



2010 Woman of the Year

The Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women has selected Stacie E. Geller, PhD, MPA as the 2010 Woman of the Year.

Dr. Geller is the G. William Arends Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Medicine; Director of the UIC Center for Research on Women and Gender; and Director of the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. Dr. Geller was nominated by Dr. Sarah Kilpatrick, Vice Dean in the College of Medicine with supporting nominations from Dr. Alice Dan, Dr. Eric Gislason, Dr. Pauline Maki, and Dr. Donna Baptiste.

The Woman of the Year award was 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. 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.

The CCSW will organize a reception to honor Dr. Geller as the Woman of the Year during the spring semester 2011.

UIC Lactation Rooms

Based on a recommendation from the Commuter Student Resource Center Taskforce, UIC has recently opened lactation rooms to serve breastfeeding mothers on both sides of campus. They were funded and created by the Student Centers Administration.

The east side rooms are located adjacent to the women's restroom and locker rooms in the new Commuter Student Resources Center in Student Center East, adjacent to the Wellness Center. The west side lactation rooms are on the second floor of Student Center West, and have been open since fall 2009.

James Stewart, Assistant Director of Student Development Services, feels the rooms are a positive addition to our campus, saying "New mothers-whether students, faculty, or staff- face extra challenges. Providing diaper changing tables, paper towels, tables, comfortable chairs, and access to power outlets in a private location will hopefully provide an important resource while they are on campus." The rooms are available to any faculty, staff or student with a valid UIC I-Card (the west side rooms are available to the general public with valid ID of any kind to accommodate conference attendees, etc.), and no appointments are necessary.



Lactation Room - Student Center East

Lactation Room Resources

- [Women's Leadership and Resource Center](#)
- [The Wellness Center](#)
- [The Commuter Student Resource Center \(CSRC\)](#)
- [Resolution for the Provision of Lactation Rooms April 22, 2010 Senate Meeting](#)

Subcommittee Highlights

CCSW-AP Survey Results

The Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women - Academic Professionals (CCSW-AP) subcommittee has asked APs to provide input for our ongoing series of brown bag workshops and seminars for APs. Approximately 96 APs participated in this survey. The survey concluded on April 9, and analysis of the results was shared with the subcommittee meeting attendants in the meeting on April 28. The survey was divided into several thematic areas, with specific topics listed within each theme. Overall, "Women in Leadership and Management," "Professional Development," and "Professional and Personal Skill Building" were the themes that interested the most respondents. The survey has been spearheaded by Kristine Zimmerman, former co-chair of the CCSW – AP subcommittee and a member of the CCSW committee. Future events will likely focus on Women in Leadership and Management as well as Professional Development topics for APs.



The WoRD Book Club – next meeting Friday October 1, 2010

The winner of our poll and the third book for the WoRD (Women's Reading and Discussion) Club is "How to Say It For Women: Communicating with Confidence and Power Using the Language of Success" by Phyllis Mindell. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, October 1, 2010 at noon on UIC's west campus at 507 DHSP Building at 1604 W. Roosevelt Road (between Ashland and Paulina).

Excerpt from Amazon's editorial review:

"Phyllis Mindell, an acclaimed expert on professional communications, shows women how to transform themselves by transforming their language; shed weak words, phrases, and gestures; empower themselves to win attention and respect; and get their ideas across with confidence and power. Perhaps the best teacher of how the power of language can transform is an unexpected one: Charlotte the spider of E.B. White's, *Charlotte's Web*. Mindell demonstrates how Charlotte communicated messages that gained national attention and saved a friend's life. As a model, she combines female strengths of wisdom and compassion with the determination and power to make a difference. As part of Prentice Hall Press's highly successful *How to Say It* series, *How to Say It for Women* is packed with practical tips, techniques, and examples that arm women to grapple with every communication issue, from choosing the right word or sentence to speaking, reading, writing, leading, dressing, and interviewing effectively. Readers will learn how to: shun words that weaken messages and make women invisible; sail through interviews; assess and develop leadership skills; say NO, kindly but firmly; respond appropriately to slurs, insults, and harassment; say the one winning word that gets people to follow directions. True stories about women in every field, along with quotes from Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Carla Hills, Amelia Earhart, Elizabeth Dole and others, enable women to tap the power of words to persuade, motivate, establish authority, and make a difference-- without sacrificing their integrity, their compassion, or their femininity.

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).

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. Flyer for the October 1 book club meeting: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/ccsw/committee/flyers/WoRDOctober2010v2.pdf>



WoRD Club

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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

Upcoming Events

October 2010

The WoRD Book Club

Friday, October 1, 2010
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
507 DHSP Building

November 2010

WLS 2011 Planning Committee Meeting

Friday, November 5, 2010
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
850 University Hall

Speed Networking Event

Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Time: TBD
Location: TBD

March 2011

Women's Heritage Month 2011

"Our History is Our Strength"
March, 2011



WLS 2011 Planning Committee Meeting

The Women's Leadership and Resource Center is gearing up for its Seventeenth Annual Women's Leadership Symposium.

