

National Council for Research on Women
IGNITING CHANGE:
activating alliances for social justice
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York
June 10–12, 2009

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PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Wednesday, June 10

Women in Business Series—

**INVESTING IN SUCCESS:
ADVANCING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN BUSINESS**

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
9:00 am – 10:30 am

**Women and the Economic Crisis—
Challenges and Opportunities**

9:00 am – 10:30 am, Recital Hall (1st floor)

Corporate senior managers and research experts from the Council's network discuss the impact of the financial crisis on women's productivity and competitiveness in the changing market. How has the impact differed for women and men? What has been the experience of women of color? How have women responded to this challenging and increasingly unstable financial climate? What are some new initiatives that companies have tried to retain and advance more women? And what are strategies for keeping diversity initiatives alive in these trying times?

RESOURCES

Terri Austin, AIU Holdings, Inc.
Subha Barry, Bank of America and Merrill Lynch
LaMae Allen deJongh, Accenture
Ana Duarte McCarthy, Citi
Aynesh Johnson, Goldman Sachs
Kerrie Peraino, American Express
Melinda Wolfe, Bloomberg L.P.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
10:45 am – 12:45 pm

**Resiliency and Reinvention—
Navigating Through Turbulent Times
10:45 am – 12:45 pm, Recital Hall**

Lauren W. Ashwell, former SVP of Talent and Management at Lehman Brothers, and Dr. Marilyn Puder-York, a pioneer in applying clinical psychology to executive careers, will lead an interactive workshop illustrating the key components of resiliency. Takeaways include strategies that play to strengths during turbulent times; build flexibility and a future-focused outlook; and help individuals and managers thrive individually, professionally and within the family by fully tapping into their natural assets. **A networking lunch will be included in this session.**

SPEAKERS

*Lauren W. Ashwell, Organization Consultant and Leadership Coach
Marilyn Puder-York, Ph.D., Consultant*

RESOURCE

Julie M. Johnson, The Reid Group, Executive Coaching Services

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Getting to 50/50—
How Working Couples Can Have it All by Sharing it All
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, Recital Hall**

Sharon Meers will present the action plan developed in her recent book on how to fully embrace a 50/50 solution and tackle the conflicting priorities of care-giving, job demands, and home life responsibilities. From identifying a 50/50 employer, to scripting how to tell your boss that you are pregnant, to providing men with tools to negotiate paternity leave and flextime, Meers will offer advice to both women and men on how to successfully integrate work-life balance.

SPEAKER

*Sharon Meers, Coauthor, Getting to 50/50
and Former Managing Director, Goldman Sachs*

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Research on Women.**

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

WELCOME AND OPENING PLENARY

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Recital Hall

WELCOME

Linda Basch, President, National Council for Research on Women
Eleanor Horne, NCRW Board Chair, Vice President, Social Investment Fund,
Educational Testing Service
Anne Humpherys, Director, Center for the Study of Women and Society,
The Graduate Center, CUNY
Eleanor Smeal, Director, The Feminist Majority and Publisher, Ms. Magazine

OPENING PLENARY

Powering Change: Is There a New Landscape for Social Justice?
Recital Hall

The Opening Plenary will examine President Obama's first 150 days in the White House and his leadership in addressing critical contemporary challenges focused on the economy, healthcare, the environment, and education. Is this the moment for a new social contract and viable agenda for social justice domestically and globally? What will the opportunities and challenges be for women and girls, and what kinds of alliances and partnerships need to be built to foster and advance such an agenda?

