

CCSW Newsletter

March 2011

Woman of the Year 2010 Reception

Chancellor **Paula Allen-Meares** and **Stacie Geller**, director of the Center for Research on Women and Gender, chat before Geller is honored as UIC Woman of the Year at a reception Thursday in Student Center West.

“It has always been my passion to help women and girls as much as I can,” Geller said as she accepted the award.

“I do it for women all over the world, and also for myself. It feels good to know I’m making a difference.”



Dr. Stacie Geller, Woman of the Year 2010, with CCSW co-chairs Valerie Dobiesz (left) and Jacquelyn Jancius (right)



Valerie Dobiesz, Dr. Stacie Geller, Jacquelyn Jancius, and Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares.



Dr. Geller accepts her award from the Chancellor.



Dr. Geller’s Acceptance Speech

“Dr. Geller’s mentorship of women and outside UIC is legendary and has positively altered the career trajectories of many.”
-Donna Baptiste

Nominate the Woman of the Year 2011

You have an opportunity to nominate a candidate from the UIC community for the 2011 "Woman of the Year" Award sponsored by The Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women (CCSW). Established in 1992, this annual award honors a UIC woman who has consistently worked on women's issues beyond the call of duty and who is an exemplary role model. Winners are honored with a reception officiated by the Chancellor and a cash award of \$1,000.

The award criteria include providing service to women at UIC while on the job, responding to issues affecting women, and offering service to women through voluntarism and public support of women's programs. All UIC women employed by the University (including faculty, academic professionals or civil service with at least a 50% appointment) or retired faculty or staff who are still actively involved with women issues and/or service at UIC are eligible for the award. A committee of CCSW officers and former award winners will make the final selection from among the nominees.

The final date for submitting nominations is July 1, 2011. Nominations can be received earlier. As members of the university community, you will be invited to the Reception for the recipient of this award. For more information about the Award and about CCSW's other activities, including our mentoring program, subcommittees, and newsletter, see our webpage at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/ccsw>.

Nominations for Woman of the Year can be sent by campus mail or electronically to Jacquelyn Jancius, OVCR, 1737 S. Polk St. Suite 310 MC 672 or e-mail to jancius@uic.edu. Nominations will remain active for a period of three years; women nominated last year will be considered in the next two cycles. Please feel free to submit additional information and letters of support for those women whose nominations are being held. A vita or resume and a minimum of three supporting letters should accompany the nomination and should address the following criteria:

1. Service to UIC women as part of her job:
 - a. Responding to issues affecting UIC women (e.g., sexual harassment, working conditions, opportunity for advancement, layoffs);
 - b. Acting to build coalitions on campus;
 - c. Being a role model and mentor to students and new professionals.
2. Service to UIC women through volunteerism (indicate number of years)
 - a. Being active on committees in support of women;
 - b. Publicly supporting women's issues.

Other contributions not covered above .

Nomination forms can be found online at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/ccsw/activity/WOY.html>

CCSW AP – LinkedIn Website



Please join our LinkedIn Networking Web site 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 e-mail to Sarah Dombrowski (sdombro4@uic.edu) or Yesim Anter (yanter1@uic.edu).

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2666652&trk=hb_side_g

The WoRD Book Club Meeting, Wednesday, May 18, 2011

The winner of our poll and the fifth book for the WoRD (Women's Reading and Discussion) Club is "*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*" by Rebecca Skloot. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at noon in Room 507 DHSP, at 1640 W. Roosevelt Street on UIC's West Campus.

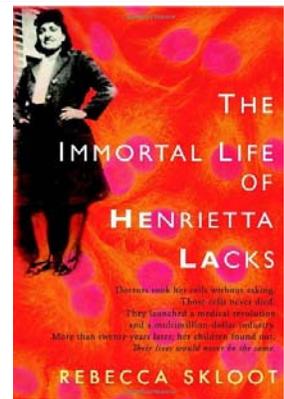
The *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* tells the rich, enthralling story of Henrietta Lacks, the forgotten woman behind one of the most important tools in modern medicine, and of Lacks' descendants, many of whom feel betrayed by the scientific establishment.

Born in 1920 in Clover, Virginia, Lacks was a poor tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors. In 1951, she developed a strangely aggressive cancer, and doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital took a tissue sample without her knowledge. She died without knowing that her cells would become immortal—the first to grow and survive indefinitely in culture. HeLa cells, as they are called, were essential to developing the polio vaccine. They have aided in the development of in-vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping, and have helped us to better understand the workings of cancer and innumerable viruses. Even today, HeLa is the most widely used cell line in labs worldwide, bought and sold by the billions. Skloot weaves together the Lackses' story—past and present—with the story of the first culturing of HeLa cells, the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, and the birth of bioethics.

