Global Gender Forum

Events

Myanmar Advanced Leadership Institute: Building Inclusive Climate-Smart Resilience from the Ground Up

When: Thursday, November 13, 5:30-7:30 pm  
Who: Global Gender Program and the Partnership for International Strategies in Asia (PISA)  
Where: Lindner Commons

Featuring: Dr. Mark De Souza

As part of the Myanmar Advanced Leadership Institute on Climate Change to be held on campus for 14 government officials and civil society leaders from Myanmar November 3-14, there will be talk to be followed by a reception featuring Roger-Mark De Souza, Director of Population, Environmental Security and Resilience at the Wilson Center. He will speak on the issue of inclusivity in climate change adaptation.

DC Event Recap: A Conversation with Susan Markham

by Camry Haskins

Susan Markham was light-hearted and relaxed when she came to speak at a Delta Phi Epsilon event on the George Washington University campus on Monday night. An alumnus from GW, Ms. Markham received her master’s degree in women’s studies and
WCL Faculty Talks: Diversity & Inclusion

*When:* Monday, October 27, 4:00-6:00 pm
*Who:* Office of Diversity Services, Lambda Law Society, South Asian Law Students Association, and Women’s Law Association
*Where:* 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.
Washington College of Law, Room 600

Professor Shalleck is a professor of law at WCL and the Carrington Shields Scholar. She founded and directs the Women and the Law Program and Women and International Law Program. She teaches the Women & the Law Clinic, Family Law, Feminist Theory and a seminar on Legal Theory and Legal Pedagogy. She writes and lectures widely about gender and the law, clinical education, gender and international law, and family law. She is active in national and international efforts to reshape the law school curriculum and legal pedagogy.

Bridging the Gap: A Conversation About Family Planning and Climate Change

*When:* Tuesday, October 28, 12:00-2:00 pm
*Who:* Wilson Center
*Where:* 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC
Woodrow Wilson Center, 5th floor conference room

Population Reference Bureau and Worldwatch Institute formed an international Population Dynamics and Climate-Compatible Development Expert Working Group to identify policy opportunities to increase investment in family planning in climate-sensitive development initiatives. Select members of the working group will present the working group’s report and discussion.

Leveling the Field: Improving Opportunities for public policy. She candidly spoke to the crowd of 40 about her journey, from naïve graduate student researching women running for office, to her blind dive into campaign fundraising, and finally to her current position as Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Ms. Markham commanded the room with her quick wit and wealth of knowledge. The force of her presence was also relatable to the crowd of mainly undergraduate females, many of whom are probably still working out which direction their paths will take them. Ms. Markham quickly announced how little of her own career she had planned out; what she thought would be a quick experiment into election campaigning, turned into a love that kept her coming back for many years. “Campaigns are like the chicken pox”, she said. “They are in your system. You are a carrier”.

To read more click [here](#).

Article of note: Unwanted daughters and medical technology in northern India
**Women Farmers in Africa**

*When:* Wednesday, October 29, 12:30-2:00 pm  
*Who:* World Bank Group  
*Where:* World Bank Headquarters, Room MC 4-800

This seminar will present the main findings from Leveling the field: Improving Opportunities for Women Farmers in Africa, a new report on Africa's gender productivity gap.

**Help Carry That Weight, Day of Action**

*When:* Wednesday, October 29, 3:45-4:15 pm  
*Who:* GW Students Against Sexual Assault  
*Where:* Kogan Plaza Dome

Join GW Students Against Sexual Assault for a mattress carry and photo meet up to stand in solidarity with Emma Sulkowicz & all sexual violence survivors. Please bring mattresses or pillows as a symbol of your support for survivors. If you are unable to attend on the 29th we encourage you to carry a pillow or tweet using the hashtag #carrythatweight.

This national Day of Action is inspired by the activism and art of Emma Sulkowicz, who is boldly carrying a dorm mattress around campus with her as long as her rapist continues to attend Columbia University. Carrying a mattress with others brings us together to collectively help carry the weight, shows our shared support for survivors, and our collective commitment to working together toward cultural and community-level change to end sexual and domestic violence.

