

Making it Happen: Women and Public Leadership

California State University, Long Beach, June 25-27, 2009

FO3 - Multicultural Center (MCC)

AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

4:00-5:00pm Registration (RO see map) and getting settled in the dorms (RH1)

5:00-6:00pm:	Dinner at Residence Dining Hall (RDH)
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6:15-7:15pm Introduction of participants and workshop organizers (MCC)

7:15-8:30pm Leadership Biographies: Our Leadership Paths So Far...

8:30pm Group Organization

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

7:00-8:00am:	Breakfast at Residence Dining Hall (RDH)
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8:30-8:35am **Welcome and Introductions:**
Unna Lassiter, Deborah Thien, California State University, Long Beach, Geography

8:35-9:00am **CSULB Provost Dr. Karen L. Gould**

9:00-10:15am **Plenary speaker: Melanie Hughes**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, *Global Perspectives on Women and Leadership*
Sponsored by the Yadunandan Center for India Studies
Introduced by Dr. Bipasha Baruah, Interim Director, Yadunandan Center

10:15-10:30am:	Coffee and cookies
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10:30-11:00am **Morning Reflection Session**
Co-facilitated by Deborah Thien, Assistant Professor of Geography & Participants Group I

11:00am-11:45am **Group presentations/discussion**
Participants Group II

12:00-1:00pm	Lunch at Residence Dining Hall (RDH)
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1:15-1:45pm	Guest Speaker: Jane J. Netherton , Rotary Club Long Beach President (2007-2008), Community Leader
1:45-2:30pm	Guest Speaker: P.G. Herman , Graduate, Neighbourhood Leadership Program
2:30-2:45pm:	Coffee and cookies
2:45-3:15pm	Afternoon Reflection Session Co-facilitated by Unna Lassiter, Lecturer of Geography & Participants Group III
3:15-4:30pm	Group presentations/discussion Participants Group I
5:00-6:00pm:	Dinner at Residence Dinning Hall (RDH)
7:00-7:15pm	Guest panel and film presentation (in Building LA4, Room 108) Guest Speakers: Professor Vivian Price & Friends – Introductions
7:15-8:15pm	Film screening: <i>Hammering it Out</i>
8:15-9:00pm	Q & A Panel with Labour Leaders (participants TBA) Moderated by Vivian Price

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

7:00-8:30am:	Breakfast at Residence Dinning Hall (RDH), checking out of dorm room
8:30-9:00am	Morning Reflection session Co-facilitated by Unna Lassiter, Lecturer of Geography & Participants Group II
9:00-9:30am	Group presentations/discussion Participants Group III
9:30-10:15am	Guest Speaker: Lillian Kawasaki , Water Replenishment District Board of Directors
10:15-11:00am	Guest Speaker: Gerrie Schipske , Councilwoman, Fifth District, Long Beach
11:15-12:00pm	Guest Speaker: Liz Philipose , California State University, Long Beach, Women's Studies <i>Envisioning Leadership</i>
12:00pm	Where are we going from here ... TBC over lunch; exit questionnaire
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch at Residence Dinning Hall (RDH)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

Workshop - Invited Speakers

Dr Karen L. Gould is CSULB Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs who joined CSULB after serving as Dean of McMicken College of Arts and Science and Professor of French and Francophone Studies at the University of Cincinnati from 2001-2007, and as Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia from 1996-2001. As the chief academic officer of CSULB, Dr. Gould provides academic leadership for the university, applying her expertise to undergraduate and graduate education, research and creative activity, international education, service learning, community engagement, service to the profession, and faculty and academic staff development.

P.G. Herman, Graduate, Neighbourhood Leadership Program, City of Long Beach. P.G. Herman has led several neighbourhood clean up and neighbourhood outreach celebrations in Long Beach's Wrigley neighbourhood. Her events brought dozens of volunteers and support from many local businesses and City departments. P.G. is also serving on the Redevelopment Agency's Central Project Area Committee.

Melanie Hughes is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Hughes' primary interests lie in the study of gender and politics across countries. She co-authored the book: *Women, Politics, and Power: A Global Perspective*. Her main interest is how gender intersects with other forces of marginalization to influence women's political power. For example, she has researched the effects of armed conflict on women's election to national legislatures in less developed countries. Currently, she is investigating the political representation of women from racial, ethnic, and religious minority groups worldwide.

Lillian Kawasaki was elected to the Water Replenishment District (WRD) Board of Directors in November 2006. She represents Division Three, which includes the cities of Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Lakewood, Long Beach and Signal Hill. Ms. Kawasaki's leadership experience includes: membership of the California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee, an appointment by the Governor and the U.S. Secretary of Interior; 30 years of public service for the City of Los Angeles, during which time her responsibilities included serving as the Assistant General Manager of Environmental Affairs for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP); the Environmental Management Division at the Port of Los Angeles, responsible for managing the water quality, air quality and other port environmental issues; co-chair for the Friends of Manzanar, a National Historic Site, where Japanese-Americans were interned during World War II; member of the Women's Foundation Donor Circle, which provides grants to foster financial literacy for women and girls; and the Enterprise Foundation Leadership Council, which promotes sustainable affordable housing. Ms. Kawasaki holds a BS in Zoology and MS in Biology from California State University, Los Angeles.

Jane J. Netherton has a long and impressive list of leadership activities: Rotary Club of Long Beach President (2007-2008) and Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Chair, Downtown Long Beach Associates Chair, Mayor's Budget Advisory Committee, CSULB Board of Governors Chair/Foundation Board, Chair/member of the City of Long Beach Redevelopment Agency, Founder/Chair of the Conservation Corps of Long Beach, Chair of the Long Beach Community Partnership Board, Chair of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, among other activities in leadership.

