by and for military women for physical and mental health care access, education, and advocacy. For more details on future meetings, visit the Athena's Sisters web site at <http://www.athenassisters.org> or email athenassisters@gmail.com.

Tuesday, April 14
Equal Pay Day, location and time TBA.

Stop by the Women's Center and AAUW (American Association of University Women, UofL student chapter) table and receive information about Equal Pay Day, free candy bars, and buttons and stickers.

This date symbolizes how far into 2015 women must work to earn what men earned in 2014. 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 15
Campus Talk, William F. Ekstrom Library (#W210), 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This is a roundtable discussion sponsored by the UofL Women's Center held once a month with topics addressing relevant issues to all UofL students while providing a safe space to talk. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Call (502) 852-8976 for more details.

Thursday, April 23
"Operation Legacy: In the Service of Sisterhood" Play/Skit/Book Signing, UofL George Howe Red Barn, 7 p. m.

Athena's Sisters and Looking for Lilit Theater Company are producing a groundbreaking creative storytelling performance based and enacted by Louisville military women. This is a night to respect, learn, engage, and grow by hearing the voices of the military women in our community. Book signings from 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.; play at 7 p.m. and additional book signings/dialogue. Co-sponsored by the UofL Women's Center and others.

Wednesday, April 29
Denim Day in LA & USA is an event in

which people are encouraged to wear jeans to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault. Check <http://www.ddusa.peaceoverviolence.org> for a listing of events near you.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 15
Pathways Women's Conference, Founders Union Bldg, UofL Shelby Campus, Shelbyville Road, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

This is a leadership development conference for all levels of University of Louisville women. The content will address personal development, critical and strategic thinking, and personal goal setting. For more details, email Melissa Shuter, m.shuter@louisville.edu. The conference is sponsored in part by the UofL Women's Center.

Saturday, June 20
Distinctive Women "Finding Your Bliss" Women's Luncheon, Heitzman Bakery & Deli, 9426 Shelbyville Road, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Guest speaker for this event will be Anitra Durand Allen, author and Bliss Coach. For ticket information, email: distinctivewomen2013@gmail.com.

Ending Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence

by Sara Pickett, Student Events Coordinator, UofL Women's Center

Since joining the UofL Women's Center last September as Student Events Coordinator, Sara has been busy involved in planning forums for students on both the Belknap and Health Sciences campuses and has attended community and campus events. Here she reflects on one of two events she attended this past December — the 16th Annual Ending Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Conference. She attended the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression Banquet this past December and her article about this is on page 13.

The 16th Annual Ending Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Conference took place in Lexington, Ky. The event was



organized by the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs (KASAP), and hosted over 500 attendees from throughout the state. Topics ranged from sexual assault within the military and intimate partnerships, violence and prison culture, learning new ways to live a healthier life, child/human sex trafficking, to understanding which Kentucky laws help and hinder victims of domestic violence. There were over 40 workshops, four plenary speakers, and a number

of pre-events/talks. KASAP continues to expand this conference each year as more people become increasingly aware and motivated to end these personal and systemic problems.

Attending an event that addresses such difficult issues is bittersweet: while the workshops and various conversations were powerful, moving, and important, it is also devastating how necessary it is to have such a conference. Unfortunately, there is no way around the fact that rates of domestic violence and sexual assault

Political Activist Angela Davis Gives Timely Keynote

by Sara Pickett, Student Events Coordinator, UofL Women's Center

On December 19, 2014, the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression featured Angela Davis as the keynote speaker for their Annual Unity Dinner. A celebrity in her own right, news of Davis' speech easily helped sell over 250 tickets to her presentation at the African-American Heritage Museum on South 18th Street in Louisville. In light of the recent protests in Ferguson, Mo., New York City, and elsewhere against police killings and brutality, her words were extremely powerful and timely.

Angela Davis was a prominent Black Power and Civil Rights activist in the late 1960s and 70s. Her close involvement with

the Black Panthers and being an outspoken Communist ruffled more than a few feathers at the time. After a violent incident at a California courthouse in which she was falsely accused of being involved, she became the third woman featured on the FBI's Most Wanted List. After a very public arrest and trial, she was found not guilty of all crimes. For nearly 45 years, Davis has worked tirelessly as a professor, writer, feminist, and activist rallying for the rights of women, people of color, poor people, and those incarcerated throughout the U.S.

Despite her famous political history, her speech at the Unity Dinner focused mainly

on the issues that are relevant today. Davis spoke openly and honestly about her views on police brutality and the mass movement toward raising a national awareness around this problem. While she actively supported the protesters' efforts, she warned about narrow-mindedness and the importance of acknowledging that everything stems from something. In other words, political issues do not exist in a vacuum and, instead, they are often interconnected. Davis suggested that in order to eradicate one identified issue, we must recognize the surrounding and associated problems. If we do not do this then we risk repeating history.



Davis' powerful speech, which eloquently linked issues throughout the world, lasted for over an hour. She ended with words of hope and encouragement, and despite the intensity of her overall tone, the crowd gave her a standing ovation that felt grateful and optimistic. With poise, intellect, strength, and humility, Davis smiled and waved with appreciation. Those in the audience were lucky to hear a living legend continue to spread the gospel of action, thoughtfulness, and peace.

remain high. Statistics show that within Kentucky, 20% of women in college will experience sexual violence, and 1 to 9 adult women are raped in their lifetime; yet Kentucky lacks proper awareness and legal protection for these and other victims. For example, Kentucky is one of only a small number of states that does not legally protect victims of dating violence.

However, while alarming statistics and difficult personal narratives were ever-present at the conference, knowing and conveying such information is the first step in changing the course of these issues. This point was continually stressed by the keynote

speakers. Out of the featured four, perhaps the most moving was that of the national president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Karolyn Nunnallee. She spoke about losing her eldest daughter, Patty, in the Carrollton Bus Crash in May 1988. Despite her unspeakable loss, she stressed action, movement, and a relentless pursuit for what is fair. By having difficult conversations, advocating for known and unknown victims, and turning our heartache into hope, Nunnallee and the entire conference identified solutions and the possibility that one day we can eradicate these issues.

Support Group for UofL Women Student Veterans

Are you a UofL student veteran? Women student veterans from all branches of the military, women serving on Active Duty, Reserves, or the National Guard are invited to take part in the Veteran Support Group sponsored by the Women's Center. Email Phyllis M. Webb at phyllis.webb@louisville.edu or call 852-8976 if interested in taking part in a supportive on-campus group. Space available for meetings and support.

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