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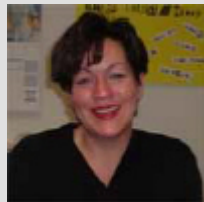


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1. Some Good News for Women in Science



I'm happy to report that there is some good news for women in science. This comes out of Harvard's fourth National Symposium on the Advancement of Women in Science, which was held on April 13-15.

Unfortunately, the good news isn't that more women are entering science-related fields, but that all scientific areas of research are in the middle of exciting projects and awe inspiring discoveries.

Marion Blakey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, Sara Seager, assistant professor of planetary science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and Frances Allen, an IBM Fellow Emerita at the T.J. Watson Research Laboratory joined with over 30 other speakers at the symposium to speak to about 100 graduate and undergraduate students.

Read more about this invigorating Symposium at the link below.

Link: <http://www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/2007/04.19/13-womensci.html>

2. A Blogosphere Code of Conduct

[AfterEllen](#) reports that some members of the blog community are discussing and developing **Codes of Conduct** for the blogosphere.

BlogHer has come up with their own [Community Guidelines](#) that state BlogHer members "agree to agree and to disagree-as strongly as need be-without crossing the boundaries into unacceptable content."

Read more about blogosphere codes of conduct at the link below.

Link: <http://www.afterellen.com/blog/malinda/blogosphere-code-of-conduct?comment=346075>

3. U.S. Troops Used 'Comfort Women'

After having read Comfort Woman : A Filipina's Story of Prostitution and Slavery Under the Japanese Military by Maria Rosa Henson, I must confess that I am shocked to learn that U.S. troops used the Japanese comfort stations in Japan after the end of WWII.

Why does this shock me? It shouldn't. But it does.

Please see the link below to get the full details which reveal that Japan's shameful history of sexual slavery is also the shame of Americans.

Link:

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/04/25/comfort.women.ap/index.html>

4. iKNOW Politics

"Launched at the United Nations in February, iKNOW Politics (International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics) is a ground-breaking initiative that was founded in partnership by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)."

"iKNOW Politics is specifically designed to increase the participation and effectiveness of women in political life. This innovative global platform connects parliamentarians, representatives, candidates, political party leaders and members, researchers, academia and practitioners across borders, generations and faiths, equipping them with the materials, expertise and best practices to make their political mark. "

Quoted from <http://www.iknowpolitics.org/en/node/220>

Please see the link below to visit the site.

Link: <http://www.iknowpolitics.org/>

5. May Site of the Month

May's site of the month is the **National Women's Health Resource Center**. "The not-for-profit NWHRC is the leading independent health information source for women. NWHRC develops and distributes up-to-date and objective women's health information based on the latest advances in medical research and practice."

Click below to visit their site.

Link: <http://www.healthywomen.org/>

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