

# UWIL UMass Women into Leadership

## 2018 Workshop Schedule



**A note about social media:** So that our facilitators and presenters can speak freely and honestly about their personal experiences in public leadership and public service, we ask that you refrain from posting any comments or quotes made by our panelists during each workshop session.



You are welcome to tweet, post or share material from today's dinner and reception. And you're welcome to share photos from the workshop panels AFTER the workshop. If you post, please use #ucanuwil and #uwil2018.

### Friday, March 23, 2018

**1:00 PM – 1:15 PM**      **Check in and Welcome**  
Location: Campus Center 917

**1:15 PM – 2:15 PM**      **Failure and Self-Awareness**  
*What is the role of self-awareness in responding to feedback and critiques, setting goals, and assessing your accomplishments? This session will guide you in conversation about developing – and maintaining – a clear sense of self and about how that self-awareness sits at the foundation of successful leadership.*

Location: Campus Center 917

Facilitator:

- **Shalini Bahl**, founder, The Reminding Project

**2:15 PM – 2:30 PM**      Break

**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM**      **Jumping In: Joining Commissions and Boards**  
*Joining a board or commission may be a great first step into politics, policy, or even running for office. How do you identify opportunities? What is it like to serve on these boards? What skills can participation on these boards teach you?*

Location: Campus Center 917

Panelists:

- **Vira Douangmany Cage '01**, Commissioner, Massachusetts Asian American Commission
- **Ellen Moorhouse '11**, Program Officer for Civic Engagement and Communications at Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts & Commissioner, Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

- **Jennifer McNeill '00**, Program Director, National Black MBA Association; Member, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts
- **Arlene Rodriguez '04 PhD**, Senior Advisor, MA Department of Higher Education and Commissioner, Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

Moderator:

- **Denise M. Hurst '01**, Assistant Director/Regional Manager-Western Mass, Massachusetts State Lottery; Elected official, Springfield School Committee; and Commissioner, MA Commission on the Status of Women and Girls

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Break

**3:45 PM – 5:15 PM Business Etiquette & Professionalism**

*There is no way around it, first impressions matter. This session will help you understand what expectations exist in a professional setting and help you manage interactions with prospective colleagues, supervisors, interviewers, and others who can influence your own career.*

Location: Campus Center 917

Facilitator

- **Mandie LeBeau**, Business Etiquette Consultant, Pardon Me, Inc.

5:15 PM – 5:30 PM Break

**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Women in Public Leadership Dinner - Networking Reception**

Location: Marriott Center, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Campus Center

**6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Women in Public Leadership Dinner - Speaking Program**

Location: Marriott Center, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Campus Center

- Welcome: **Michelle Goncalves '06G**, Executive Director
- Welcome: **Kumble R. Subbaswamy**, Chancellor, UMass Amherst
- Introduction of Student Speaker: **Beth Gamel '78G**, Steering Committee, Women for UMass
- Student Speakers: **Michaela Dunn '18**, UWIL Class of 2017
- Featured Speaker: **Rosalin Acosta**, Secretary, MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development

**7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Women in Public Leadership Dinner - Dinner, Dessert Buffet, and Networking**

Location: Marriott Center, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Campus Center

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