SPEAKERS

Heather Boushey, Center for American Progress
Irasema Garza, Legal Momentum
Alan Jenkins, The Opportunity Agenda
Lisa Mensah, The Aspen Institute
Rinku Sen, Applied Research Center

MODERATOR

Linda Basch, National Council for Research on Women

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**WELCOME RECEPTION and
NCRW MEMBER CENTER AWARDS**

Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Recital Hall Lobby

SPEAKER

Donna Orender
President, Women's National Basketball Association

MEMBER CENTER AWARDS PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
9:00 am – 10:30 am

Thursday, June 11

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Youth: Opportunities and Challenges for Building Leadership Pipelines Room 9205

As tomorrow's voters and leaders, young women need to be vital partners in advancing the movement for social justice. This means working in partnership with young women, recognizing and valuing their diversity, to understand their perspectives and concerns and foster programs that emphasize both their rights and civic responsibilities. The panel will highlight current issues facing young women and address structural and cultural factors that support or hinder their empowerment. Attention will also be given to strategies for working across generational and cultural differences to build a viable movement.

SPEAKERS

Rosalina Diaz-Miranda, Medgar Evers College, CUNY

Supriya Pillai, Funders' Collaborative on Youth Organizing

Kim Salmond, Girl Scouts of the USA

Ellen Silber, Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University

*Sally Stevens, Southwest Institute for Research on Women,
University of Arizona*

MODERATOR

Liz Abzug, Bella Abzug Leadership Institute

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
9:00 am – 10:30 am

Health and Reproductive Rights Room 9206

One of President Obama's first actions in the White House was to rescind the global gag order, one of several contentious Bush administration policies that have been targeted for reversal. In this panel, participants will explore the opportunities for the Obama administration to affect further change in women's health care policy and the role for activists in ensuring that decisions adequately reflect the lives and concerns of women. Panelists will also discuss the unique health care needs of women of color, immigrant women, and women in low-income communities and how these groups are often overlooked. What are the challenges and opportunities for creating alliances for global women's health, and what strategies exist for framing health and reproductive rights within a social justice/human rights framework?

SPEAKERS

Sharon Camp, Guttmacher Institute

Wendy Chavkin, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Adrienne Germain, International Women's Health Coalition

Silvia Henriquez, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health

Loretta Ross, SisterSong

MODERATOR

Anika Rahman, Americans for UNFPA

Thursday, June 11

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9:00 am – 10:30 am CONTINUED

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
9:00 am – 10:30 am

Women, War, and Security Room 9207

Sexual violence against women has become commonplace in many of the world's conflict zones; however, emphasizing and quantifying this reality positions women as victims and ignores their complex roles in today's security debates. This panel will explore the implications of this victim-centered approach, also considering the unique situation of women veterans. What are new feminist inquiries into the traditionally masculine field of war, militarization and violence, and what areas are in need of further critical thinking? What are the ramifications of alliances being fostered by organizations, researchers, and activists based in the U.S. and other countries for addressing these issues?

SPEAKERS

*Carol Cohn, Center for the Study of Gender, Security and Human Rights,
University of Massachusetts, Boston*
Anisha Desai, Women of Color Resource Center
Cynthia Enloe, Clark University
Megan MacKenzie, The Kennedy School of Public Policy, Harvard University

MODERATOR

Andrea Friedman, Global Justice Center

BREAK

10:30 am – 11:00 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Diversifying Leadership: NCRW Findings and Recommendations Room 9205

This session will highlight the lessons, strategies and best practices learned from the Ford Foundation-funded "Diversifying the Leadership of Women's Research, Policy and Advocacy Centers" project that might be replicated by other centers within the Council's network and beyond. How far have we come and what challenges remain? The six grantees will also discuss strategies for continuing the work of this project and collaboration with the Council after the Ford funding ends.

SPEAKERS

GRANTEES:

Patricia Deyton, Center for Gender in Organizations, Simmons College
Mary Frederickson, Miami University of Ohio
Lynn Fujiwara, University of Oregon
*Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, University of New Mexico School of Law,
a board member and representing the Southwest Women's Law Center*
*Donna Stewartson, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, University
of Massachusetts, Boston*
*Amy Sueyoshi, Center for Research on Gender and Sexuality,
San Francisco State University*

MODERATOR

Delores M. Walters, National Council for Research on Women

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Popular Culture and Gender Images
Room 9206

Popular culture and the media are ever-present in our lives and play a central role in reinforcing, as well as challenging, gender images. This panel will explore the ways in which women and women's lives are represented in popular culture and mainstream media. They will address the importance of women-centered and gender-inclusive media and how they are impacted by the state of the economy. Panelists will focus on the role of new media as a tool for activism and activating alliances. What is the state of diversity in the newsroom, how does that affect such representations, and what strategies do we have for a more inclusive media? What role can women play in being agents of change to promote more balanced and real representations?

