

CCSW Newsletter

January 2011

WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2010

Dr. Stacie Geller

The CCSW is pleased to honor the 2010 Woman of the Year, Stacie E. Geller, PhD.

Dr. Geller is a tenured Professor and holds the G. William Arends Professorship in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Geller is the Director of the UIC Center for Research on Women and Gender and the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health.

The CCSW invites everyone to attend the annual Woman of the Year reception to honor Stacie Geller and to learn more about the accomplishments of this year's recipient. The reception will be on Thursday, March 10, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Student Center West, Chicago Rooms AB. The guest speaker will be Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares.

All are invited to attend the reception which begins at 11:00 a.m.; however, an RSVP is required for the luncheon that begins at 12:00 p.m. Please RSVP online at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/ccsw/activity/WOY/rsvp.html> by Friday, March 4, 2011.

This event is designated as an official Chancellors Status Committee meeting, thereby considered approved for employee participation.



Stacie Geller, winner of the 2010 Woman of the Year Award.

Dr. Geller was nominated by Dr. Sarah Kilpatrick, who wrote:

“Stacie is an ideal candidate for this award because she has directly positively impacted women through her research, her mentorship, and her leadership. She truly cares about discovering knowledge that helps women and cares about helping women succeed in academics; she is passionate about both of these areas. Stacie is a tireless worker who will always strive for excellence in herself and in others.”

UIC Center for Research on Women and Gender Receives Presidential Award

The Center for Research on Women and Gender, Women in Science and Engineering at UIC is among 4 organizations and 11 individuals across the U.S. to received the 2011 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. UIC is the only recipient in Illinois.

The award, announced by President Obama on January 21, honors the UIC center's WISE mentoring initiatives. It includes a \$10,000 grant for continued mentoring activities. Mentors received their awards at a White House ceremony on January 27.

These awards recognize the crucial role that

mentoring plays in the academic and personal development of students studying science or engineering—particularly those who belong to groups that underrepresented in those fields.. The National Science Foundation, an independent federal agency that supports fundamental research and education programs across all fields of science and engineering behalf of the White House. The center's

WISE initiative has worked to increase the participation of women and girls in science, technology, engineering and mathematics since its founding in 1991. The center created the WISE program in 2002 to provide enhanced capacity for mentoring on campus and in the community.

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WISE has built a strong network with community organizations and local businesses to attract grade school girls to math and science, provided tutoring for pre-college young women to improve their math and science college proficiency scores, and implemented a comprehensive peer mentoring program for undergraduate women in of science, technology, engineering and math majors.

You can view the whole story online at <http://tigger.uic.edu/htbin/cgiwrap/bin/newsbureau/cgi-bin/index.cgi?from=Releases&to=Release&id=3116&start=1288121139&end=1295897139&topic=0&dept=0>.



“These individuals and organizations have gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that the United States remains on the cutting edge of science and engineering for years to come,” *Obama* said. “Their devotion to the educational enrichment and personal growth of their students is remarkable, and these awards represent just a small token of our enormous gratitude.”

Chancellor Paula Allen-Mears Meets with CCSW

On January 5, 2011, Chancellor Paula Allen-Mears met with more than 12 members of CCSW to address major objectives and questions for women on campus. The meeting was covered by the Chicago FLAME, and the full article can be read at <http://www.chicagoflame.com/chancellor-meares-all-ears-1.1835921>. Issues discussed at the meeting included the new lactation rooms, the safety of women on campus grounds, and women’s mentoring networks. CCSW was acknowledged for its important work in coming up with crucial questions that will soon be present to U of I President Hogan in an upcoming meeting.



Diversity Discussion at UIC with President Hogan

On Tuesday, January 25, 2011, President Hogan and Chancellor Allen-Mears joined the Chancellor’s Status Committees representatives for the Conversation on Diversity at UIC. The event was sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor, Office for Access and Equity and Office of Diversity.

The Chancellor’s Status committees includes, the Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities (CCSPD), Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Blacks (CCSB).

Chancellors’ Committee on the Status of Women (CCSW), Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues (CCSLGBTI), Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Latinos (CCSL), Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Asian Americans (CCSAA). The discussion revolved 6 themes: Actualization of Diversity; Involvement of Key Stakeholders in Decision Making Process; Climate Issues; impact of the Budget Crisis on Diversity; Implementation and Accountability; and Student Recruitment and Admissions. For more information, please contact Anna Guevarra, Guevarra@uic.edu, CCSAA Co-Chair.



New lactation room in Science and Engineering South (SES) building, East Campus.