**The Role of Women in Rebuilding Post-Conflict Societies**

*When:* Thursday, October 30, 6:00-7:30 pm  
*Who:* Indego Africa & SAIS Global Women in Leadership

This paper illuminates the changing culture related to the so-called missing girls through a case study in Punjab, a relatively prosperous state in northwest India. It looks at the state’s historical efforts to check female infanticide by social legislation during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries as well as during the post independent period. It discusses how advancement in medical technology such as ultrasound has been grossly mis-used to determine the sex of an unborn child. If the fetus is female, many parents will seek an abortion. These technologies are now an integral part of the culture of unwanted and missing girls in Punjab.

The article is open access. Click [here](#) to read more.
Where: 1740 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington DC
The Nitze Building - Kennedy Auditorium

Speakers: Mathilde Mukantabana, Gretchen Birkle, Rangita de Silva de Alwis, Mary Ellsberg, Susan Markham, Karen Sherman, Rachel Vogelstein, Zachary D. Kaufman

The panel will focus on the role of women in rebuilding societies in the wake of tragedy and will highlight Rwanda for its major achievements in women’s leadership today. As this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide, the conversation will begin with a discussion on the status of women throughout Rwanda’s transformation, as well as what lessons other countries struggling to overcome violence, oppression and patriarchy can learn from Rwanda’s experience.

Women’s Leadership and Political Empowerment: Progress Review and Ways Forward

When: Monday, Nov. 3 at 8:30 am - Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 5:00 pm
Who: USAID
Where: 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington DC
FHI 360 Conference Center, 8th floor

The event will bring together approximately 80 representatives of international donors, civil society organizations, academic institutions, and others to share research and program strategies to strengthen women’s leadership in the public sphere. Mutual learning and open discussion of challenges and lessons learned will be emphasized. Through dialogue in plenary sessions and thematic discussion groups over the two days, participants will contribute to setting new directions for programming and research on women’s leadership and political empowerment.

Gender and Law Course Advising Session

humanitarian aid, local stability, peace negotiations
bit.ly/1tzGtb7

Org Spotlight: WRDIF

Women Rehabilitation Development International Foundation (WRDIF) is an organization based in Sudan that focuses on providing services to women throughout Africa. Three specific target countries of WRDIF are South Sudan, Uganda, and Kenya. WRDIF was formed in 2011 by the organization’s Executive President, Karak Mayik Denyok Miankol.

Karak, a South Sudanese born woman, was displaced to Khartoum in during the Civil war in 1993. While there she began volunteering and developing different projects to empower women. It was while there that she worked with Diar for Rehabilitation and Development Association (DRDA), a program that helped Sudanese children and women
When: Tuesday, November 4, 3:00-4:00 pm  
Who: American University Washington College of Law  
Where: 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.  
Washington College of Law #516

What classes are being offered in gender and law next term? What is the difference between all those classes in law and gender, sexuality, and women's rights? How do I choose activities in law school that will help me to have a career in LGBT or women's rights advocacy? I plan to join a firm after law school. How do I use my time in school to make sure I can stay involved in volunteer/pro bono activities in LGBT or women's rights after I graduate? Can I take classes in gender and law and still pass the bar exam? Is it possible to fulfill my upper-level writing requirement in a gender and law seminar? Join the Women and the Law Program staff for coffee and get answers to your questions.

Women, Law & Legal Advocacy 2014

When: Thursday, November 13-Saturday, November 15  
Who: The Public Leadership Education Network  
Where: Washington, DC

College women considering careers in law will explore the connections between legal careers and the legislative process in Washington, D.C. This seminar exposes students to a range of professional opportunities in law, from issue-based advocacy to government service.

