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OCW Newsletter

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We have reached our 1997-98 membership level of 74 members and forms continue to come in. Thank you for your support!

Carol Stoelting
Women of Color Conference At UW-L  
February 26-28, 1999  

ALANA (Asian-, Latina-, African-, Native-American Women) Presents -- "Combining the Voices of the Past and the Minds of the Present, to Create the Souls of the Future". All are invited and welcome to attend this conference, which is being held at UW-L.

Keynote Speakers

- **Professor Angela Davis**: Friday, February 26th  
  8:00 pm, Graff Main Hall
- **Judge Ramona Gonzalez**: Saturday, February 27th  
  8:00 am, Valhalla-Gunning Addition, Cartwright Center
- **Judge Joan Greendeer-Lee**: Saturday, February 28th  
  7:30 pm, Days Inn, La Crosse

UW-L Faculty/Staff Conference Presenters:

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Registration price is $50 for faculty and staff and $20 for students. This price includes 4 meals, a ticket to Angela Davis and conference materials.

If you are interested in attending just the keynote speakers, you can purchase tickets separately:

- **Angela Davis**: Faculty/Staff $10.00  
  Students w/ID $3.00
- **Ramona Gonzalez**: $7.00 (includes meal)
- **Joan Greendeer-Lee**: $13.00 (includes meal)

Call 785-8228 to register for the conference, purchase tickets for keynote speakers, or receive more information.

ALL who are interested in the conference are welcome to attend. We want this conference to be inclusive and as dynamic as possible. We hope for women of color, white women, and men of all races to absorb the critical need to continue to communicate, learn, advocate and teach the importance of women developing their minds, to search endlessly for opportunities and to develop and maintain a voice that questions and speaks out against racism, sexism and classism.

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Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL) is planning on holding its annual conference here at UW-L next fall. The dates are Thursday, 9/16/1999, and Friday, 9/17/1999. If anyone is interested in being involved with this conference or has ideas for workshops, please contact any of the following persons:

- Dorothy Zeisler-Vralsted (785-8361)
- Jennifer Wilson (785-8013)
- Pam Rodgers (785-6645)
- Sandi Krajewski (785-8732)

Last year's conference, entitled “The Power of Women in Higher Education Conference” was held in Appleton, October 8 and 9, 1998. Chancellor Judith Kuipers was among the presenters at last year's conference.
Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL)

The mission of Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership (WWHEL) is to increase the number and effectiveness of women in Wisconsin higher education leadership positions by:

- Creating a network of women in higher education leadership positions;
- Providing professional development opportunities for the preparation and support of Women in Wisconsin college and university administration;
- Increasing the visibility and recognition for women qualified by education, experience, and personal characteristics for leadership positions in higher education; and
- Eliminating barriers to women's achievement in higher education leadership.

WWHEL is the Wisconsin affiliate of the national initiative established by the American Council on Education (ACE) in 1973 when it created the Office of Women in Higher Education (OWHE) and the Commission on Women in Higher Education, charging them to promote women's leadership and to develop a roster of women ready for top administrative positions.

Since the founding of the ACE Office of Women in Higher Education, Wisconsin has been an active participant in programs to develop women's leadership abilities. In 1997, the Wisconsin ACE/N.I.P. group reaffirmed its mission through the founding WWHEL caucus that brought institutional representatives from private colleges and universities, the Wisconsin Technical College System, and the University of Wisconsin System together to recreate a network for professional women in the electronic age. Communication is maintained through regional meetings, the Internet, state conferences, and printed newsletters. The WWHEL Coordinator, Jane Crisler (UW-Rock County) is the state representative to the ACE/N.I.P. National Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education. The organization is sustained financially through individual membership and institutional affiliation.

WWHEL Listserv

Join the communication network. Subscribe to the WWHEL listserv by sending an email message to:

majordomo@doits.madison.tec.wi.us

Include a message formatted as follows:

subscribe wwhel-list <your-email-address>

Example: subscribe wwhel-list jcrisler@uwc.edu

To send a communication to the WWHEL listserv, address your communication to:

wwhel-list@doits.madison.tec.wi.us

Remember that your message will automatically go to tens of women whom you may or may not know. You should also expect that messages posted on the listserv can and will be forwarded to other individuals.

