President's Welcome

On behalf of the Organization for Campus Women (OCW) Steering Committee, welcome to UW-L’s 2009-10 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 12, OCW’s team walked in Gundersen Lutheran’s third annual “Steppin' Out in Pink” walk for breast cancer. Our team (pictured below) raised about $500. In addition, we will be coordinating a campus-wide jeans day in November, 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’ve discussed or will be discussing *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen on September 30, and *The Way Things Are; A Living Approach to Buddhism for Today’s World*, by Lama Ole Nydahl. Look for announcements about future books in the **Campus Connection**.

The annual OCW **holiday social** will be held this year on Thursday, December 3, 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?**

In OCW, you have one of the few opportunities to participate in a community with campus women from all walks of campus life. Personally, it has been a privilege being a part of OCW and meeting so many really terrific women outside my own little corner of UWL. I urge each of you to join and enjoy the company, camaraderie, and support of classified staff, academic staff, faculty, and graduate student women.

OCW membership for October 2009 through September 2010 is $10 for faculty and staff, $8 for LTEs, and $5 for graduate students. Your dues support OCW service, social activities, and most importantly our scholarship! Just send a check made out to: **OCW** through campus mail to me (Economics Department, Wimberly Hall).

We are also looking for individuals to help on various **OCW committees**. If you are interested in helping out a little or a lot, the following committees are looking for your assistance:

- **Social** (Michele Strange),
- **Symposium** (Becky Yoshizumi/Carmen Boortz),
- **Newsletter** (Donna Anderson),
- **YWCA Tribute** (Susan Butterfield),
- **Honors/Scholarship** (Maureen Wilson/Sharie Brunk), and
- **Website** (Galadriel Chilton).

Please contact the individual listed next to each committee for further information or to volunteer.

**Won’t you join us?**

Have a great year!

Donna Anderson

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OCW Steering Committee President, 2009-10
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 21, noon, Cartwright 342
- November 18, noon, Cartwright 342
- December 16, noon, Cartwright 342
- January 20, noon, Cartwright 342
- February 17, noon, Cartwright 342
- March 17, noon, Cartwright 260
- April 21, noon, Cartwright 342
- May 19, noon, Cartwright 342

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

OCW Symposium

The OCW Symposium for Spring 2010 will focus on **stress relief and healthy lifestyles** during a three-hour session comprised of multiple workshop options on stress management, homeopathy, yoga exercises, and healthy eating. Details coming in early 2010!

OCW Book Club & Book Events

**Brown Bag Lunch – Book Discussion**

Facilitated by [Jaralee Richter](#)

Murphy's Mug in Murphy Library

Noon-1:00

Next Book Discussion:

- **Tuesday, November 10 @ Noon in Murphy’s Mug**

  *The Way Things Are: A Living Approach to Buddhism for Today’s World*

  by Lama Ole Nydahl

  Nydahl will speak on campus on **Wednesday, November 11 at 7 pm in Graff Main Hall Auditorium**.

Future Book Discussion Dates (books to be determined):

- **Tuesday, December 22**
- **Tuesday, January 26**

The OCW Book Club meets at noon monthly typically in Murphy's Mug. Participation is open to all UW-L students, faculty and staff. If you cannot join us in person, feel free to [join the OCW Book Club on line with Goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com).
2008/2009 OCW Scholarship Winner

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 a deserving nontraditional female college student by awarding her a scholarship for the 2009/2010 academic year. This year’s award recipient is Adeili Maya Potts, a junior majoring in Public Administration and Political Science.

YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women

Three campus women have been nominated for the 2009 Coulee Region YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women award by the OCW. The nominees and their categories are:

- Deborah Buffton, History – Education
- Anita Evans, Murphy Library – Business/Professions
- Gail Vaughn, Enterprise Services – Other

If selected, to receive the award by the YWCA selection committee, their awards will be presented at the Tribute celebration at **5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12**, at the La Crosse Center South Hall Ballroom. The YWCA The Tribute recognizes and honors women from the Seven Rivers Region who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional and personal endeavors in accordance with the mission of the YWCA.

To nominate women to be considered for the award for 2010, contact Susan Butterfield, chair of the OCW Nominating Committee for the YWCA Tribute Award, at butterfi.susa@uwlax.edu or at 785.8005.

Holiday Social

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

**When:** Thursday, December 3, 2009 from 11:30am-1:00pm

**Where:** Port O’Call

Please consider bringing a non-perishable item to donate to the campus Food Pantry.
WWHEL 2009 Annual Conference

Mark your calendars for the 2008 Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Annual Conference to be held at UW-Stevens Point on **October 22 & 23, 2009**. Check the WWHEL website at [www.wwhel.org](http://www.wwhel.org) for more details! Attending WWHEL is a great opportunity to hear a dynamic speaker, network with women leaders, and develop a professional career map!

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The Association of University of Wisconsin Professionals (TAUWP)

Academic workers in the University of Wisconsin System won collective bargaining rights this past spring. Recent legislation grants the legal right to form a union to faculty, academic staff, and research assistants at state universities across Wisconsin. The change affects nearly 25,000 workers who had previously been excluded from collective bargaining under the state’s labor laws. The UW-L Chapter of TAUWP will be holding informational sessions on CBR over the next year. Please attend and get your questions answered, or contact Tom Hench, President of UW-L TAUWP at [hench.thom@uwlax.edu](mailto:hench.thom@uwlax.edu).

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Campus Dames

Campus Dames is now open to all interested individuals affiliated with UW-L. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Peirce at 739-5679 or [arpeirce@gmail.com](mailto:arpeirce@gmail.com).

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Upcoming Campus Events

- **2009/2010 UW-L Theatre Season**

- **FILM FEST: Unions and Human Rights in the Workplace**
  A film festival on human rights in the workplace will take place in Graff Main Hall Auditorium the first week of October. It is open to the campus and La Crosse community. Discussions led by faculty sponsors will follow each film.

  **Wednesday October 7 at 6pm: Harlan County, USA (1976).** This film documents the coal miners' strike against the Brookside Mine of the Eastover Mining Company in Harlan County, Kentucky in June, 1973. Eastover’s refusal to sign a contract (when the miners joined with the United Mine Workers of America) led to the strike, which lasted more than a year and included violent battles between gun-toting company thugs/scabs and the picketing miners and their families. The film puts the strike into perspective by giving providing background on the historical plight of the miners and some history of the UMWA. It won the 1977 Oscar for Best Documentary.
Sponsored by: Eco 336 Women in the U.S. Economy (Donna Anderson); Eco 330 Labor Economics (Donna Anderson); Phl 101 Introduction to Logic (Eric Kraemer); Phl 334 Philosophy of Science (Eric Kraemer); Phl 332 Philosophy of the Arts (Sheri Ross); and Psy 358 Adulthood (Sara Sullivan).

- **Fall 2009 CAB Events**

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* Asterisk (*) indicates a ticketed event

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

Past OCW Newsletters