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

Celebrating Progress, Remaining Steadfast and Asking What’s Next for Girls’ Education
When: June 17 | 9:00am- 2:00pm
Who: Center for Universal Education at Brookings  
Where: The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium  
1775 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Over the past two decades there have been major improvements in girls’ education. In 1990, less than 50 percent of girls in low-income countries were enrolled in primary school; today that figure has climbed to nearly 80 percent. However, much work remains to be done. Thirty million girls still miss out on basic education, and the challenge for those that now attend school is that they learn while there. Indeed, 250 million children cannot read or write, even after many of them have spent four years in school. Furthermore, the attacks on girls’ schools in Nigeria and elsewhere highlights that school safety must also be a priority moving forward. Addressing these “second generation” issues will require a continued focus on providing girls with accessible, quality and safe education.

On June 17, the Center for Universal Education at Brookings will host a discussion on the way forward for girls’ education. U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women’s Issues Catherine M. Russell will deliver a keynote address, and two panels will explore successful approaches for improving girls’ education and profile leaders who have championed the value and importance of girls in some of the most difficult environments. Following each session, speakers will take questions from the audience. A networking lunch will be held after the event.

This event will be live webcast. Follow the discussion on Twitter with the hashtag #GirlsEdu.

Global Innovators: Women Leading Change Around the World  
When: June 19 | 9:00am - 11:00am ET  
Who: U.S. Institute of Peace in partnership with the Vital Voices Global Partnership and the Bernstein Family Foundation  
Where: U.S. Institute of Peace  
2301 Constitution Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
RSVP here

The U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), in partnership with the Vital Voices Global Partnership and the Bernstein Family Foundation, will host a panel event featuring the 2014 Vital Voices Global Leadership Awards Honorees.
on Thursday, June 19th from 9:00am to 11:00am. These annual awards honor international women leaders who are breaking barriers and building innovative solutions to achieve economic, social, and political change around the world. This program provides a forum to engage with each of this year's award recipients who include women from Guatemala, India, Iraq, and Tanzania. This public event will feature the following panelists:

**Claudia Paz y Paz**
2014 Leadership in Public Life Honoree | Guatemala

**Priti Patkar**
2014 Human Rights Honoree | India

**Suaad Allami**
2014 Fern Holland Honoree | Iraq

**Victoria Kisyombe**
2014 Economic Empowerment Honoree | Tanzania

**Alyse Nelson, Introductions**
Vital Voices Global Partnership

**Kathleen Kuehnast, Moderator**
Center for Gender & Peacebuilding, U.S. Institute of Peace

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**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.

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

Programme Assistant, Peace and Security
Who: UN Women
Where: New York
Deadline: June 25

Internships
Fall Internship
Who: Re:Gender
Where: New York, NY
Deadline: August 1

Africa Program Summer Internship
Who: Vital Voices
Where: Washington, DC
Deadline: Open until filled

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
Rosamond King examines sexualities, violence, and repression in the Caribbean experience. She analyzes the sexual norms and expectations portrayed in Caribbean and diaspora literature, music, film, and popular culture to show how many individuals contest
traditional roles by maneuvering within and/or trying to change their society's binary gender systems. She skillfully demonstrates that these transgressions better represent Caribbean culture than the "official" representations perpetuated by governmental elites and often codified into laws that reinforce patriarchal, heterosexual stereotypes.


Putting the ethical tools of philosophy to work, Ellen K. Feder seeks to clarify how we should understand “the problem” of intersex. Adults often report that medical interventions they underwent as children to “correct” atypical sex anatomies caused them physical and psychological harm. Proposing a philosophical framework for the treatment of children with intersex conditions—one that acknowledges the intertwined identities of parents, children, and their doctors—Feder presents a persuasive moral argument for collective responsibility to these children and their families.

Blog Notes

Preference for Sons Hurts Mothers
Son preference may increase adult female mortality.