**OCW Symposium: Office Beasties & Bullies**

*Tuesday, March 31, 2009 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

*Valhalla, Cartwright Center*

Presented by Dawn Rekoske, Training Officer, UW-Madison’s Staff Education and Training

The kids who were mean on the playground have grown up and gotten jobs. Along the way, some experienced no improvement in social skills. Even worse, others grew more sophisticated and aggressive. These are the workplace beasties and bullies who manipulate, blame, harp, humiliate and take undeserved credit.

If you work with someone like this, you don’t have to let them rock your sanity or your self-esteem. This interactive session will explore: the continuum of workplace beasties and bullies; the scope of harm they can cause; and practical strategies for staying healthy, positive and confident in a workplace with a beastie or bully.

On behalf of Chancellor Gow, Human Resources has approved 2 hours of release time with the request that staff work with their supervisors for office/work coverage. To register, please complete the form below and mail to Carmen Boortz, 243 Graff Main Hall, or e-mail boortz.carm@uwlax.edu. The registration deadline is Tuesday, March 24, 2009.

- Registration Form -

**Brown Bag Book Discussion**

Facilitated by Jaralee Richter

Murphy’s Mug in Murphy Library

Noon-1:00

*Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

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*Oil On the Brain* by Lisa Margonelli

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

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Lisa Margonelli will speak on campus on Tuesday April 7 at 7pm in Graff Auditorium as a part of CAB’s Series of Events.

**OCW Family Picnic**

*May 14, 2009*

*4:30 - 6:30 pm*

The OCW Social Committee is beginning to plan the OCW annual picnic, which will be held at the Gun Club Shelter in Myrick Park on Thursday, May 14, 2009. Friends and family members are welcome to attend too! More details will be coming out closer to the date. So, please mark May 14th on your calendars and watch for our emails!
It's that time of the year again! The Steering Committee for the Organization for Campus Women (OCW) is seeking nominations for several representative positions.

Please go to our ballot and submit your nomination by clicking on the "Vote Now!" button.

Or open a Word version of the ballot and return to: Carmen Boortz, Multicultural Student Services, 243 Graff Main Hall.

Please place your vote by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2009.

What Are YOU Reading?

We want to know! Here are some recommendations from OCW Steering Committee Members (who needs Oprah?)

Email Donna Anderson your recommendations for books and movies to be included on the OCW website and in future newsletters.

Thank you!

Books

1. The Bullet Collection, Patricia Sarrafian Ward  
   Told from daughter Marianna’s point of view about growing up in war-torn Beirut, Lebanon, and then moving to the States. Reminds you that we are all children of our homeland, and as such have pride and loyalty to it, despite its flaws.

2. A History of Love, Nicole Krauss  
   I read a portion of this book online nearly a year ago and was immediately intrigued. It's a story about a manuscript that survives the Holocaust, but it’s also about being remembered, living fully, and connecting with others. I found the writing style poetic and lovely.

3. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Mark Haddon  
   Narrator 15-year old Christopher Boone, who has Asberger syndrome, determines to find out who killed his neighbor's poodle. A quick read, the book shows insightful glimpses into the mind of a person with Asberger syndrome—explaining how new situations are scary, how too much sensory information can make them overwhelmed, and how it’s difficult to empathize with others. Innovatively done and sometimes downright funny.

4. Those Who Save Us, Jenna Blum  
   This story begins in Germany during World War II. It depicts the life of a young woman trying to survive in a war torn country. It flashes to present day to the University of MN where the daughter of the young German woman teaches German studies. Driven by the guilt of her heritage, the daughter begins investigating the past and finally unearths the dramatic and heartbreaking truth of her mother’s life. Combining a story of passionate but doomed love, a vivid evocation of life during the war, and a poignant mother-daughter drama, Those Who Save Us is a profound exploration of what we endure to survive and the legacy of shame. “This book touched my heart, it was one of the most moving books I have ever read.”

5. Blackbird, Jennifer Lauck
6. Icebound, Jerri Nielsen
7. Prayer for Owen Meany, John Irving
8. She’s Come Undone, Wally Lamb
9. This Much I Know Is True, Wally Lamb
10. The Lovely Bones, Alice Sebold
11. Life of Pi, Yann Martel
12. Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd
13. It's Always Something, Gilda Radner
14. The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Kate DiCamillo
15. The Red Tent, Anita Diamant
16. Kindness of Strangers, Mike McIntyre
17. The Birth of Venus, Sarah Dunant
18. A Million Little Pieces, James Frey
19. In Defense of Food, Michael Pollan

Movies

   Favorite movie of all time.
   Inspired by a true story, follows Scottish, German, and French soldiers on Christmas Eve 1914 as they call a temporary truce to celebrate the holiday.

   Stars a young Katie Holmes as the black sheep of the family who attempts to host Thanksgiving dinner in her big city apartment.

4. *The Women* (1939)
   A witty, biting commentary on how women treat(ed) each other. This is the original to last year's *The Women* with Meg Ryan (which I didn't see), but could in no way live up to this 1939 masterpiece.

5. *Young at Heart* (2007)
   A documentary that follows the senior citizen singing group as they practice and tour. Sweet, uplifting. You'll laugh, you'll cry. It's beautiful.

   Still one of the funniest movies I've ever seen.


   Funny, funny, funny and based in Minnesota—lots of Midwest traits.


    Female focused, diversity, finding your place in the world.


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**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

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**Recommended Websites**

- **Skin Deep**
  A safety guide to cosmetics and personal care products brought to you by researchers at the Environmental Working Group.

- **Green America's Responsible Shopper**
  Provides you with the real story about abuses by well-known companies, gives you actions to promote corporate responsibility, and helps you green your life and world.

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**2008/2009 OCW Members**

If you have any information that you would want to have included in our future newsletters, please contact: Donna Anderson, anderson.donn@uwltax.edu, 403T W. Carl Wimberly Hall, 785-6864.