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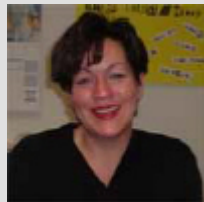


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1. Sorry I'm Late!



Dear GoS Newsletter Reader:

I apologize for being late with the June issue of GoS News. I've been either vacationing or sick most of the month, but it's time to get back to work here at Sweet Briar College!

Some of you may remember that a few months ago I asked for those who use the GoS website to contact me if you would be willing to write a letter of support for my promotion to full professor. I just want to offer a formal **Thank You** to all who responded to my request. I received my promotion in May 2007! Thank you, thank you, thank you all for your assistance!

In recent months Google has offered something they call the "customized search engine." I use one of these on the GoS site but other people have adapted the idea for a wide variety of purposes. One I found recently that will be of interest is called [Expanding Your Horizons](#).

From their website:

Expanding Your Horizons helps nurture girls' interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Use our search engine to explore these topics and learn about support for women in STEM fields. We've identified special resources for girls, parents, and teachers, so you can easily find information that applies to you. **Expanding Your Horizons** searches 140 sites.

Try it out at the link below!

Link:

<http://google.com/coop/cse?cx=005924364887099665360%3Avbxf->

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2. Book Review

[The Mother-Daughter Project: How Mothers and Daughters Can Band Together, Beat the Odds and Thrive Through Adolescence](#)

"Ten years ago the authors, a psychiatrist and a therapist, who both had seven-year-old daughters, joined with other women in their Western Massachusetts community to develop "a plan that would enable our girls to thrive through adolescence, and that would enable us to remain close and connected to them." The result was a mothers' group and a mother-daughter group that continued for ten years, as the girls and their mothers successfully negotiated adolescence. The purpose of this book is to share the experiences and the lessons of the Mother-Daughter Project with other mothers of young girls so they can apply them in their own lives."

Read the rest of this review by Dr. David Moltz, on American Psychiatric Publishing's site at the link below.

Link:

<http://psychservices.psychiatryonline.org/cgi/content/full/58/5/723>

3. What Can You Do With a Degree in WMGS?

The spring 2007 issue of **Ms. Magazine** featured a two page article by Nikki Ayanna Stewart titled, "Transform the World: What You Can Do With a Women's Studies Degree."

The PDF article is linked below from the University of Texas. Enjoy!

Link:

http://www.utexas.edu/cola/centers/cwgs/content/PDF/ws_degree.pdf

4. Call for Papers

The Institute for Women's Studies at the University of Georgia is organizing an annual conference on the status and concerns of Women and Girls in Georgia. The theme of the inaugural conference,

to be held in Athens October 12-14, 2007, is Women and Violence. The conference is open to academics, advocates, activists, and community members. The conference will include formal and informal sessions, with presentations of cutting-edge data and analyses, and opportunities for networking and political strategizing.

We are seeking papers, panels, and other presentations with an emphasis on the women and girls of our state. Suggested topics include:

- violence against women and girls
- violence and youth cultures
- theoretical engagements with the intersections of gender and violence
- comparative analyses of women and girls in their diversity, and the various impacts of violence in different communities
- trafficking of women and girls
- women as perpetrators of violence
- gendered aspects of media violence
- gendered dimensions of state violence, militarization, and police brutality
- violence in prisons
- violence and racial disparities
- domestic violence as a "women's health" issue
- movements and organizing against violence

We welcome qualitative, quantitative, theoretical, and other feminist approaches. Individual presentations should be no more than 30 minutes reading time. Proposals should include a one-page abstract, and names and affiliations of all participants. Please send proposals and questions via email, to WAGGconf@gmail.com. Deadline is August 30, 2007.

For more information on the Institute for Women's Studies, visit the link below.

Link: <http://www.uga.edu/iws/>

5. June Site of the Month

[Women's Edge Coalition](#) - advocates for international economic policies and human rights that support women worldwide in their actions to end poverty in their lives, communities and nations.

Women's Edge Coalition has been awarded the 2007 Mildred Robbins Leet Award for the Advancement of Women. Edge was recognized for its leading role in advocating with the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to create the MCC's new gender policy. The annual award is given by [InterAction](#), the largest alliance of U.S.-based international development and humanitarian non-governmental organizations.

Mildred Robbins Leet's commitment to philanthropy began during World War II when she volunteered as an air-raid warden and nurse's aide. In 1948, she co-founded United Cerebral Palsy and served as the first president of its women's division. Leet was an active member of the Women's Advisory on Poverty in the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity and was later involved in the development of the International Peace Academy. In 1979, Leet and her husband Glen focused their attention on the poorest of the poor with the establishment of Trickle Up, a non-profit international organization designed to provide the conditional seed capital and training necessary to launch a small business. In 2006, Trickle Up helped launch 10,162 businesses in 14 countries.

In recognition of Leet's dedication and contribution to raising awareness of gender issues, **InterAction**, a group of 168 non-profit U.S.-based international development organizations, created the Mildred Robbins Leet Award in 1995.

This year's Leet award focused on 'breakthroughs' in women's empowerment and gender equality, and prioritized initiatives that significantly scaled up impact, focused on a new area, or effectively brought a new strategy to bear on an enduring and challenging issue.

The Women's Edge Coalition was cited in its award letter for demonstrating "exceptional leadership in its 'breakthrough' gender policy advocacy work with the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)". The letter further congratulated Edge "...for its leadership in promoting policy change and demonstrating how to advance women's empowerment."

Read more about Edge at the link below!

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

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