**Spring 2013 Semester**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2013,** 10:45am – Noon, CNH 401 Conference Room **"A Conversation to Encourage Women to Apply for the UCF Excellence Awards (Teaching, Advising, Professional Service and Research)**." In collaboration with UCF Women’s Studies. "Informal conversations with past winners of Excellence Awards ". This session will engage women faculty discussing tips on how to better prepare your application for the 2013 Excellence Awards for Teaching, Research, Professional Advising and Service. Faculty will have their winning portfolios available for display and discussion. Come and learn how to become the next winner.

**Wednesday, January 23, 2013,** Noon – 1:00 pm, FCTL CL1 – Conference Room – **Spring Book Club** in collaboration with FCTL. Book: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, ISBN: 978-1-4000-5218-9. (Chapter (Part One) Life 1-11)

**Wednesday, February 6, 2013,** 1:30pm – 3:00pm, Student Union Cedar Key 223 **Faculty Parents Workshop - UCF Faculty Parents Workshop: Tips and Tricks in Academic Parenting.**
At this Center for Success of Women Faculty event, participants will share their personal "tips & tricks" used in trying to balance parenting small children while meeting the demands of an academic career. Areas to be discussed, broadly speaking, will include scheduling, child care, staying engaged with research and teaching, working with departments to ease the burden of being a primary caretaker, handling the birth of a new child, and navigating the tenure track. These "tips & tricks" will eventually form the foundation of an academic parenting Wiki, a living document available to all UCF faculty parents looking for ways of successfully balancing parenting and academia.

**Wednesday, February 6, 2013** 11:30am-1:00pm, Student Union Key West Room 218D. The Department of Sociology is pleased to present - A Conversation with Eve Pell "Learning to be Entitled: Attitudes and Values of the Upper Class". In the nationally-acclaimed "WE USED TO OWN THE BRONX," Eve Pell gives readers an inside look into the hidden, often bizarre world of America’s aristocracy. Eve Pell comes from a famous WASP family, growing up on opulent estates staffed by live-in, uniformed servants. Eve’s cousin, Senator Claiborne Pell, started Pell grants, which help 5 million students a year obtain a college education. Eve Pell is an award-winning journalist, reporting for three PBS documentaries and publishing articles in the San Francisco Chronicle, the Nation, Ms., and many others. She taught journal-ism at San Francisco State University and lectured at Stanford.

**Thursday February 7, 2013 at 2:00pm - 4:00pm HR Training Room 105**Are you, or an employee you know, anticipating parenthood? This free workshop is offered specifically for soon-to-be new parents, adoptive parents and those who are anticipating a foster child placement. The focus will be on helping employees plan for and make decisions regarding a Parental Leave of Absence. For example, as an employee, did you know you need to request a Parental Leave thirty (30) days in advance of the expected due date? This short, one hour, workshop is intended to provide you with your rights and responsibilities prior to, during, and after a parental leave. The workshop will cover topics such as requesting a Parental Leave, planning for benefits coverage during a leave, adding your new arrival to your insurance, plus advise you on using your accrued leave and much more. You will be provided with a "Parental Leave Information Kit" and we will aim to answer all of your questions and concerns regarding your employment as it relates to this joyful time in your life.
**Registration** for this seminar must be completed via the myUCF portal. To use the interactive system, go to <https://my.ucf.edu/>
Employee Self Service/Learning and Development/Request Training Enrollment Course Number PER094
Facilitated by: Roxanna Tarrab, Leave Coordinator and Traci Evison, Benefits Coordinator
For more information contact the Leave of Absence Section at 407-823-2771 or email at loaandworkcomp@ucf.edu

**Saturday, February 9, 2013**, **In Celebration of Black History Month**
Goldsboro: An American Story Documentary, Screenings at 11:00am and 1:00pm, Goldsboro Welcome Center - 1216 Historic Goldsboro Blvd, Sanford, FL.
Crooms Alumni Association Exhibit Grand Opening & Seminole High School Gospel Choir Concert, 3:00pm - 5:00pm Public History Center - 301 W 7th Str. Sanford, FL
Both events are free - Refreshments will be served

**Tuesday, February 12, 2013**, 11:00am - 1:00pm, Garden Key Room 221, Student Union - Service Learning Day 2013: Programming Perspectives
The annual event celebrates faculty engagement with Service-Learning Recognition Awards, and presentations that focus on service-learning programming at UCF. The presenters are all UCF women faculty, Dr. Linda Walters, Biology; Dr. Stephanie Krick, Public Administration; Dr. Diane Wink, Nursing; Ms. Phyllis Harris, Business Administration. Boxed lunches will be provided.
Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 6, 2013 to reserve your seat at this special event by contacting Amy Zeh at amy.zeh@ucf.edu or 407-823-4395

**Wednesday, February 13, 2013**, Reception 4:00pm – 5:30pm, Honors College Reading Room – **Reception for UCF Women Faculty Authors** featured on our Center’s webpage under Spring 2013 Highlighted Faculty.

