President's Welcome

On behalf of the Organization for Campus Women (OCW) Steering Committee, welcome to UW-L’s 2008-09 academic year! As this year’s OCW president, I look forward to hearing your thoughts about women’s issues on campus.

What’s happening this year?

OCW is involved in a number of events this fall that promote research and awareness of breast cancer. On Saturday, September 6, OCW’s team “Save Second Base” walked in Gundersen Lutheran’s third annual “Steppin’ Out in Pink” walk for breast cancer. In addition, we’ll be coordinating a campus-wide jeans day on Friday, October 10, with all proceeds split evenly between Gundersen Lutheran and Franciscan Skemp in support of breast cancer research.

Our monthly book club discussions provide an opportunity for readers on campus to meet and discuss books over the noon hour at Murphy’s Mug. This fall, we’ll be discussing Plain Truth by Jodi Picoult on September 30, and Funny in Farsi by Firoozeh Dumas on October 28. Author Dumas will also speak at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, in the Recreational Eagle Center. Look for announcements about future books in the Campus Connection.

The annual OCW holiday social will be held this year on Thursday, December 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Cartwright’s Port O’Call. Come by and relax with colleagues, enjoy music, snacks, and door prizes! Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food bank.

In the spring, we will award the Jean L. Foss and Norene A. Smith OCW Scholarship. We will also end the year with a picnic for campus women and their families that has become an annual tradition. Opportunities for other events throughout the year will be announced on our website and through the Campus Connection.

Won’t you join us?
OCW membership for October 2008 through September 2009 is $10 for faculty and staff, $8 for LTEs, and $5 for
graduate students—your dues support OCW service and social activities! Currently, the Steering Committee is searching for a president-elect, which is slated to be a faculty appointment for 2009-10. No experience is necessary, and the voices of women from all classifications are welcome and heard! OCW is always looking for new members and new ideas. Won’t you join us?

Have a great year!

Amery Bodelson
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OCW Steering Committee President, 2008-09

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**OCW Steering Committee Meeting Dates**

You’re always welcome at our OCW steering committee meetings. Here’s a list of this year’s meeting dates and places:

- October 15, noon, Cartwright 263
- December 10, noon, Cartwright 263
- February 11, noon, Cartwright 263
- April 15, noon, Cartwright 260
- November 12, noon, Cartwright 260
- January 14, noon, Cartwright 263
- March 11, noon, Cartwright 263
- May 13, noon, Cartwright 260

Meeting minutes are available on our website at [http://www.uwlax.edu/ocw/meetingminutes/index.html](http://www.uwlax.edu/ocw/meetingminutes/index.html).

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**OCW Book Club**

Brown Bag Lunch – Book Discussion

Facilitated by Jaralee Richter
Murphy's Mug in Murphy Library
Noon-1:00


**Tuesday Oct 28:** Funny In Farsi by Firooshe Dumas (she will be on our campus to speak on Nov. 18) [http://www.parstimes.com/news/archive/2003/washfile008.html](http://www.parstimes.com/news/archive/2003/washfile008.html)

**Tuesday Dec 2:** Little Women by Louisa May Alcott and/or March by Geraldine Brooks [http://www.geraldinebrooks.com/march.html](http://www.geraldinebrooks.com/march.html)

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**2008/2009 OCW Scholarship Winners**

Thanks to the generosity of Jean Foss and Norene Smith combined with the efforts of the OCW Fundraising Committee, OCW was able to lighten the financial load of four well deserving nontraditional female college
students by awarding them substantial scholarships for the 2008/2009 academic year. This year’s awards and recipients are:


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**YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women**

Karen McLean Palmer, Interim Dean of the College of Science and Allied Health, has been selected as a recipient of the YWCA’s Annual Tribute to Outstanding Women. The Tribute will be held in the La Crosse Center South Ballroom on Thursday November 13, 2008. Other UW-L women who were nominated are: Janet Abnet – Economics Department; Chris Bakkum – Records and Registration; Nancy Jones – Records and Registration; Paula Knudson – Student Development/Academic Services; Barbara Stewart – Multicultural Student Services.

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**Holiday Social**

Join us for refreshments, goodies, music, door prizes and holiday cheer!

**When:** Thursday, December 11 from 11:30 am - 1 pm  
**Where:** Port O’Call

One hour of release time to attend this function has been granted by the Chancellor. Please arrange for office coverage if necessary

Please consider bringing a non-perishable item to donate to the campus Food Pantry. Book club participants are encouraging everyone to bring books for an exchange.

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**OCW Symposium**

OCW is in the process of planning our spring symposium for 2008. Details forthcoming in early 2009!

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**Voting Information**

Murphy Library has the most comprehensive information on voting in the Coulee Region. Find out whether you are registered to vote, where to vote, the candidates, the issues, nonpartisan websites, and much more. Please visit: [http://www.uwlax.edu/murphylibrary/govinfo/voting.html](http://www.uwlax.edu/murphylibrary/govinfo/voting.html)

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**WWHEL 2008 Annual Conference**
Mark your calendars for the 2008 Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Annual Conference to be held at Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 23 & 24, 2008. The registration site will be open in mid-August. Check the WWHEL website at www.wwhel.org for more details on the conference and the presenter! A great opportunity to hear a dynamic speaker, network with women leaders, and develop a professional career map!

**Campus Dames**

Campus Dames is now open to all interested individuals affiliated with UW-L. This vibrant organization is about friendships and social gathering and opportunities, community service projects such as Mobile Meals, UW-L student scholarships and much more. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Hench at 784-9713 or Gail Gillis at gillis.gail@uwlax.edu

**Upcoming Campus Events**

- **2008/2009 UW-L Theatre Season**

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- Asterisk (*) indicates a ticketed event
- **Bold** text indicates a "Cellar Thursdays" series event

If you have any information that you would want to have included in our future newsletters, please contact: Donna Anderson, anderson.donn@uwlax.edu, Economics Dept, 785-6864.
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