Wisconsin Women in Higher Education (WWHEL) is helping you, a busy woman in higher education, have a productive academic year:

- bringing you an annual conference in the fall that is both practical and inspiring, featuring outstanding leaders in higher education
- inaugurating a paid membership program for individuals that will support continued professional development and networking programs for women in higher education. Institutional sponsorship is also available.
- Making the monthly national newsletter, Women in Higher Education (published in Madison), available to paid WWHEL members at a reduced subscription rate ($55.00).

Membership Qualifications

Many WWHEL members have leadership positions at one of nearly 70 institutions offering post-secondary education in the state, including those in the UW System, private colleges and universities and the Wisconsin Technical College System. With titles
ranging from Director, Dean, and Vice President to Vice Chancellor or Provost and President or Chancellor, these women are often pioneers. For them, WWHEL provides a network of peers from which to gain support, insight and renewed professional drive.

WWHEL also welcomes those who may not currently hold positions of leadership, but who have an interest in preparing for such positions or who simply support WWHEL's goals. This may include graduate students, non-tenured faculty, out-of-state faculty, or retired faculty or staff.

**Membership Benefits**

WWHEL members stay informed about issues affecting women in higher education through WWHEL newsletters, electronic mail and publications that are free or discounted for WWHEL members. Members also receive a free subscription to the WWHEL listserv, an electronic forum where members can seek answers to specific questions or keep current on issues. Annual conferences and periodic seminars also provide valuable insight into the administrative role, help develop specific skills, and put members into contact with colleagues who can help them advance professionally. These sessions also offer opportunities to exchange ideas and information with colleagues, as well as to interact socially. WWHEL members receive discounted registration fees for these WWHEL-sponsored events.

**Membership Dues**

- WWHEL Charter Members $50.00 (all benefits of an Individual membership with added support for WWHEL)
- Individual Members $25.00 (faculty/staff of a Wisconsin institution of higher education)
- Associate Member $15.00 (graduate students, retirees, out-of-state faculty, etc.)

A Women in Higher Education newsletter subscription is only $55.00 for WWHEL members and $66 for non-members.
Mary Christie and Arla Wojahn kindly volunteered their time and expertise, and Kennette Brueggeman, Sandy Sechrest, Carol Stoelting and Ginny Kreyer worked together with Mary and Arla to design and set up the web page.

You will find some parts of the web pages are still under construction. Arla is working on the homepage graphics. Button links on the left side of the screen will link to pages for Calendar of Events, Newsletter, Mission & Purpose, Officers and Membership, and OCW Scholarship. The page will include a counter and an online feedback form. An additional link will be Web Sites for Women, which will include links to campus organizations for women, as well as other links of interest.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or ideas for what you would like to see posted or included on the new web page, please contact Sandy Sechrest (Murphy Library, Room 25, 785-8513, sechrest@mail.uwlax.edu).

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The deadline for scholarship applications is March 1, 1999. If you have students that would like to recommend for the scholarship, ask them to contact Jill Jensen-Brye. Jill is taking over for Kathy Thomas as chair of the scholarship committee.

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Take Our Daughters To Work
Thursday, April 22

Plans have just begun for the annual Take Our Daughters to Work Day festivities at UW-L. As in the past, we will host this jointly-sponsored event. So far we have a commitment from the YWCA and are looking for additional sponsors. We assume that the national celebration will be on the 4th Thursday of April, which is the 22nd this year. The theme for this year's activities will be “Sport, Health and Fitness.” Please let us know if you have any ideas to make this day exciting and successful.

Sara Sullivan
OCW is seeking nominations for a faculty, academic staff, and classified staff representative on the 1999-2000 Steering Committee. Please email nominations to Carol Stoelting, stoel_ca@mail.uwlax.edu.

There are also openings for committee chairs/co-chairs. Please think about volunteering. New ideas and enthusiasm are always welcome. Ballots will be sent out to members via campus mail.

Carol Stoelting
Under the joint leadership of Rex Fuller and Mary Torstveit, the UW-L Alcohol Task Force has been meeting since last summer to gather information regarding alcohol-related problems on our campus. We surveyed students from last fall's incoming class regarding their "established" consumption patterns. We are currently preparing to administer the CORE survey of alcohol and drug-related behaviors before spring break. Along with this data collection activity, we have been reviewing a variety of campus policies relevant to alcohol and its impact on the campus community. Finally, in keeping with federal legislation, which allows college administrators to notify parents of students' under-age alcohol/drug offenses, we have invited Tim Brooks to campus on March 5, 1999. Dr. Brooks has been a pioneer in guiding colleges and universities in terms of parental notification and town/gown collaboration in creating healthy environments for students.

Sara Sullivan