SES 1106B is now up and running with temporary furniture. Room is open and currently available first come first serve, a schedule will be posted as use increases. Each department in SES (Biology, EES, Chemistry, Physics, WISE) has a key in case the door accidentally gets locked. Many thanks to WISE and LAS for their financial support of the project, and to Stephanie Chamberlin and Elizabeth Kocs for helping coordinate the work.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Dr. Christine Wu for her election as President of the Mid-America Chinese American Professional Association from 2011-2012!

Women's Leadership Symposium 2011



Mark Your Calendars! This year's symposium is on the horizon!

Women's Leadership Symposium 2011
"Women DARE – Decisive Actions Resulting in Empowerment"

Thursday, June 9th 2011
8:00AM - 5:00PM
Illinois Room, Student Center East

Would you like to present a workshop at WLS 2011?

The Women's Leadership & Resource Center and the WLS Planning Committee are seeking volunteer presenters for this year's symposium.

Submission Deadline: Friday, February 11th 2011

Seventeenth Annual Women's Leadership Symposium
"Women DARE – Decisive Actions Resulting in Empowerment"
Thursday, June 9, 2011
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Illinois Room, Student Center East.

Our mission is to make leadership development more accessible to women on campus and to address the unique issues faced by minority women. We are looking for presentations that address a holistic and broad view of leadership development, which includes career and workplace issues, work/life balance, financial, spiritual and physical well-being, self exploration, and empowerment.

Past presentation topics have included: Mentoring, Decision Making, Conflict Resolution, Communication Skills, Technology, Strategic Planning, Financial Planning, Stress Management, Networking, Career Development, Cultivating Diversity in the Work Force, and Women's Health.

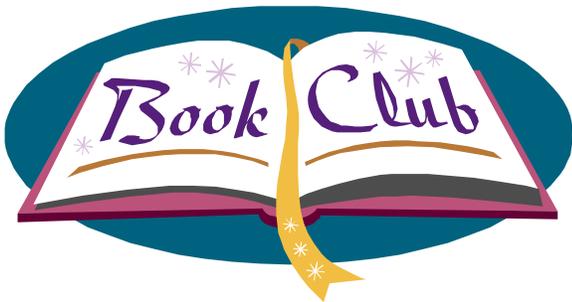
Workshops are two-hour sessions that allow for interactive exercises, discussion and/or hands-on activities. Volunteer presenters are invited to join us for lunch, attend a workshop, and will receive a symposium gift bag.

If you are interested in presenting a workshop please visit <http://www.uic.edu/depts/owa/wls2011> to download the submission form.

Proposals can be submitted via e-mail to wlr@uic.edu; fax: 312.413.8393; or campus mail to the Women's Leadership and Resource Center (M/C 363). The submission deadline for workshop proposals is Friday, February 11th.

Please note:

*Proposals will be posted on the WLRC website on a password-protected page for review by WLS committee members only.



The WoRD Book Club
Next Meeting: Tuesday,
February 1, 2011

The winner of our poll and the fourth book for the WoRD (Women's Reading and Discussion) Club is "*Blink: The Power of Thinking without Thinking*" by Malcolm Gladwell. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at noon in 2214 SES at the corner of Halsted and Taylor, on UIC's east campus. The WoRD Club is housed by CCSW-AP subcommittee and club meetings are designated as official Chancellor's Status Committee meetings, and are thereby considered approved for employee participation. **Any one from UIC community (students, staff, faculty) is invited to our meetings.**

Excerpt from Amazon's editorial review:

"Blink" is about the first two seconds of looking--the decisive glance that knows in an instant. Gladwell, the best-selling author of [The Tipping Point](#), campaigns for snap judgments and mind reading with a gift for translating research into splendid storytelling. Building his case with scenes from a marriage, heart attack triage, speed dating, choking on the golf course, selling cars, and military maneuvers, he persuades readers to think small and focus on the meaning of "thin slices" of behavior. The key is to rely on our "adaptive unconscious"--a 24/7 mental valet--that provides us with instant and sophisticated information to warn of danger, read a stranger, or react to a new idea.

Gladwell includes caveats about leaping to conclusions: marketers can manipulate our first impressions, high arousal moments make us "mind blind," focusing on the wrong cue leaves us vulnerable to "the Warren Harding Effect" (i.e., voting for a handsome but hapless president). In a

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provocative chapter that exposes the "dark side of blink," he illuminates the failure of rapid cognition in the tragic stakeout and murder of Amadou Diallo in the Bronx. He underlines studies about autism, facial reading and cardio uptick to urge training that enhances high-stakes decision-making. In this brilliant, cage-rattling book, one can only wish for a thicker slice of Gladwell's ideas about what Blink Camp might look like.

