



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
CENTER FOR SUCCESS OF WOMEN FACULTY

2016 SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2016

Thursday, Jan 7, 2016 1:00pm – 3:00pm, CNH (Colbourn Hall) Room 401 – **A Conversation to Encourage Women to apply for the UCF Excellence Awards.** UCF Women's and Gender Studies and the UCF Center for Success of Women Faculty invite you to an informal conversation with Excellence Awards faculty winners from previous years. They will provide tips on how to better prepare your application for the 2016 Excellence Awards on Teaching, Research, Professional Advising and Service. Faculty will have their winning portfolios available for display and discussion. Come learn how to become the next winner. No RSVP needed.

Monday, Jan 25, 2016 1:00 – 2:30pm, Student Union Garden Key Room 221. **First Generation Faculty Listening Session.** During the course of our Center for Success of Women Faculty (CSWF) book club discussions on faculty white privilege and related issues, we realized that UCF has never asked first generation faculty (who were previously first generation in college undergraduates) if UCF could be doing anything more or differently to help when adapting to a career “in the academy”. To rectify this issue, we invite you to join us at a listening session where we can hear your thoughts on this topic. Although organized by CSWF, it is open to all faculty. RSVP appreciated, but not required.

Friday, Jan 29, 2016 Noon – 12:30pm, Visual Arts Building, Art Gallery Room 140A. **Private Tour - “The Encounter: Baalu Girma and Zora Neale Hurston”.** A 30-minute guided tour of the “The Encounter: Baalu Girma and Zora Neale Hurston”. Spotlight Hurston’s role as a public intellectual, folklorist and culturologist, and importance of her legacy in today’s racially charged context. This exhibition will also introduce another celebrated novelist and journalist, Ethiopian writer Baalu Girma and will fictionalize the context and conversations, which might have taken place between Hurston and Girma. Tour Guide: Yulia Tikhonova, UCF Art Gallery Director. No RSVP needed.

February 2016

Monday, Feb 8, 2016, Noon – 1:00pm, Student Union, Sand Key Room 220. **Yoga and Storytelling Class** “Family Stories: Using Yoga to Connect Stories and Folklore to our Lives.” Our fall Yoga and Storytelling classes will be based on Vinyasa or flow yoga. This type of yoga focuses on the coordination of breathing and movement. It will include fundamental yoga postures and sun salutations that can be adjusted to different levels. Stories, in the form of folk literature, will be integrated into the yoga classes as a way to allow us to consider how stories impact and inform our lives. Instructor: Deirdre Englehart, Associate Lecturer, Early Childhood Development and Education, College of Education and Human Performance. No RSVP needed.

Wednesday, Feb 17, 2016, Noon – 1:00pm, Student Union, Siesta Key Boardroom, Room 225. **CSWF Book Club.** **“Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia” Edited by Gabriella Gutierrez y Muhs; Yolanda Flores Neimann; Carment G. Gonzalez; Angela P. Harris.** (Discussing Chapters: 6 and 8) *Presumed Incompetent* is a path-breaking account of the intersecting roles of race, gender, and class in the working lives of women faculty of color. Through personal narratives and qualitative empirical studies, more than 40 authors expose the daunting challenges faced by academic women of color as they navigate the often hostile terrain of higher education, including hiring, promotion, tenure, and relations with students, colleagues, and administrators. Books are available, please contact Fran Ragsdale fran.ragsdale@ucf.edu to pick up a copy of this book. No RSVP needed.

Friday, February 19, 2016. 3:30pm – 5:00pm, Honors College Reading Room. **Life @ UCF Women Faculty Excellence Awards and Reception.** Invitation-only reception to honor UCF women faculty who are currently promoting President

Hitt's goal to provide international focus to UCF's curricula and research programs. Life @ UCF funded partnership awards will be presented at this event. Application deadline: January 15, 2016.

Wednesday, Feb 24, 2016. Noon – 1:00pm, Classroom Building 1, FCTL Room 205. **UCF Moves: A Campus-wide Physical Activity Initiative.** Faculty and staff often face challenges when attempting to maintain a balance between life and work. Finding enough time to take care of oneself physically and to facilitate an active lifestyle of one's family is frequently placed behind work deadlines, school assignments, extracurricular activities, social media, and so on. UCF Moves is a physical activity initiative designed to empower faculty and staff to become more physical active in their daily lives. We will provide practical strategies, plans, goals, and resources for increasing physical activity as an individual and as part of a family. By educating, motivating, and supporting faculty and staff we will create a community of comradery and accountability in the pursuit of improved health and well-being. CSWF 2016 Faculty Fellows: Carey Rothschild, Lecturer, Department of Health Professions, College of Health and Public Affairs. Jennifer Tucker, Lecturer, Department of Health Professions, College of Health and Public Affairs. No RSVP needed.

Thursday, Feb 25, 2016. 9:00 - 10:00am, Colbourn Hall Room 146. **Meet and Greet - Author Gini Sikes.** CSWF and Graduate Studies invites you to meet Filmmaker, Author, Investigative Journalist, Gini Sikes. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Vibe*, *Essence*, *Washington Post*, *Ebony*, among others. Gini's areas of expertise are women's and youth issues captured in two of her most notable works - *8 Ball Chicks: A Year in the Violent World of Girl Gangsters* and her recent documentary *Equal Means Equal* which highlights women's eroding rights in the U.S. today. Among her honors, she was awarded a Knight Fellowship for journalists from Stanford University and a Planned Parenthood Maggie Award for exceptional media coverage of reproductive health. Coffee and refreshments will be served. RSVP appreciated, Fran.ragsdale@ucf.edu

March 2016

Month-long celebration of Women's History Month! Please visit our website where we will introduce you to 31 (one each day) amazing UCF women faculty and staff who are shaping UCF's future!

