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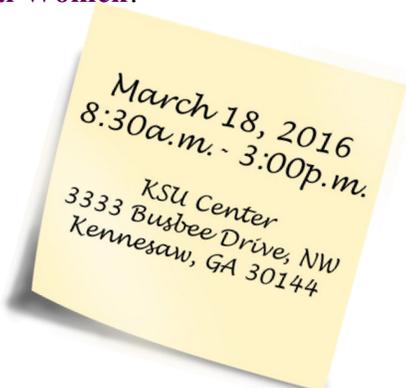
Transitions in Life

Since 2000, the Siegel Institute has been celebrating women through our annual **Phenomenal Women's Conference**. Women of all backgrounds come together to exchange ideas about leadership, having faith in ourselves, and becoming who we want to be in the world. Calling all **Phenomenal Women!**

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Human Rights Film Discussion Series:

Jan. 28th– **Suspino: A Cry for Roma**

Feb. 18th– **Something the Lord Made**

Feb. 25th– **A Force More Powerful**

Mar. 10th– **Rabbit Proof Fence**

Mar. 24th– **Wadjda**

Location: Clendenin Hall, Rm. 1009

Time: 6:30-9:15p.m.



Recent Publications and Presentations

Article:

Johnston, L. and Womack, D. "Best Practices in Communication with Older Adults," China Media Research, 11(3), 2015.

Book Reviews:

Dr. Linda Johnston reviewed: Abusing Donor Intent: The Robertson Family's Epic Lawsuit Against Princeton University, by Doug White, St. Paul, MN, Paragon House, 2014, 316 pages, International Journal of World Peace, Vol. XXXII, No. 4, December, 2015.

IREX Fellow: Tran Nguyen (Vietnam)

It is an honor for me to come to the United States of America (USA) and attend the Community Solutions Program in 2015 because it is the 20th year anniversary of the USA-Vietnam normalized relationship. I had a great chance to take some classes on gender such as Gender and Social Justice, Ecofeminism, Gender and Popular Culture. I also participated in many activities with the Siegel Institute. For example, I learned from the Civil Rights museum in Atlanta that nonviolence is such a powerful tool. Because of that experience, I became more confident to believe in myself and to continue to do development works in my country. Four months is not a long time but, I have learned so many things here in the US. Through working, studying and travelling to New Orleans, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, West Virginia, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, Death Valley, San Francisco, and Alaska. I understand more about American culture, history, the people and more than that, about myself. I have realized how much I love my nation, my people and my family when I am here. With all the skills and knowledge I have learned from the USA, I would fight and serve for the children and women in my country, and I do believe that through education, they can be strong, independent, and confident in life.



SALT Student: Carrie McDaniel



Carrie is an artist from Cartersville, Georgia, and she has been drawing since she was very young. Carrie received her Associates Degree in Art from Georgia Highlands College in May 2012. Now, Carrie attends Kennesaw State University where she is a double major. When Carrie is done, she will have a Bachelor of Science in Art Education and a Bachelor of Fine Arts, with a concentration in painting and drawing. On top of that, she is also pursuing an art history minor. Carrie's specialty medium is graphite, but she loves to experiment with other mediums and techniques.

Shauna Carmichael, J.D.



Shauna Carmichael recently graduated from Georgia State University College of Law. When asked why she chose to pursue a law degree, her response was she had already exhausted her past degree of M.S in Conflict Analysis and Resolution and wanted to gain more knowledge in public policy. Ms. Carmichael also added that a law degree was flexible and useful in various fields. The thought of quitting did cross her mind, but she persevered after getting some timely reminders of the valuable work a law degree could help her perform. The biggest highlight for Ms. Carmichael was learning how to research legal resources and seeing how laws effect policies and vice versa. The biggest challenge she faced was that law school was not designed to cater to different learning styles. For example, the Socratic method is a real and not very helpful thing.. Her advice to others thinking of taking this grueling path is to consider why they want a law degree.

Book Discussions Over Lunch

January 26th- “The King Whisperers: Power Behind the Throne, from Rasputin to Rove” by Kerwin Swint , facilitated by the Author

February 24th- “Black History of the White House” by Clarence Lusane
Facilitated by: Dr. Seneca Vaught, Department of History and Philosophy

March 8th - “Couch Time with Carolyn” by Katie Hart Smith
Facilitated by: Judy Hold, Wellstar School of Nursing

All book discussions are held from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Contact our office manager, Caitlan Shaw, at cshaw35@kennesaw.edu for more details.

Phenomenal Women’s Pre-Conference Workshops

January 21st - *Understanding Thinking Styles Differences for Personal and Professional Communication Effectiveness* presented by Dr. Linda Marie Golian-Lui

February 11th - *"B-Word"- Developing a Strategy to be more Productive, Positive and Pleasant by Replacing the Word "Busy" in your Daily Speech* presented by Beth Hermes

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Advisory Board Member Highlight: Jim Wanserski



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1. What is your advice to young professionals starting their careers?

I gave a high school commencement speech fairly recently, and early-on in that talk, I announced I was the product of: my family, my faith, and my grade/high school education. Those things, along with my developing intellect, formed my “core” to that point in my life.

In summary, young professionals really need to reflect on what their own “core” is, to identify and form their priorities, what’s important to them, where the lines are drawn. It takes time, hard work, reflection, studying, example-following to get to know yourself and to form your core, and then you spend a lifetime refining and adding to it.

2. What selective experiences brought you your most valuable ethical lessons-learned?

Even though I am a finance and accounting educated professional, I have had a number of high visibility executive roles. In conjunction with uncovering some dozen frauds within business... preparing to testify was always one of the hardest thing for me to do. Actually doing the testifying was far easier than preparing for it.

Furthermore, I’ve met many “heroes” thus far in my work life...just wonderful people and examples of HOW to operate. I’ve learned much from their behavior and leadership, as I had the good fortune of a “front-row” seat!

3. What to you is the most important ethical perspective?

Most often, I attempt to consciously focus on living life related to that chain of “thoughts-become-actions-become-habits-become-virtues” as my ethical basis, grounded by certain faith and philosophical principles. Life is choices (not my quote), and to make “good” choices, you need information, (sometimes very rapid) reflection, and experience-based judgment...if there’s one primary virtue working well within me, I hope it is prudence.

4. What are the main differences from working in private sector consulting and working for a Federal government agency?

Environmentally, you would think these two workplaces would be markedly different, but they’re actually “alike and only somewhat different.” In my view, I have found that success in private sector consulting resulted from having a variety of wide-and-deep experiences, knowledge, and judgment—accompanied by a value-based work ethic.

Correspondingly, I believe I have been selected to work with and for government agencies for those same reasons. Again, the wide-but-deep variety of my private sector experiences made me most attractive to my public agency clients. However, the public sector valued my turnaround experiences, and my management tenure/presence.

One key observation: though I perceived the private industry pace was “faster,” I did not vary my own pace in either environment. You just have to get it done, do it right, and communicate crisply along the way. The dedicated Federal agency people have a “higher standard” – would that they all possessed this, public and private.

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