SPEAKERS

Latoya Peterson, Racialicious

Laura Plybon, Girls Inc.

Glennnda Testone, The Women's Media Center

Anne Zill, Women's Center for Ethics in Action, University of New England

MODERATOR

Leslie Bennetts, Vanity Fair

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Science, Environment and Technology
Room 9207

Women are historically underrepresented in science and technology careers. While progress has been made in some scientific fields and at some levels of education, there is still much to be done. This panel will look at the continuing challenges and obstacles facing women and girls in science, math and technology fields, and current projects—corporate, private and public—aiming to increase and support women's involvement in science and math education. In addition, panelists will explore the importance of women's leadership in environmental issues of global significance, like climate change, and the strategies to foster community-based involvement.

SPEAKERS

*Veronica Arreola, Center for Research on Women and Gender,
University of Illinois at Chicago*

Chris Cuomo, Institute of Women's Studies, University of Georgia

Annalisa Jenkins, Bristol-Myers Squibb

Thanh Xuan Nguyen, Women's Environment & Development Organization

Allannah Thomas, Helicon, Inc.

MODERATOR

Soon-Young Yoon, International Alliance of Women

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

LUNCH
Skylight Room and 9207
Young Women's Caucus – Room 9206
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Thursday, June 11 CONTINUED

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Developing Political Agendas
Room 9205**

The success of the mobilization mounted by the Obama campaign raises many questions for women's political organizing. How can women activists build on the alliances created during the campaign and continue the momentum for action on women's issues? How can coalitions be forged across differences, and how can national and global alliances be fostered simultaneously? The panel will also assess the current positioning of women in the US political landscape and identify viable strategies for educating and supporting women and men with progressive agendas once they are elected. Finally, the panel will address generational differences in approaches to politics and unique ways to build coalitions for social change.

SPEAKERS

Victoria Budson, Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard University
Ellen Chesler, Eleanor Roosevelt Initiative on Women and Public Policy, Hunter College
Linda Tarr-Whelan, Demos
Marie Wilson, The White House Project

MODERATOR

Shyama Venkateswar, National Council for Research on Women (NCRW)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Historical Memories: Milestones, Current Challenges
and the Future of the LGBT Movement
Room 9206**

In this session, panelists will critically examine the history, agendas, progress and future of LGBT organizing. They will discuss questions such as the LGBT movement's inclusiveness; what the feminist movement has contributed to the LGBT movement and vice versa; and what feminism and the questioning of categories such as "woman" and "man" mean to the future of LGBT organizing. Given the movement's rich history in which coalitions have played an important role, how do activists continue to build coalitions both within and beyond the movement to other social justice activists to ensure that these legacies are continued and new leadership is developed?

SPEAKERS

Sarah Chinn, Center for Gay and Lesbian Studies, City University of New York
Cheryl Clark, Office of Social Justice Education and LGBT Communities, Rutgers University
Jaime Grant, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute
Amy Sueyoshi, Center for Research on Gender and Sexuality, San Francisco State University
Narumi Tei Okamoto, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, San Francisco State University
Carmen Vazquez, LGBT Health and Human Services Unit with the AIDS Institute of the NYS Department of Health

MODERATOR

Delores M. Walters, National Council for Research on Women

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Philanthropy, Social Entrepreneurship and Activism
Room 9207**

Crucial to the future of movements for social justice and equity is an understanding of how philanthropic priorities and investments are being made during the current economic recession that target low-income women, communities of color, and youth. Panelists will discuss the impact of the crisis on private foundations and their giving, as well as the opportunity now presented for women's funds and others to advance an agenda for equity and justice. The panel will also discuss strategies for developing a comprehensive agenda that combines public-private partnerships to address women's poverty.