About the Author:

Malcolm Gladwell has been a staff writer with The New Yorker magazine since 1996. His 1999 profile of Ron Popeil won a National Magazine Award, and in 2005 he was named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People. He is the author of "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Make a Big Difference," (2000) and "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" (2005), both of which were number one New York Times bestsellers.

As a reminder we welcome all book enthusiasts, anyone from UIC community who are interested in reading books and being part of stimulating discussions on these topics. WoRD Club was founded for the purpose of reading and discussing books related to employment, and professional/personal growth and development, particularly as they relate to women.

To join the WoRD Club, please visit: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WoRDclub4UIC/> and click on "Join This Group!" or contact Yesim Anter (yanter1@uic.edu) or Kristine Zimmerman (kzimme3@uic.edu).

Flyer for the February 1st book club meeting:

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/ccsw/committee/flyers/WoRDFebruary2011.pdf>

Communication Subcommittee Newsletter Workshop

The Communication Subcommittee is sponsoring Part I of a two part workshop on how to create, write for, and design newsletters. All members of UIC and the community are welcome to attend and lunch will be provided.

When: Friday, February 18, 2011

Where: SCE 408

Time: 12:00-1:30 p.m.

In order to attend, please RSVP to:

Connie Ping: hping@uic.edu

Kati Cruger: kcruger2@uic.edu

Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

For event flyer, go to

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/ccsw/committee/flyers/flyer.pdf>





Women's Heritage Month Planning



Programs for UIC Women's Heritage Month 2011

As March and UIC Women's Heritage Month are rapidly approaching, the Women's Leadership and Resource Center is reaching out to the campus to see who has programs or events planned for this month. Our office plans to create and maintain a comprehensive campus-wide online calendar. All submitted events will be posted as well as advertised weekly to the campus community.

The national theme for this year's celebration is "Our History is Our Strength". If you would like to submit a program/event for the calendar please contact Athanasia at athana@uic.edu. We would like to receive as many programs/events as possible by Friday, February 11th in order to get some print advertising out to the campus community. Programs submitted after that time will be listed only on the online calendar on our website.

We hope you will be able to join us as we highlight and celebrate the countless achievements and unique contributions that women have made and continue to make to our history.



AP Subcommittee Events for Academic Year 2011

Professional and Personal Skill Building, Spring 2011:

Subcommittee members are working on organizing an event that will focus on professional and personal skill building. The event is going to take place in the next months. For suggestions, please contact Sarah Dombrowski at sdombr3@uic.edu or Fatima Aliu at faliu@uic.edu.

CCSW AP – LinkedIn website:

Please join us at our LinkedIn Networking website to follow our events, updates, read and post news articles related to APs and discuss recent events affecting APs at UIC.

To join us at LinkedIn please click on the link below or send an email

to Sarah Dombrowski (sdombr3@uic.edu) or Yesim Anter (yanter1@uic.edu)
http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2666652&trk=hb_side_g

Next CCSW AP subcommittee meeting:

Join us at our next CCSW-AP subcommittee meeting to learn about the campus programs, next brown bag events, and to discuss topics and events affecting APs at UIC

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2011
Time: 12 – 1 pm
Location: 507 DHSP. *DHSP is located at 1640 W. Roosevelt Road (between Ashland and Paulina, on the north side of the street). It is on the new Intercampus Shuttle route and accessible by CTA: (#12 on Roosevelt), one block south of Taylor St. (#157), and 2 blocks from Polk St. & Paulina*



For more information about our subcommittee, please visit our website: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/ccsw/committee/AP.html>

Want to Get Involved?

The CCSW Communication subcommittee is looking for new members! We are responsible for publishing the newsletter, creating announcements, updating calendar items and news stories for campus newspapers, and maintaining the CCSW Web page. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Connie Ping at hping@uic.edu or Kati Cruger at kcruger2@uic.edu.

Other Ways to Get Involved in CCSW

- [Academic Professional Subcommittee](#)
- [Communication Subcommittee](#)
- [Faculty Concerns Subcommittee](#)
- [Minority Women Concerns Subcommittee](#)
- [Student Subcommittee](#)
- [Women in Administration Subcommittee](#)

Questions or comments about the newsletter? Please e-mail Kati Cruger at kcruger2@uic.edu or call (312) 413-1778

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