Michele Manatt Endowed Fellowship 2014-2015

The Michele Manatt Endowed Fellowship is available for second year graduate students at the Elliott School of International Affairs, GW. In order to be considered for this fellowship, students must show a firm commitment to studying women's/girls' issues in developing countries. This can be demonstrated through focused coursework and research interests.

This award is worth a total of $2,000 for one academic year.

If you are interested in applying for the Michele Manatt Fellowship for the 2014-2015 academic year, please send a statement of interest (approximately 500 words) and resume to ggp@email.gwu.edu by July 1, 2014.

Note: To be considered for the Michele Manatt Fellowship, you must register for at least 6 credits each semester and remain in good academic standing. The fellowship is applied toward tuition and does not cover fees, summer coursework, or additional coursework beyond the 40 credits required for the degree. Any part of the tuition award that is not used within the academic year reverts to the Elliott School and cannot be converted to cash.

Events

Film Screening: The World Before Her
When: May 27 | 8:30p.m
Who: Asia Heritage Foundation and The Bindi Project
Ruhi Singh is a small town girl with big city dreams. She sets off to Bombay to win the title of Miss India—a launching pad to fame and a surefire way to stand out in a country of 1.2 billion people. Just hours from the Miss India beauty boot camp is another training ground for girls—that of the Durga Vahini, a Hindu nationalist group exclusively for women. Here we meet Prachi Trivedi, a young, fearsome drill sergeant training Indian girls to fight against Western culture, Islam and Christianity by any means necessary including violence. Gliding back and forth between the action of the two camps, the dreams and conflicts of India and young Indian women are laid bare—the two opposing worlds aren't as far away from each other as they seem. – Storyline Entertainment

**Progress or Peril--The Role for Women in Defining Afghanistan’s Future**

*When:* June 5 | 12:30 p.m.

*Who:* Women’s Foreign Policy Group

*Where:* The Wilderness Society
1615 M Street, NW
Washington, DC

Luncheon and Program, Remarks by: Michelle Barsa, Institute for Inclusive Security

After twelve years in Afghanistan, US-led coalition forces are drawing down their presence and the Afghan government is assuming full responsibility for the security of its citizens. A presidential run-off election is scheduled for June 14th and peace talks remain precariously paused. Women have exercised their rights to work, vote, be educated, and serve in political office, but the question of how to sustain these gains remains unanswered. Join us for a discussion on the role women have played in the lead up to this pivotal transition and the future landscape for their political participation, integration in the security forces, and inclusion in the peace process.

As Inclusive Security’s Senior Manager for Policy, Michelle Barsa focuses on expanding the roles of women in peace and security processes globally. In addition to advising on broader US foreign policy related to women, peace, and security, she leads Inclusive Security’s work in Afghanistan and Syria, traveling frequently to both regions. In these conflict focal areas, she leads
consultations with women in civil society, government, and the security forces to discuss the impact of ongoing peace and security processes on women and solicit their proposals for how to advance women’s inclusion in those processes. In Afghanistan, she promotes women’s active participation in political reconciliation, reintegration, and transition processes, as well as female integration in the Afghan National Security Forces. Besides regularly advising the US government, United Nations, and NATO on these issues, she has also designed and led training for US military forces and civilian professionals deployed to combat support missions abroad. Previously, Ms. Barsa worked in Afghanistan with Catholic Relief Services. Prior to that, she was employed in CRS’s Jerusalem, West Bank, and Gaza office and by the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan.

Space is limited. Advance registration is required.
WFPG Members — $25 Non-Members — $35

**Save the Date: Gender 360 Summit**
*When:* June 16
*Who:* FHI 360, Gender Department
*Where:* FHI 360 Academy Hall
1825 Connecticut Avenue NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Conference themes:

- How are organizations responding to the USAID Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy? What is working and what are the challenges?
- How does female empowerment contribute to gender equality?
- How do donor requirements impact the way organizations mainstream and integrate gender?

Conference format: presentations, facilitated discussions, and an interactive Gender Lounge.

More information to come! Contact us at [genderdepartment@fhi360.org](mailto:genderdepartment@fhi360.org).

**International Conference on Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia**
*When:* November 7-8, 2014
*Who:* Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (MCRG) and the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
*Where:* Kolkata, India

The Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (MCRG) and
the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) are jointly organizing the International Conference on "Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia". This is the final conference for a collaborative project entitled Making Women Count for Peace: Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia. Funded by the Research Council of Norway's INDNOR and NORGLOBAL programmes, the project aims to generate new knowledge and debate on women's empowerment and the challenges facing implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Nepal and India. With a focus on Northeast Indian experiences and a comparative look at Nepal, the project addresses the role of women in local governance and politics, particularly within the context of peace and security processes.