**Monday, February 18, 2013, Biology Department, 3:00pm
“Restoring the Everglades: The Effect of Narratives on a Science Policy Goal” presented by Dr. Claire Knox**Dr. Knox will present, “Restoring” the Everglades: The Effect of Narratives on a Science Policy Goal, which is based on her research on the 170 policy history of the Florida Everglades. This unique ecosystem has witnessed three distinct eras each with a dominant narrative: a wasteland needing to be drained, a wilderness needing flood control, and a damaged ecosystem needing to be restored. Jürgen Habermas, a critical theorist, argues that policy makers and public administrators use narratives because of the conflict between the public’s generalizable interests and special interests. In general, government officials in advanced industrial democracies are caught between conflicting imperatives: they are expected to serve the interests of their nation as a whole, but they must prop up an economic system that benefits the wealthy at the expense of most workers and the environment. This research argues that the contradiction is reflected in Everglades policy by communicative distortions and blockages suppressing and concealing tensions between environmental and economic priorities. Results from archival and secondary data, as well as a modified grounded analysis of interviews, support that “Everglades restoration” is not simply a policy goal, but a narrative used to reinforce a policy initiative that includes unachievable goals and overstated results, as well as underestimated benefits to economic special interests.

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013,** Noon – 1:00 pm, FCTL CL1 – Conference Room **– Spring Book Club in collaboration with FCTL. Book: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, ISBN: 978-1-4000-5218-9 *(Chapters (Part Two) Death 12-22)***

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013,** 2:30 - 4:00PM**, Successful Women Seminar Series - Dr. Cristina Fernandez-Valle**
Student Union, Sand Key Room 220. Dr. Fernandez-Valle will discuss her research and career as a faculty member in UCF Biomedical Sciences.

Searching for Drugs to Treat Neurofibromatosis Type 2
Description: Neurofibromatosis Type 2, or simply NF2, is a disorder that causes tumors to repeatedly form on nerves in the body and brain. NF2 is caused by mutations in the NF2 gene that encodes a tumor suppressor protein called merlin. NF2 mutations can be inherited from parents but often occur in children with no family history of NF2. The tumors, called schwannomas derive from Schwann cells, the cells that make the insulating myelin sheath in nerves. My research for years has focused on understanding how NF2 mutations cause Schwann cells to develop into tumors. More recently, I have turned my attention to looking for drugs and drug targets that can be developed into a therapy for NF2. In the seminar, I will discuss the disease and my strategy for identifying potential drugs for treating those with NF2. I will also discuss strategies for attracting funding and staying funded in these competitive times.

 **Tuesday, February 26, 2013 –** UCF Global Perspectives Speaker – Devi Rajab. Topic: Indian Women: A Cross-Cultural Perspective. 3:00 – 4:30 pm Pegasus Ballroom**.** Center for Success of Women Faculty and Burnett Honors College are co-sponsoring this event.

**Saturday, March 23, 2013 – Elect Her Workshop** Live Oak Room 9:00am – 4:00pm**.** Co-sponsored by UCF Women’s Studies, LEAD Scholars, and AAUW. Elect Her–Campus Women Win is funded by AAUW ($5000 award, one of 12 nationally for 2013) and is a 4.5 hour training course to encourage and train college women to run for student government on their campuses.

**Wednesday, March 27, 2013,** Noon – 1:00 pm, FCTL CL1 – Conference Room – **Spring Book Club** in collaboration with FCTL. Book: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, ISBN: 978-1-4000-5218-9 (Chapters (Part Three) Immortality 23-38)

**Thursday, March 28, 2013 –** Free **Women’s Self Defense Class** 1:45– 4:00pm, Student Union Room 224

**Thursday, March 28, 2013** - **WEBINAR: WOMEN VETERANS RETURNING TO CAMPUS MARCH 28**
In honor of Women’s History Month, the Veterans Academic Resource Center (VARC) will be hosting a webinar called “Women Veterans Returning to Campus: Exploring the Military and Gender Transition Issues.” The event is Thursday, March 28 at 2:00 in ENG2 Room 0205. We look forward to a great discussion following the webinar led by one of our very own female student veterans. We hope you are able to join us as we honor our heroes and explore these issues further! For more information contact Stacie.McLeod@ucf.edu

**Monday, April 1, 2013 –** 8:30am – 2:00pm **-** Student Union Sand Key Room 220**,** Free **CPR Class** for women faculty.

**Wednesday, April 3, 2013 –** Free **Yoga Class** for women faculty, 2:45pm to 3:45pm Key West Room 218C

**Wednesday, April 10, 2013 –** Free **Yoga Class** for women faculty, 2:45pm to 3:45pm Garden Key Room 221

**Wednesday, April 17, 2013 –** Free **Yoga Class** for women faculty, 2:45pm to 3:45pm Key West Room 218C

**April 2013 –** Center’s Executive Committee Meeting (location and date TBD)

**Monday to Thursday, May 6 – 9, 2013 –UCF Faculty Summer Development Conference**Summer Conference – Center will host its own track for 10 women faculty @ $800/participant. Within our track, there will be themed groups. Themes will likely include: life-work balance, returning to work after medical leave, and what else would you like to see our Center focus on to help you be successful. Please submit your proposal for the 2013 Summer Faculty Development Conference by Friday February 22, 2013.
**Tuesday, May 7** - All faculty members in the CSWF track will receive COACh Training during the Summer Faculty Development Conference during Tuesday’s morning session. The workshop will focus on training for women faculty on Effective Leadership and Communication. See COACh website for more information: <http://coach.uoregon.edu/coach/>. There will be 10 additional spots available for this workshop that will be distributed competitively.

**May 2013** – “Women of Distinction: Excellence in Mentoring” applications will be distributed. Applications will be due July 30, 2013.