

## Spring 2009

### 5-College Clothesline Project

**May 4, 2009 - 9:00am to 2:00pm**  
**(Raindate: May 5, 2009)**  
**Location: Campus Pond Lawn**

Through the decoration and display of t-shirts, the Clothesline Project gives voice to the experiences of survivors, victims, friends and family members who have been affected by violence. The shirts hand shoulder to shoulder on a clothesline for public viewing, as if the survivors are standing there themselves, sharing their experience. Join us for the UMass display of the Clothesline Project. Break the silence about sexual violence by creating a shirt that gives voice to these personal experiences. People interested in adding a T-shirt to the Five College Clothesline Project can bring completed T-shirts to UHS, Health Education (third floor) by 5:00pm Thursday, April 30, or drop them by the display.

Please call Health Education at 413-577-5181 with questions about accessibility.  
For more information contact Angela Bruns: **413-577-4229**

### Take Back the Night

**April 23, 2009**  
**6pm: Art Workshop - Location TBA**  
**7pm: Rally and March - Student Union Lawn**

Take Back the Night is a world-wide event – the purpose of which is to speak out against rape and other forms of sexual violence and raise community awareness about the problem.

The 2009 UMass Take Back the Night will focus on social change and taking individual and community action to end sexual violence. This event will highlight art as activism. Participants will have opportunities to create their own art, witness performances, and participate in community creation of art – all with the purpose of taking a stand against sexual violence.

6pm - Art Workshop - Join us to create your own activist art! Opportunities include the creation of:

- T-shirts that will be added to the 5-College Clothesline Project display taking place later this semester at UMass (a project that uses art as an opportunity for survivors of sexual violence to heal and speak out)
- Signs to use in the Take Back the Night march
- Post cards that depict people's goals, passions, things they are proud of, and/or sources of inspiration (an empowering twist on "Post Secret"). The post cards will also become part of a traveling display at UMass

7pm - Rally and March - Join us to rally with others and take a stand against sexual violence. The rally and march will include performance by UMass and local artists.

For more information contact: Angela Bruns at **577-4229**

### START SMART WORKSHOP: An Approach to the Job Market and Fair Salary Negotiations in 2009 or How I Closed the WAGE Gap

**April 14, 2009 from 4:00-6:00**  
**Campus Center Room 101**

On April 14, 2009 Everywoman's Center will host Dr. Evelyn Murphy, former Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts and the founder of the WAGE Project, who will facilitate the workshop START SMART, a must for all women about to enter the world of work. Recognizing that the greatest long term impact is derived by working with women just entering the workforce, this workshop is specifically designed for women about to complete undergraduate or graduate higher education, but is open to

anyone who feels they would benefit from this information.

The current gender wage gap means that women earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by men in the same job. This may not seem like much, but if you graduate from college this year or next, and, if you are a woman, you will earn \$1.2 million dollars less over your working life than the man standing next to you getting the same degree at the same time! Negotiating salaries is a challenge for women at all stages of their careers, and women are often less likely to ask for what they want. Participation in a Start Smart workshop will help you understand the wage gap and how to not to fall into it!

Start Smart workshops cover the following topics:

- the personal consequences of the gender wage gap;
- resources for understanding reasonable salaries and benefits;
- the functions of job titles and how they determine salary ranges;
- the impact of market realities on salaries;
- how to negotiate salaries and benefits, and
- how to know your bottom line.

This isn't a lecture and won't include information about resume development or career counseling. It is a "workshop" in the true sense of the word, so please come prepared to work. We will ask each other questions, and share information and every now and then we just might say all say together "I want MY million"!

Pre-registration is required and space is limited. The deadline for pre-registration is April 10, 2009. This event is free and wheelchair accessible. It is important to arrive on time and be able to stay for the entire workshop. A light dinner will be provided. To register contact: [smandel@admin.umass.edu](mailto:smandel@admin.umass.edu) with the following information: name, email, local phone, major or degree and if you are either vegan or vegetarian.

## **Emergency Preparedness: Are you prepared?**

**April 9, 12:30-2:00pm**

**Location : North Village Community Center -H2  
(990 North Pleasant Street Apartment H2, Amherst MA 01002)**

Emergency Preparedness: Are You Prepared?

Considering the recent ice storms and prolonged power outages in Western MA this past winter, are you and your family prepared for such emergencies in the future? Would you like advice about how to put together a "72-Hour Kit" for you and your family?

Join UMass nursing students and the Public Health Nurse from the Town of Amherst for a discussion about emergency preparedness for families and individuals. We will watch a brief informative video, provide handouts, and send you home with the knowledge you need to begin to prepare your family and household for such emergencies. Our discussion will be informal, and we welcome your questions and concerns.

The deadline for pre-registration is 04/06/2009.

\*Refreshments will be provided

Contact : Natali Kepes at **(413) 545-2586**

## **Combating Violence with Law -- A Talk with UMass Alumni Attorney Sharon Stapel**

**Friday, April 3rd at 1:00 pm**

**Location : 620 Thompson**

Sharon Stapel (Psych '91, CUNY Law '99) has spent her 20-year career working to end violence against women and members of the LGBT

community. During and after college, she was a dedicated advocate for survivors of domestic violence, from Northampton to South Africa. After graduating from CUNY Law in 1998, Sharon created the first Domestic Violence Project at the Legal Aid Society of New York, and later headed a similar project at South Brooklyn Legal Services.

In July 2008, Sharon became the Executive Director of New York's Anti-Violence Project, which serves New York's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and HIV-affected communities.

