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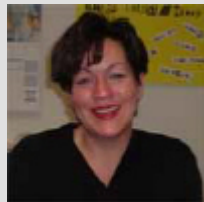


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1. Happy New year!



We here at Sweet Briar College are ready for a new year of creating women-positive educational opportunities and events. If you are starting to think about which college you want to attend, please keep Sweet Briar College in mind. We have a dedicated faculty

who design and teach wonderful, eye-opening courses in our Women and Gender Studies minor. And because we are a women's college, you will find leadership opportunities here that simply don't exist at co-ed colleges.

One event I'm featuring below is the National Young Women's Leadership Conference. I don't know how many of the GoS Newsletter readers are college-age, but if you are, or if you love a woman who is, be sure to pay special attention to this event. The Conference encourages young feminists from around the country to come together and network to change the world. I'm placing flyers for this event all over my campus, and if you can't attend, I hope you will distribute flyers for the young women in your area.

2. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Dead at 80

Jeane Jordan Kirkpatrick, America's first woman U.N. ambassador, died at 80 years of age on December 7, 2006. During her college days she was a socialist, but later in her career she became a staunch anticommunist and a supporter of Ronald Reagan conservatism.

To learn more about Jeane J. Kirkpatrick and her recent death, read here:

<http://tinyurl.com/yuxe3w>

For more information about her life, her Wikipedia article is linked below.

Link: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeane_Kirkpatrick

3. Book Review

How I Grew Up Red, Fought for Free Speech and Became a Feminist Rebel By Bettina F. Aptheker

"Bettina Aptheker's engrossing memoir, "Intimate Politics," is about breaking free -- emotionally, politically and intellectually -- from her father, Herbert Aptheker, the most famous Marxist historian in the United States, whose 1943 book "American Negro Slave Revolts" shattered the image of happy, complacent slaves."

"But emulating her father, meant sharing his denial of the many questionable political realities, evading intellectual complexities she could not yet articulate, ignoring her own feminist observations of women's lives, restraining her sexual desire for women and, most of all, repressing childhood memories of her father's sexual abuse."

Ruth Rosen wrote these excerpts in her powerful review of Ms. Aptheker's book featured in the [San Francisco Chronicle](#). Read more of her moving review at the link below.

Link: <http://tinyurl.com/yaogv6>

4. Nat. Young Women's Leadership Conference

On Saturday March 24 & Sunday March 25, 2007 on the campus of the University of the District of Columbia the best and brightest young feminists from around the country will gather for the Feminsit Majority Foundation's [Young Women's Leadership Conference: From Campus to Congress](#).

Speakers include Members of Congress, Eleanor Smeal, Dolores Huerta, Martha Burk, Kim Gandy, young feminist leaders, and many more. Registration is only \$50 and includes lunch both days and a Ms. magazine reception. There is also a special \$25 discount if you would like to attend the [NCWO Equality Summit and Congressional Action Day](#) on Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27.

You won't want to miss this great opportunity to learn how to run for office at any level, and win!

Link: <http://feministcampus.org/leadership/>

5. January Site of the Month

[Our Bodies, Our Blog](#) - Our Bodies Ourselves, also known as the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, is a nonprofit, public interest women's health education, advocacy, and consulting organization. They produce **Our Bodies, Our Blog**, your daily dose of women's health news and analysis.

Link: <http://ourbodiesourblog.org/>

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