Rebecca Skloot is an award-winning science writer whose articles have appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *O, The Oprah Magazine*, *Discover*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, and elsewhere. She is a contributing editor for *Popular Science* magazine and has also been a correspondent for NPR and PBS.

The WoRD Club meetings are held 3 to 4 times a year and are designated as official Chancellor's Status Committee meetings, and are thereby considered approved for employee participation. The meetings are open to **anyone, students, staff, and faculty- from UIC community**. 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 May 18th book club meeting: http://www.uic.edu/depts/ccsw/committee/minutes_AP/WoRDMay2011.pdf



CCSW-AP Subcommittee Brown Bag Events

“**Distinguished UIC Women in Supervision and Management**” event was held at Rafael Cintron Ortiz Latino Cultural Center on Thursday, January 27, at 12 pm. The event brought Amy Levant, the Interim Vice Provost for Academic and Enrollment Services, and Nancy Sullivan, the Director of Office of Technology Management as featured panelists along with 35 faculty and Academic Professionals as participants. The event was moderated by Yesim Anter of the Department of Physics and Diane Ruiz of the Center for Research on Women and Gender. The moderators began the event by acknowledging the co-sponsors of the event, CCSW- Women in Administration Subcommittee, CCSB – AP subcommittee and Rafael Cintron Ortiz Latino Cultural Center for providing the venue. Dr. Stacie Geller (Women in Science and Engineering Mentoring Initiatives Program) was also acknowledged as being named one of the recipients of the 15 individuals and organizations that received the 2011 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. The panelists Amy Levant and Nancy Sullivan talked about their background and management style, and exchanged questions and comments with the participants. The panelists emphasized the importance of i) mentoring, networking and getting involved with UIC community (*via Chancellor's committees* or other means), ii) bringing solutions to the table, rather than only problems, iii) speaking up your mind, iv) acknowledging your peers and getting (and training) your managers to acknowledge you. Based on the feedback CCSW – AP received, the subcommittee will continue offering this event series which has brought 5 speakers under this topic within last two years.

Professional and Personal Skill Building, Spring 2011

Chancellors Committee on the Status of Women (CCSW), Academic Professionals (AP) Subcommittee invites you to the upcoming **“Professional and Personal Skill Development”** brown bag lunch event on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 from 12 pm to 1 pm at the Latino Cultural Center in Lecture Center B2 on 803 S. Morgan Street.

Speakers:

Kim Morris Lee, Director, Organizational Effectiveness
Laurie Schellenberger, Coordinator, Human Capital Development
Angela Prazza Winters, Chair, Academic Professional Mentoring Program

Our speakers are joining us at the “Professional and Personal Skill Development” event to discuss what is currently available to academic professionals on campus to expand their professional and personal skills. We will also talk about future program plans and touch upon the Academic Professional Mentoring Program. The goal is to empower AP’s to utilize campus opportunities to advance, network, build and refresh skills.

This event is designated as an official Chancellor’s Status Committee meeting, thereby considered approved for employee participation. It is open to everyone from UIC Community. Please RSVP to Sarah Dombrowski at 355-0420 or sdombr3@uic.edu RSVP is not required, but greatly appreciated. It is organized as part of the Brown Bag Lunch series, so the attendants are welcomed to bring their lunch. Light refreshments will be served.

We acknowledge our co-sponsors, Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Women (CCSW) and the Academic Professional Advisory Committee. We are thankful to Rafael Cintron-Ortiz Latino Cultural Center for allowing us to use its conference room.



The CCSW Academic Professional (AP) Subcommittee is Seeking a New Co-chair

As Yesim Anter’s term coming to an end this academic year, AP subcommittee is seeking for a new co-chair. This position has a 2-year term commitment. The co-chair will work in collaboration with the senior co-chair (Sarah Dombrowski). The new co-chair will also be nominated to be a board member of the CCSW. The subcommittee co-chairs have the following duties which are shared and typically alternated between co-chairs:

- Organize subcommittee monthly meetings,
- Prepare subcommittee meeting agenda and minutes,
- Lead subcommittee meetings and discussions,
- Promote committee membership and involvement of subcommittee members,
- Assist with organizing events and initiatives of the subcommittee (and will likely host at least one event organized by the CCSW AP subcommittee)
- Maintain the subcommittee budget, expense reporting, funding requests,
- Maintain subcommittee archives, website, email list,
- Attend CCSW monthly meetings in person or via conference call,
- Prepare the Annual Report at the end of academic year on the subcommittee activities, which is presented to the CCSW,
- Maintain or assist in maintaining the CCSW AP LinkedIn website in collaboration with the other co-chair or other CCSW AP subcommittee member(s),
- Act as a CCSW-AP liaison at UIC meetings concerning APs.

