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

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

Gender Equality and Inequality in Rural India


The study addresses these questions:

- What does the social science and related literature say about UNSCR 1325 since its adoption in 2000?
- What does content analysis of National Action Plans (NAPs) in support of UNSCR 1325 reveal about the effectiveness of such plans?
- What are examples of implementation of 1325 principles with and beyond 1325 NAPs?

RT @wH2Ojournal Today, May 28, marks the launch of the world’s first menstrual hygiene day
When: June 5 | 12:30-1:45  
Who: World Bank Group, Gender and Development Seminar Series  
Where: MC4-800, World Bank Headquarters  

Speaker:  
Carol Vlassoff  
Adjunct Professor, University of Ottawa  

Discussant:  
Gladys Lopez-Acevedo  
Lead Economist (SARCE), World Bank  

Chair:  
Idah Psowarayi-Riddihough  
Director, Operational Services and Quality (SARSQ), World Bank  

Women’s economic empowerment was one of the frontier topics identified in the World Development Report 2012 on gender, and has been further investigated in the World Bank’s recent publication Gender at Work.

In her latest book, Gender Equality and Inequality in Rural India, Carol Vlassoff analyzes the implications of economic development for changes in women’s empowerment and reproductive health, as well as in sex preference. Based on a study from a village in Maharashtra where impressive gains in economic development have occurred in recent decades, she examines the impact of son preference on fertility and women’s economic empowerment and other aspects of reproductive behavior. She shows that the benefits of women’s employment extends beyond the traditional wage labor and domestic spheres to include better health and well-being of rural society, and argues that policies aimed at closing gender gaps in social inequalities must be complemented by policies fostering employment opportunities for women.

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
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

Chief Executive Officer
Who: Women for Women International
Please contact Max Stier (mstier@ourpublicservice.org / 202-246-7777) or Shannon Carroll (scarroll@ourpublicservice.org / 202-775-2743) for more information or to apply.

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 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 or the United Nations Jobs on Gender Twitter.

Resources

Conceiving Cuba: Reproduction, Women, and the State in the Post-Soviet Era
by Elise Andaya. Rutgers University Press, 2014. This book offers an intimate look at how, with Cuba’s political and economic future in question, reproduction has become the subject of heated public debates and agonizing private decisions. Drawing from several years of first-hand observations and interviews, anthropologist Elise Andaya takes us inside Cuba’s households and medical systems. Along the way, she introduces us to the women who wrestle with the difficult question of whether they can afford a child, as well as the doctors who, with only meager resources at their disposal, struggle to balance the needs of their patients with the mandates of the state.

**Grassroots Literacies: Lesbian and Gay Activism and the Internet in Turkey**

by Serkan Görkemli. State University of New York Press, 2014. Grassroots Literacies analyzes the complex issues surrounding lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender representations, technology, and grassroots activism in international contexts through the lens of Legato, a collegiate lesbian and gay association that engaged in activism in colleges and universities in Turkey from the mid-1990s to the early 2000s. Using the Internet and digital media, Legato enabled students to connect with each other on campuses across the country and introduced them to new (i.e., lesbian and gay) identity categories and community activism. Görkemli presents historical, cultural, visual, and interview-based analyses of Legato members’ “coming out” experiences and uses of digital media.

**Blog Notes**

#BRINGBACKOURGIRLS: Where do we go from here?
Action must follow the social media campaign, particularly actions that address the gender and social norms that perpetuate violence.

**Combating Sexual Assault in Conflict**
Research is needed on sexual violence in conflict, specifically, "why it occurs in some situations and not others, how sexual assault strategies and practices are formed and changed, and how that information can be translated into effective prevention policies."
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