For more information contact Angela Bruns at **577-4229**

## V-Day 2009

**March 6, 2009 at 7:00 and March 7, 2009 at 6:00 and 9:00  
Bowker Auditorium**

V-Day 2009: The Vagina Monologues  
IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY  
Friday: March 6, 2009 at 7:30

Saturday: March 7, 2009 at 6:00 and 9:00  
Bowker Auditorium, University of Massachusetts Amherst

V-Day is a global movement to end the violence that affects one in three girls and women in the United States and around the world. Now beginning its second decade, V-Day was inspired by women's reactions to Eve Ensler's award winning play The Vagina Monologues, a groundbreaking piece about the violence and the pleasure and the shame that women have had about their vaginas. On March 6th and 7th, VOX: Students for Choice, Everywoman's Center and a cast of 55+ will proudly perform The Vagina Monologues at the University of Massachusetts!

Every year V-Day places the focus on a country or geographic area providing an opportunity to bring the lives of girls and women of that country or community to light. V-Day's 2009 Spotlight Campaign focuses on Women and Girls of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

This event will be held in Bowker Auditorium, is wheelchair accessible and open to the public. Admission is \$5.00 for students and low-income and \$10.00 for the general public. Tickets are being sold at the Fine Arts Center and will also be available at the door the night of the performance. Due to mature content and language, parental discretion is strongly advised. For more information contact: Everywoman's Center at **545-0883** or [www.umass.edu/ewc](http://www.umass.edu/ewc)

## Everywoman's Center Dress for Success Clothing Drive

**Month of February 2009**

In honor of International Women's Day, Everywoman's Center is sponsoring a clothing drive for Dress for Success. Dress for Success is a local organization that provides professional clothing, jewelry, and shoes to women who are trying to re-enter the workforce. Women who are homeless, jobless, coming out of incarceration, or otherwise need assistance with getting back to work can get appropriate clothing for a work environment at the Dress for Success store. For more information about the agency, visit [www.dressforsuccess.org](http://www.dressforsuccess.org) <<http://www.dressforsuccess.org/affiliate>>.

Event contact : **Kathie Crivelli 545-0883**

**Location** : Clothing Drop-off Sites are in the Everywoman's Center Lobby on the Ground Floor of Wilder Hall or in the Women's Studies office 208 Bartlett

## White Ribbon Campaign - Stand Up and Be Counted

**Mullins Center, UMass  
February 22, 2009 at 1pm**

On February 22, 2009 the Health Education Department of University Health Services, the Department of Sports Management, the Office of Fraternities and Sororities, and Everywoman's Center are hosting a White Ribbon Campaign event.

The White Ribbon Campaign is an international effort to engage men in helping to end men's violence against women. Our event calls upon men to stand up and be counted as allies against men's violence against women.

The UMass White Ribbon Campaign – Stand Up and Be Counted event will take place at the Women's Basketball game in the Mullin's Center on February 22 at 1pm. At halftime, men and boys in attendance will be asked to congregate on the court and take a public pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about men's violence against women.

Event Contact : Angela Bruns at **577-4229**

## Where is Love 101: Intimacy and Independence

**Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00**  
**Room 904-908 Campus Center**  
**University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible

- How can we balance our needs for independence when in an intimate relationship?
- What if your needs for intimacy and independence are different than your partners?
- Can you pursue your dreams...and still be in love?

On Tuesday, February 10th, 2009, the Women of Color Leadership Network, Everywoman's Center, University Health Service and Student Legal Services present the 3rd Annual WHERE'S LOVE 101?: INTIMACY AND INDEPENDENCE. This event will be held in campus center room 904-908 at 7:00. It is free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible.

This unique gathering will feature a diverse panel of couples who have been together for between 20 and 2 years, as well as experts who will address a broad range of issues related to how we stay together while maintaining our own identity and interests.

Topics will include:

- Do you feel like you share a balance of needs for intimacy and independence with your partner? If not, how do we negotiate a healthy balance?
- Have you been able to maintain close and independent friendships?
- Would you travel or take a vacation without your partner?
- Do you feel that being in a relationship required restrictions on the pursuit of individual interests?
- Have you and partner evolved new and mutual interests that you can share?

And much more, as well as an opportunity for questions and discussions. Come with your partner, friend, or by yourself! With refreshments and door prizes this promises to be a lively, informative and fun evening!

For more information contact: **545-1671**

## In Honor of African American History Month - Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North

**Bartlett Auditorium 65; UMass, Amherst**  
**Wednesday, February 4th from 7:00-9:00**

From 1769 to 1820, the DeWolf family trafficked in human beings. Fathers, sons and grandsons sailed from Bristol, RI to West Africa, carrying rum to trade for African men, women and children. Captives were taken to Cuban plantations owned by the DeWolfs or sold at auction. Ships were then loaded with sugar and molasses, bound for the family's rum distilleries in Bristol. Over the generations, the family owned 47 ships that transported thousands of Africans across the Middle Passage into slavery. By the end of his life, James DeWolf had been a U.S. Senator and was reportedly the second richest man in the United States.

In this critically acclaimed film, this Northern family discovers that their ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. Join them as they come face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise. The questions the DeWolf descendants face are shared by all of us: What is the legacy of slavery? How does Northern complicity change the equation? What's owed for the actions of our country's ancestor's? What would repair - spiritual and material - really look like? What would it take?

A conversation with filmmaker and family member Katrina Browne; and family member Holly Fulton and her husband, William Peebles, follows the screening of this powerful and deeply personal story. Browne wrote, directed and produced the project, with co-director, editor and writer Alla Kovgan, and co-director and executive producer Jude Ray. In December, the Women Film Critics Circle honored Browne with its "Courage in Film making" award, citing the documentary as one of the three best of 2008. Read more at [www.tracesofthetrade.org](http://www.tracesofthetrade.org)

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