Be a part of helping UIC women succeed! Come join the 2011 Women's Leadership Symposium Planning Committee! The first planning committee meeting will be held on Friday, November 5th from 1:00-2:30 in 850 University Hall. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP at wlrcc@uic.edu by November 3rd if you plan on joining us. If you are unable to attend the first meeting but are still interested in participating, please be sure to contact us.

The symposium is an all-day conference consisting of a series of workshops that address career and workplace issues, work/life balance, financial, spiritual and physical well-being, self exploration, and empowerment. Our mission is to make leadership development more accessible to women on campus and to address the unique issues faced by minority women. Inspiring speakers, raffle prizes, and great networking opportunities are also offered.

This year's symposium is on the horizon! Come be a part of making it happen!

Speed Networking Event

One of the most praised events our subcommittee held will be repeated on Tuesday, November 9, 2010. The event aims at bringing together APs interested in meeting their colleagues on campus, having a few minutes of one-on-one discussion to learn about what other APs are doing on campus, and making new connections. Details on the events will be distributed soon.

Comments from participants who attended the 1st Speed Networking event:

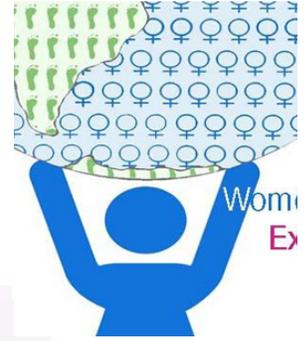
- "Thank you for hosting the event!!!! This is so badly needed at our university. We don't get enough opportunity to get out and meet others. It was fun and offered an excellent opportunity to meet new people."
- "The economy has been tough on my unit and this event helped me recharge my spirits."

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Women's Heritage Month 2011 - "Our History is Our Strength"

Want to be a part of the dynamic group that brings Women's Heritage Month to UIC? Come join the 2011 Women's Heritage Month Working Group - a coalition of UIC departments, offices, organizations and individuals who will be working as a team to develop and promote exciting, interactive activities during March 2011. Women's Heritage Month is a time to celebrate and promote leadership and pride among the women on the UIC campus.

Interested? Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements or contact the Women's Leadership and Resource Center at wlr@uic.edu for additional information.



The Commuter Student Resource Center

The Commuter Student Resource Center (CSRC) is now open in 2South Room 245 of Student Center East. The goal of the CSRC is to provide programs, services, and facilities to foster student success.

Allow us to highlight a new feature available in the center: our private lactation rooms conveniently located in the CSRC in Student Center East. For your convenience, we provide diaper changing tables, paper towels, tables, comfortable chairs, and access to power outlets. To utilize our private lactation room, check out a key from the front desk of the CSRC.

What are some of the other offerings of the CSRC?

- Take advantage of our Programs like an Off Campus Housing Fair, workshops on topics from commuting safety to bike maintenance, and other social opportunities to meet other commuting students.
- Beyond lactation rooms, our Facilities offer a lounge, study spaces, a kitchen, lockers, showers, computers, and more.
- Utilize our Services which include Carpool Connections, the Take a Professor to Lunch program, Commuter Assistants for housing and transportation assistance, and referral to other resources on campus and in the community.

The hours are 8a.m. to 6p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8a.m. to 5p.m. on Friday. Sign up for our listserv by emailing your first and last name to commuter@uic.edu. Connect with us on the web (commuter.uic.edu), on Twitter (twitter.com/uiccsrc), and on Facebook.



Subcommittee Meetings and Contacts

Academic Professionals

10-26-10 12:00PM - 1:00PM Room 2750 UH
Sarah Dombrowski (sdomb@uic.edu) or Yesim Anter (yanter1@uic.edu)

Communications

10-29-10 12:00PM - 1:00PM TBD
Sarah Yu (sarahyu@uic.edu) or Connie Ping (hping@uic.edu)

Faculty Concerns

Contact co-chairs for meeting information
Barbara Camune (bcamune@uic.edu) or Donna Baptiste (dbaptiste@psych.uic.edu)

Minority Women's Concerns

Contact co-chairs for meeting information
Heather Deguia (hdeguia@uic.edu), Tyra Oliver (tdoliver@uic.edu)

Students

Contact co-chairs for meeting information
Sara Spiegel (Advisor) (slspieg@uic.edu)

Women in Administration

10-01-10 12:00PM - 1:30PM Room 177 COP
Clara Awe (awe@uic.edu) or Mary Hemby (mtoliver@uic.edu)



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