

Call for Proposals

PASSHE Women's Consortium & Audrey-Beth Fitch Women's Studies Conference

Women: Finding a Voice and Leading for Change Conference September 14-15, 2012 California University of PA

Women comprise half of the paid workforce and women extend more unpaid volunteer hours than men. At home, women do 2/3 of the housework and spend double the time on family care compared to men. More than 60% of undergraduate degrees are awarded to women and approximately half of all graduate degrees are awarded to females. Women "do it all" except land the privileges and opportunities to lead.

Twelve Fortune 500 companies (2.4%) are led by women. Congress boasts a mere 16% of seats held by women. Three percent of clout positions in mainstream media are held by women. Thirteen percent of Sunday news show guests are women. Only 13.5% of universities are led by female presidents. Across the board, women earn less than men, costing women on average \$1,000,000 over a lifetime.

Now, more than ever, the world needs female leaders to bring their voices to the table. Evidence shows that when a worthy percentage of women are at the table, policies become more family friendly, companies see higher profits for shareholders, employees are more satisfied with their jobs. When women find their voices at home, there is greater equity, greater commitment, greater satisfaction for families. Further, money is spent in ways that are advantageous to the health and well-being of families.

The PASSHE Women's Consortium and Audrey-Beth Fitch Women's Studies Conference, September 14-15, 2012 at California University of PA in southwestern PA will address this need for women to lead. Students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members are welcome and encouraged to submit conference proposals!

Cal U has been named the first national Franklin Covey Leadership University, incorporating leadership principles into teaching, learning, and campus life. Conference programs will connect to the university's focus on leadership and the conference theme: Finding a Voice and Leading for Change. Leadership may be demonstrated in the home, workplace, politics, volunteering, the university, corporations, media, etc.

Proposals from faculty, staff, and students of all disciplines are welcome and encouraged!

Proposals may include panel discussions (several speakers presenting on a theme), experiential workshops (hands on programs where attendees will learn new skills or information through active engagement and participation), traditional paper presentations (original research presented to the audience), or round table discussions (leader has a primary issue and initiates the discussion on a particular topic then facilitates discussion among participants).

All sessions will be one hour in length. Proposals should include: 1) A short title for the session; 2) Names and titles (as you would like them written in the conference program) and email addresses of all presenters; 3) a 500 (or fewer) word abstract describing the proposed topic. Indicate if you will be doing a panel discussion, workshop, traditional paper presentation or roundtable; 4) a resume or curriculum vita for at least one of the presenters. Please submit proposals electronically to WomensStudies@calu.edu. Deadline for submissions is May 6, 2012. Please be aware that if your proposal is accepted, it is expected that you are committed attending the conference.