SPEAKERS

Richard Brown, American Express

Sara Gould, Ms. Foundation

Janelle Shubert, Babson College

Maria Torres, NYC Economic Development Corporation

MODERATOR

Ana Oliveira, New York Women's Foundation

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Investing in Women and the Economy
Room C197**

Working from the basis that investing in women promotes overall economic, social and environmental well-being, this panel seeks to understand the current economic crisis, its causes, and how it is affecting women in different parts of the world. Panelists will also discuss the kinds of organizing taking place among workers and the mechanisms required to facilitate organizing across sectors, regionally and globally. In the absence of a global labor movement, what global economic policies and strategies should be advocated to stem a "race to the bottom" in terms of labor standards and wages? And given the current economic environment, how are safety nets and solutions to the economic crisis to be funded?

SPEAKERS

Nancy Folbre, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Caren Grown, American University

Mia Herndon, Third Wave Foundation

Ipek Ilkkaracan, Istanbul Technical University

Francine Moccio, Institute for Women and Work, Cornell University

MODERATOR

Radhika Balakrishnan, Marymount Manhattan College

BREAK

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 11 CONTINUED

AFTERNOON PLENARY

A New Agenda for Global Human Rights?

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Recital Hall

As policymakers and activists attempt to navigate the difficult terrain of implementing a social justice agenda, it is important to learn from the global South's experience of working at all levels from the local grassroots to the global to the virtual. What are some best practices globally that have emerged as important lessons? What kinds of coalitions and alliances need to be formed today to effect change? How can we impact the legislative and policy arenas? Finally, the panelists will weigh the successes and failures of using human rights as a framework for pursuing a progressive agenda.

SPEAKERS

Charlotte Bunch, Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers University
Geeta Rao Gupta, International Center for Research on Women
Lamia Karim, Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon
Jill Lester, The Hunger Project
Alissa Trotz, University of Toronto

MODERATOR

Isobel Coleman, Council on Foreign Relations

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

RECEPTION

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Recital Hall Lobby

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
9:00 am – 10:30 am

Friday, June 12

New Strategic Directions for Ford Foundation Giving:

A Roundtable Discussion

9:00 am – 10:30 am, Skylight Room

(Open to all conference registrants)

SPEAKERS

Alison Bernstein, Ford Foundation
Margaret Hempel, Ford Foundation
Helen Neuborne, Ford Foundation

BREAK

10:30 am – 10:45 am

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

(Open to all conference registrants)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
10:45 am – 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP A – BLOGGING

Everything You Need to Know about Blogging and Why Room 9206

Blogging basics and strategies for improving on-line communication.

FACILITATOR

Deborah Siegel, Woodhull Institute, GirlwithPen blog

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
10:45 am – 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP B – POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The New Face of Political Leadership: YOU Room 9207

For young women interested in politics, running for office or developing leadership skills.

CONDUCTED BY

Erin Vilardi, Program Director, The White House Project

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

WORKING LUNCH AND MEMBER CENTER MEETING

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Skylight Room

(All attendees from NCRW Member Centers are encouraged to attend this important annual meeting)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Crafting Multicultural Alliances: Defying the Norms A Workshop with Campus Women Lead

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Skylight Room

(Special Program for all attendees from NCRW Member Centers)

This interactive session will explore how women can more effectively function as courageous leaders, researchers, and activists while collaborating across identities and differences. We will examine, through case studies, assumptions and practices that block multicultural alliances among women who aim for social justice as well as the various privileges that interfere with inter-cultural partnership. The session will identify strategies and lessons learned that can help break through these impasses.

FACILITATORS

*Patricia (Pat) M. Lowrie, Campus Women Lead and Michigan State University
Caryn McTighe Musil, Association of American Colleges and Universities,
Program on the Status and Education of Women*

Adjourn

4:00 pm