Friday, Mar 4, 2016, 2:00 - 3:00, Student Union Pensacola Boardroom 222. **A Conversation to Encourage Women to apply and receive UCF TIP Award**

UCF Women's Studies and the UCF Center for Success of Women Faculty invite you to an informal conversation with TIP award faculty winners from previous years. They will provide tips on how to better prepare your application for the 2016 TIP. Faculty will have their winning portfolios available for display and discussion. No RSVP needed.

Wednesday, Mar 16, 2016, Noon – 1:00PM, Student Union, Sand Key Room 220. **Promoting Wellness among Women Faculty of Color.** The challenges experienced by minority female faculty in higher education have been well noted. These challenges may include (a) invisibility; feelings of not being heard or listened to, (b) over-visibility; feelings of being hired as a contribution to the façade of organizational diversity, and (c) alienation and devaluation. These challenges have been found to correlate with increased feelings of anxiety, career dissatisfaction, and burnout which unfortunately have led to decisions to leave the profession. Holistic balance centered on a wellness framework promotes positive personal and professional experiences. The proposed workshop will provide UCF's female faculty the arena to discuss wellness practices to counter work stressors and potential burnout. CSWF 2016 Faculty Fellow: M. Ann Shillingford-Butler, Associate Professor, Dept. of Child, Family & Community Sciences, College of Education and Human Performance.

Wednesday, Mar 23, 2016, Noon – 1:00pm, Student Union, Siesta Key Boardroom, Room 225. **CSWF Book Club.** **"Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia" Edited by Gabriella Gutierrez y Muhs; Yolanda Flores Neimann; Carment G. Gonzalez; Angela P. Harris.** (Discussing Chapters: 11, 12 and 14). No RSVP needed.

Friday, March 25, 2016, Noon – 12:30 PM, Biology Building (Building 20) Room 112. **Private Tour of the Bug Closet.** The Bug Closet is UCF's research arthropod collection. It was founded in 1993 by Stuart Fullerton. Originally it fit inside a closet-sized room, hence the name. Over the years it has expanded and now holds over 500,000 specimens, primarily wasps and beetles. Many of the specimens are used in taxonomic studies, ecological studies, and other research. During the tour, you will see amazing pinned insect specimens, learn about the field of entomology, and even have a chance to

pet some live insects (if you're feeling daring). Tour Guide: Erin Barbeau, Biology Outreach Coordinator. No RSVP needed.

Monday, Mar 28, 2016 1:00 – 2:30pm, Student Union, Garden Key Room 221. Successful UCF Women

Instructors/Lecturers Panel Discussion. Please join us for an informal panel discussion by some of our very successful UCF women instructors and lecturers. Topics will focus on combining academic success with career-life balance. Panel: Carolyn Hopp, Lecturer, School of Teaching, Learning and Leadership, College of Education and Human Performance; Alisha Janowsky, Associate Lecturer/Assistant Chair, Department of Psychology, College of Sciences; Mary Tripp, Lecturer, Department of Writing and Rhetoric, College of Arts and Humanities; and Maria Redmon, Associate Instructor, Department of Modern Languages & Literatures, College of Arts and Humanities. No RSVP needed.

Wednesday, Mar 30, 2016, 2:00 – 3:00pm, FCTL Classroom Building 1, Room 205. "A Coquí in the Land of Penguins: Minority Faculty in Academia". This listening session will offer participants the opportunity to express the major concerns of diversity faculty at the University of Central Florida. We will be discuss hiring and retention rates as well as exercises in cultural responsibility and inclusion. The ultimate goal is to provide a sounding board for the creation of a university wide support group for minorities. CSWF 2016 Faculty Fellow: Ilenia Colon Mendoza, Assistant Professor, School of Visual Arts and Design, College of Arts & Humanities. No RSVP needed.

April 2016

Monday April 4, 2016, Noon – 1:00 SU Egmont Key Room 224. Yoga and Storytelling Class

"Family Stories: Using Yoga to Connect Stories and Folklore to our Lives." Our fall Yoga and Storytelling classes will be based on Vinyasa or flow yoga. This type of yoga focuses on the coordination of breathing and movement. It will include fundamental yoga postures and sun salutations that can be adjusted to different levels. Stories, in the form of folk literature, will be integrated into the yoga classes as a way to allow us to consider how stories impact and inform our lives. Instructor: Deirdre Englehart, Associate Lecturer, Early Childhood Development and Education, College of Education and Human Performance. No RSVP needed.

Wednesday, Apr 20, 2016, 12:00 – 1:00pm, Student Union, Siesta Key Boardroom, Room 225. CSWF Book Club.

"Presumed Incompetent: The Intersections of Race and Class for Women in Academia" Edited by Gabriella Gutierrez y Muhs; Yolanda Flores Neumann; Carmel G. Gonzalez; Angela P. Harris. (Discussing Chapters: 25 and 28). No RSVP needed.

May 2016

May 9-12, 2016 Summer Faculty Development Conference. Track Title: Maximizing Our Mentoring Impact at UCF.

Room for 10-15 participants. Each participant will receive an \$800.00 award for full track participation. Application deadline is February 26, 2016. Please visit FCTL Website for more information on registration and all conference tracks.

<http://www.fctl.ucf.edu/Events/SummerConference/>

Throughout the Semester: Please contact Linda Walters (linda.walters@ucf.edu) or Fran Ragsdale (fran.ragsdale@ucf.edu) at the Center for Success of Women Faculty if you would like to schedule a formal or informal meeting.

Visit our website for up-to-date information and additional events:

<http://womenfaculty.afia.ucf.edu/>