2nd MenEngage Global Symposium 2014 Men and Boys for Gender Justice
When: November 10-13
Who: MenEngage and the Centre for Health and Social Justice
Where: India Habitat Centre
New Delhi, India

MenEngage, a global alliance of organizations working with men and boys for gender equality is organizing the 2nd MenEngage Global Symposium in Delhi in November 2014. The overall theme of the Symposium is 'Men and Boys for Gender Justice’ and encompasses a holistic approach to understanding the implications of masculinities in different domains and disciplines of development and social justice related action in a globalizing world.

As the work with men and boys for gender equality matures, there is a realization that while men and boys are implicated in violence and discrimination against women and girls, many men and boys are themselves victims of violence and risks associated with narrow views of masculinity. The rapidly changing realities of the globalized economy is bringing new challenges in men lives which many are unable to cope with. ‘Masculinities’ is emerging as an important lens to understand the influences and compulsions that men face. In a world confronted with the spectre of manifold violence, the opportunities for peace, justice, physical, mental and emotional well-being and mutually respectful co-existence are rapidly becoming compromised. It is men who wield power in the world, it is men who set standards for each other and it is their standards that have brought about the current state of affairs. If the
situation has to improve towards an social order which allows everyone equal opportunity and space, it is necessary to interrogate and reform dominant masculinities.

The Symposium will bring together researchers and practitioners, advocates and activists, government representatives and the donor community to share experiences and evidence, reflections and insights, promote dialogue with those engaged with women’s rights work to seek directions on how men and boys can creatively contribute to gender equality, the new development paradigm beyond the MDG framework, and towards the broader vision of social justice.

## Opportunities

### Jobs

**UN Women Representative: Mozambique**

*Who:* UN Women  
*Where:* Maputo, Mozambique  
*Deadline:* May 28

**Executive Coordinator**

*Who:* NGO Working Group on Women Peace and Security (NGOWG)  
*Where:* New York, NY  
*Deadline:* May 30

**Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Public Policy Director**

*Who:* Women’s Action for New Directions (WAND)  
*Where:* Washington, DC

### Internships

**Fall Internship**

*Who:* Re:Gender  
*Where:* New York, NY  
*Deadline:* August 1

**Graduate Fellowships And Undergraduate Internships**

*Who:* Women’s Environment & Development Organization (WEDO)  
*Where:* New York, NY  
*Deadline:* Rolling

### Other Opportunities

**Call for Submissions: Gender Based Violence Science Fair**

*Who:* Global Women’s Institute and the Sexual Violence
Research Initiative (SVRI)
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: June 1

**Call for films/videos: Men and Boys for Gender Justice Film Festival**

Who: MenEngage Global Symposium 2014/Men and Boys for Gender Justice Film Festival
Where: Worldwide
Deadline: June 15

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

**Resources**

**African Diasporic Women's Narratives: Politics of Resistance, Survival, and Citizenship**
by Simone A. James Alexander. University Press of Florida, 2014. Using feminist and womanist theory, Simone Alexander takes as her main point of analysis literary works that focus on the black female body as the physical and metaphorical site of migration. Through in-depth study of selective texts by Audre Lorde, Edwidge Danticat, Maryse Condé, and Grace Nichols, Alexander challenges the stereotypes ascribed to black female sexuality, subverting its assumed definition as diseased, passive, or docile. She also addresses issues of embodiment as she analyzes how women's bodies are read and seen; how bodies "perform" and are performed upon; how they challenge and disrupt normative standards.

**Autism and Gender: From Refrigerator Mothers to Computer Geeks**
by Jordynn Jack. University of Illinois Press, 2014. The reasons behind the increase in autism diagnoses have become hotly contested in the media as well as within the medical, scholarly, and autistic communities. Jordynn Jack identifies gendered theories like the "refrigerator mother" theory, for example, which blames emotionally distant mothers for autism, and the "extreme male brain" theory, which links autism to the modes of systematic thinking found in male computer geeks. The first book to look at how gender informs popular discussion about autism, Autism and Gender also offers new insights into the ways rhetorical inquiry contributes to conversations about gender and disability.
Blog Notes

**Uganda protects women to death**
Uganda's HIV Prevention and Management Bill places women at risk for violence.

**Celebrate Solutions: Reaching Some of China’s Most Vulnerable Young People**
Program provides sexual and reproductive health training in China's vocational schools and factories.