The Women’s Music Movement: Soundtracks of Recent Feminism

When: Wednesday, November 19, 12:00-1:30 pm  
Who: The Global Women’s Institute  
Where: GW Museum and Textile Museum, Myers
Room

Join us for the November Installment of the GWI Faculty Research Luncheon series with Bonnie Morris of the Women's Studies department. This lively presentation will address 40 years of independent "women's music" concerts, recordings, and events that formed a dynamic part of the U.S. feminist and LGBT movements. Rare sound samples, press clips and album covers will be on display!

Modern Times in North Korea: Scenes from its Founding Years, 1945-1950

When: Monday, December 15, 4:00-5:30 pm  
Who: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Where: 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC  
Moynihan Board Room, 6th Floor

North Korea is often portrayed in mainstream media as a backward place, a Stalinist relic without a history worth knowing. But during its founding years (1945-1950), North Korea experienced a radical social revolution when everyday life became the primary site of political struggle, including quite deliberately a feminist agenda. With historical comparisons to revolutions in the early 20th century, Suzy Kim introduces her recent book through rarely seen archival photos, situating the North Korean revolution within the broader history of modernity.

Opportunities

Jobs

GBVSS Senior Monitoring & Evaluation Technical Avisor

When: Open until filled  
Who: World Vision: Zambia
Where: Lusaka, Zambia

**Technical Advisor, Gender and Rural Livelihoods**
*When: October 28
Who: International Rescue Committee
Where: United States*

**Research Assistant: Energy and Natural Resources Program**
*When: October 28
Who: Taxpayers for Common Sense
Where: Washington, DC*

**Gender Advisor**
*When: October 31
Who: Project Concern International
Where: Malawi*

**Gender Advisor**
*When: November 15
Who: Creative Associates International
Where: Tegucigalpa, Honduras*

**Local Field Monitors/data collectors, Mission Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism**
*When: December 1
Who: Social Impact
Where: Tanzania*

**Associate Director, Prospect Research and Strategy**
*When: Open until filled
Who: Atlantic Council
Where: Washington, DC*

**Research Assistant, Arab-Israeli Programs**
*When: Open until filled
Who: United States Institute of Peace
Where: Washington, DC*

**Vice President, Public Policy and Governmental Affairs**
*When: Open until filled*
Who: Organization for International Investment
Where: Washington, DC

Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist
When: Open until filled
Who: International Sector for Research on Women
Where: Washington, DC

Communications Manager
When: Open until filled
Who: Change.org
Where: San Francisco, CA; Washington, DC; or New York, NY

Gender Advisor, Democratic, Responsive, and Accountable Governance (Dragon)
When: Open until filled
Who: GRI
Where: Global

Senior Manager, Policy and Government Affairs
When: Open until filled
Who: Women Thrive Worldwide
Where: Washington, DC

Director of Monitoring, Research, and Evaluation
When: Open until filled
Who: Women for Women International
Where: Washington, DC

Associate Director, Monitoring, Research, and Evaluation
When: Open until filled
Who: Women for Women International
Where: Kenya

Technical Advisor, Gender Based Violence
When: Open until filled
Who: International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Where: Amman, Jordan

Program Coordinator- Francophone West Africa
When: Open until filled
Who: International Foundation for Electoral Systems
Where: Washington, DC

**Program Associate- Yemen**
When: Open until filled
Who: International Foundation for Electoral Systems
Where: Washington, DC

**Internships**

**Emerging Markets Internship-Research Assistant**
Who: AM Global Consulting
Where: Washington, DC
When: October 30

**Spring Development Intern**
Who: IWPR
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: December 15

**East Asia - PRC Foreign Policy Internship**
Who: Stimson Center
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: Rolling

**Spring Intern: Russian Studies**
Who: American Enterprise Institute
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: Rolling

**The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders Intern**
Who: Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
Where: NYC office or remotely
Deadline: Rolling

**Military Sexual Assault Policy and Survivor Support**
Who: Protect our Defenders
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: Rolling