The co-chair position on the sub-committee is a rotating position. Being a co-chair of the subcommittee presents great opportunities such as networking, meeting university administrators and colleagues from other departments. It gives us a chance to play a key role on issues that interest APs and a privilege and the responsibility of serving to their best interests. The co-chairs would like to thank previous co-chairs for their dedication and hard work. Visit our website to get acquainted with these [extraordinary women](#).

Upcoming Subcommittee Meetings

CCSW AP subcommittee meeting

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

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Time: 12 – 1 pm

Location: Room 507 DHSP at 1640 W. Roosevelt Road on west campus.

[02/22/2011 meeting minutes](#)

For more information about our subcommittee, please visit our website:

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/ccsw/committee/AP.html>

CCSW Minority Women's Concerns subcommittee meeting

Our subcommittee will meet on April 18, 2011 at UICMC, located at 1740 W. Taylor St., Room 1136. We will meet from noon – 1 p.m.

CCSW Faculty Concerns subcommittee meeting

The next meeting of CCSW Faculty Concerns will be Friday, April 8, 11 a.m. to noon at CRWG conference room, 5th floor, 1640 W. Roosevelt Road. Our Agenda will include career development for Associate Professors, service obligations for women faculty, and researching the situation of non-tenure track faculty. Please join us.

Minority Women Concerns Subcommittee Presents - Look Great at 88!

Participants will learn about the mechanics of aging & proactive steps needed to help them stay looking & feeling great!

When: Friday, April 22, 2011

Where: UICME, 1740 W. Taylor, Room 1136

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Facilitators

Carol Petersen, M.Ed., UIC Wellness Center

Dr. Kimberly Battle-Miller, Independent Sales Director, Mary Kay Cosmetics

Please RSVP, as space is limited to 25 participants. Light refreshments will be served.

Contact Tyra Oliver at tdoliver@uic.edu .



CCSW is Now on Facebook!

CCSW now has a Facebook page that you can join to view all of our events and updates. Please join us: UIC Chancellors Committee on the Status of Women (CCSW).

You can find our page at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/UIC-Chancellors-Committee-on-the-Status-of-Women-CCSW/182301168466793>



10th Annual Alice J. Dan Dissertation Research Award

The UIC Center for Research on Women and Gender is pleased to announce the 10th Annual Alice J. Dan Dissertation Research Award. The Alice J. Dan Dissertation Research Award encourages original and significant research about sex, gender and/or women by UIC students. The award is open to UIC doctoral students in any field who have completed the requirements for candidacy and have an approved dissertation proposal by the application deadline.

Award(s) will range from \$500-\$1,000. Applications must include:

1. A dissertation summary of no more than 5 double spaced pages which includes:
 - an abstract (200 words or less)
 - significance of research for women and/or gender
 - research methods
 - progress to date
 - timetable for completion
 - budget
2. Additional supporting materials: 2 reference letters (one reference letter documenting approval for dissertation proposal and one must be from dissertation advisor). Review criteria include:
 - potential for contribution to research on women and/or gender
 - originality and significance to the major field
 - research methodology
 - academic preparation and ability to accomplish the work
 - feasibility of timetable for completion
 - feasibility of budget

Applications should be emailed to Dr. Manorama Khare at mkhare1@uic.edu or mailed or delivered to:

UIC-CRWG
ATTN: Dan Dissertation Award
1640 West Roosevelt Road (M/C 980), Room 503 Chicago, IL 60608

The submission deadline is **Friday, May 20, 2011** and winners will be announced in July, 2011. For more information call or e-mail the co-chairs: Manorama Khare at (312) 413-7342 or mkhare1@uic.edu; Sarah Shirk at (312)413-1636 or sshirk1@uic.edu.

To support the Alice J. Dan Dissertation Research Award, please visit:
<http://www.uic.edu/depts/crwg/give.shtml>