Liz Philipose, California State University, Long Beach
Associate Professor of Women's Studies, Liz Philipose received her Ph.D. in Political Science from York University, Toronto, with specializations in global politics, feminist theory and contemporary social theory. Her research interests encompass international law, colonial history, gender, race and militarism. She is a member of the Future of Minority Studies project, and has been a member of several women-in-armed-conflict-zones networks, the Association of Women in Development and other global activist-scholar projects.

Vivian Price, Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, California State University, Dominguez Hills. Understanding people, history, and politics has fueled Dr. Price's teaching and research. She returned to get her doctorate in Politics and Society at the University of California, Irvine, after having worked in factories, refineries and then as a union electrician. While she finished her dissertation on affirmative action and community pressure in construction employment, she made a film about tradeswomen called *Hammering It Out*, so that her research could reach a broader audience. Teaching at CSUDH is stimulating her to keep learning from students and colleagues, and to keep pursuing activist research and filmmaking.

Gerrie Schipske, Councilwoman, District 5, Long Beach. Gerrie Schipske has a distinguished career of public service at the city, state and congressional levels. She has served for over 15 years on Long Beach City committees, commissions and boards -- including the Board of Health and Human Services, the Joint Powers Authority for the CSU Headquarters, and the Queensway Bay Committee that guided the development of the Aquarium of the Pacific. In 1992, she was elected to the Long Beach City College Board of Trustees. She has won the nomination of her political party three times for state and federal offices.

Jane Templin is the Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 11.

Organizers

Unna Lassiter, California State University, Long Beach, Lecturer in Geography. My research interests include the development of critical geopolitics. As part of this I have been interested in women's activism in immigrant communities in the U.S., the politics of expatriate American women abroad, and feminism in Iran currently. I believe that geography provides the integrative platform for new 21st century leadership and that geographers should perform more key and visible roles in international affairs, politics, and other forms of leadership than they currently are.

Deborah Thien, Assistant Professor of Geography, California State University, Long Beach. Her research interests include the links between gender, emotion, health and well-being, particularly as understood and practiced in rural and northern communities; feminist geographic theories and research practices; feminist, cultural and psychoanalytic theorizations of emotion; and engagements in place-making politics. Dr. Thien is the U.S. Node Director for the *Spaces of Democracy and the Democracy of Space Network*.

Bipasha Baruah, Interim Director, Yadunandan Centre for India Studies. Bipasha Baruah is Assistant Professor of Geography at California State University, Long Beach. She specializes in gender and development, non-governmental organizations and informal sector labor issues. In addition to academic appointments, Dr. Baruah has worked as a development practitioner in India, Indonesia and the Eastern Caribbean. She has also served as a consultant to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Participants and their reasons for attending ...

Barrett, Megan (Industrial Design)

"Learning how leadership is structured in our society and how I can use my knowledge and abilities to make a positive impact through the community, state and national programs."

Dialogu, Doris (Geography and Art Education Major)

"To expand my experiences and understanding of what it takes to become an effective organizer in the real world. Hearing first-hand stories from women who have undergone the challenges of obtaining and holding a place of leadership is undeniably the best way to learn the ropes next to first-hand experience. Hopefully this will give me a greater recognition of my strengths and weaknesses to focus my attention on developing social organization skills."

Erazo, Cindy

"Biology does not equal destiny! – Just because I am woman, does not mean that I am going to be submissive, underrepresented, and degraded of my abilities. I come from a community where women are expected to behave under a patriarchal system. We women need to be aware of our own capability and leadership as well."

Graham, Amy (Geography Major)

“To improve my leadership skills and get better insights into women’s leadership roles.”

Hamilton, Taylor (Pre-Studio Art Major)

“I feel like it is very important to have more women’s voices in the public arena. I would like more training on how to be a better leader and raise up more women in my community. I have been very active in political leadership in Sacramento and need more relational grassroots leadership skills.”

Kentala, Janice (BA Geography – 2009)

“I am very interested in civic engagement and am looking to obtain a career within city government. I became interested in city government through [the Geography class]: Urban Metropolitan Problems ... as I saw first hand how cities operate and how directly involved they are with the community. I feel that this workshop can contribute to my ability to pursue this career successfully.”

Ngo, Mary (BA in Geography – 2008, Graduate student)

“To network with other women and enhance my leadership skills.”

Petersen, Mari (Geography)

“I seem to naturally fall into leadership positions, and as an aspiring community leader, I would like to further develop these natural skills.”

Christine Pham (Geography)

“As a student, a workshop like this will provide me with invaluable information that can help to develop and enhance any leadership potential (that I may have) both academically and professionally. I am hoping to identify and clarify (mis)management issues, enhance the skills that I already have, and learn any new practices and techniques that would help me breathe new life into the geography dept's student organization! Having some experience running the GSA, I felt like a lot of the disorganization and mismanagement came from not having a clear vision and distinct goals--that were never addressed FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, so as I start the new term as president, I hope that time spent at this workshop will help me to improve the management of the organization for the benefit of the student body.”

Quintero, Annette (BA Sociology – 2007 (social change and global issues), GIS Certificate - 2009)

Annette has done research on collective bargaining at local level, on transnational families, and is interested in pursuing a career in public policy. She writes: “What I would like to learn from the workshop is how public officials strike a balance between what their personal beliefs are and what their constituency's beliefs are if there beliefs are opposite on a certain issue that needs to be voted on. I would also like to learn how the speaker's got involved in politics, what a typical day in their political lives look like. I would also like to hear how they deal with sexism.”

Willett, Liana (Undeclared – Art or Criminology)

“I really want to learn how to be a leader. I want to learn how to make a difference and somehow change things, besides my own life, for the better.”