**Development and Engagement Intern**
Who: Vital Voices
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: Rolling

**Latin America and the Caribbean Program Intern**
Who: Vital Voices
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: Rolling

**Innovation and Strategic Investment Intern**
Who: Vital Voices
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: Rolling

### Other Opportunities

**América Solidaria Fellowship Program in Latin America**
Who: America Solidaria
Where: Offices in Bogota, Colombia; Port au Prince, Haiti; Lima, Peru; Montevideo, Uruguay; and Washington DC, United States
Deadline: October 31

**GWI Research Fellowship Award Program**
Who: The Global Women’s Institute
Where: George Washington University
Deadline: November 3

**Call for Papers** Envision, Enact, Evaluate: Sustaining Momentum in Development
Who: University of Notre Dame Human Development Conference
Where: University of Notre Dame
Deadline: November, 14

**Call for Chapter Proposals, Gender, Media and Organization: Challenging Mis(s)Representations of Women Leaders and Managers**
Who: Women & Leadership: Research, Theory, and Practice Book Series
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: November 15

**Call for Proposals: Critical Intersections—Conflict**
Gender, and Power
Who: George Mason University, The Center for the Study of Gender
Where: GMU, Arlington Campus
Deadline: December 1

Research on the Health of LGBTI Populations (R21)
Who: National Institutes of Health
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: May 8

Dedicated Outreach Volunteer
Who: Ten Thousand Villages
Where: Alexandria, VA
Deadline: Rolling

For more national and international job and internship opportunities, visit the Association for Women's Rights in Development's job resource page or the United Nations Jobs on Gender Twitter.

Resources

Sexual Futures, Queer Gestures, and Other Latina Longings
This book proposes a theory of sexual politics that works in the interstices between radical queer desires and the urgency of transforming public policy, between utopian longings and everyday failures. The author reads the strategies of Puerto Rican activists working toward self-determination alongside sexual performances on stage, in commercial pornography, in multi-media installations, on the dance floor, and in the bedroom. She examines not only how projections of racialized sex erupt onto various discursive mediums but also how the confluence of racial and
gendered anxieties seeps into the gestures and utterances of sexual acts, kinship structures, and activist practices.

**World Survey on the Role of Women in Development 2014: Gender Equality and Sustainable Development**  
by UN Women, 2014.

Ahead of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17 October, UN Women today released its new report, the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development 2014: Gender Equality and Sustainable Development. Charting the rationale and the actions necessary to ensure groundbreaking change, the flagship UN study asserts that any comprehensive sustainable development pathway cannot be achieved without an explicit commitment to gender equality, women’s rights and their empowerment. Coming on the heels of the UN Secretary-General’s Climate Summit in September, the World Survey 2014 provides an in-depth analysis of sustainable development issues, the challenges and the solutions, through a gender lens.

**Blog Notes**

**Out of the Dark: 365 Nights of Freedom**

On October 10th, FAIR Girls staged our 2nd annual Night of the Girl in a downtown hotel known to be a local D.C. hotspot for sex trafficking. In fact, FAIR Girls knows survivors sold in that very hotel by their traffickers. Over 150 visitors saw first hand the world of sex trafficking, spoke with staff and advocates, and learned how they can help support our safe home apartment for girls.

In the first room, we covered the walls in online sex advertisements from Backpage.com (where most of
our survivors were sold by their traffickers) as well as poetry, quotes, and drawings of survivors and the teens we educate in our prevention education classes across the country.

**A Rapt Audience for Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Young Feminist Leaders at IWHC Anniversary**  
by Paul Silva

“A woman’s control of her own body, her choice, whether, when to reproduce, that’s essential to women and it’s most basic to women’s health to have the ability to have access to whatever contraception she chooses.”

Those were the words of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Tuesday as she captivated the nearly 300 women and men attending the International Women’s Health Coalition’s 30th anniversary celebration. The event promised an “evening of bold and independent voices,” and based on the reaction in the blogosphere, IWHC delivered.