

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 luncheon. And you're welcome to share photos from the workshop panels AFTER the workshop. If you post, please use #ucanuwil and #uwil2018.

Saturday, March 24, 2018

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM **Welcome & Breakfast Buffet**
Location: Old Chapel Great Hall (2nd floor)

8:15 AM – 9:45 AM **Why We Serve: Coffee with Leaders in the Commonwealth**
We are excited to kick off the workshop with a breakfast with Elected and Appointed Officials. Conversation will focus on what it is like to serve as a public official, what the varied paths into elected or appointed office may look like, and how our elected officials strive to work "across the aisle" to accomplish their goals.

Location: Old Chapel Great Hall (2nd floor)

Participants:

- **Christine Barber '03G**, State Representative (D-Somerville)
- **Jennifer Benson**, State Representative (D- Lunenburg)
- **Alisa Brewer**, Select Board Member, Amherst, MA
- **Kim Driscoll**, Mayor, Salem, MA
- **Kimberly Ferguson**, State Representative (R-Holden)
- **Jennifer Flanagan**, Commissioner, MA Cannabis Control Commission
- **Colleen Garry**, State Representative (D-Dracut)
- **Anne Gobi**, Senator (D- Spencer)
- **Lindsay Higgins '07**, Alderman, Woburn, MA
- **Natalie Higgins '09**, State Representative (D-Leominster)
- **Kate Hogan '86**, State Representative (D-Stow)
- **Hannah Kane**, State Representative (R-Shrewsbury)
- **Connie Kruger '70**, Select Board Member, Amherst, MA
- **Nicole LaChapelle**, Mayor, Easthampton, MA
- **Denise Provost**, State Representative (D-Somerville)
- **Susannah Whipps**, State Representative (I-Athol)

Moderator: **Erika Scibelli '06**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Health Policy Commission

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM Break

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM Women and Workplace Equality

This panel will address the reality of working in a heavily male-dominated field, including discrimination and sexism.

Location: Old Chapel Multi-Purpose Room

Panelists:

- **Kim Driscoll**, Mayor, Salem, MA
- **Maura McLaughlin '91**, Employment Attorney at Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP
- **Monserate Quiñones '95**, Commissioner, Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

Moderator:

- **Kaylee Johnson**, Graduate Assistant, UWIL

11:30 AM – 11:50 AM Break

11:50 AM – 12:00 PM Mindfulness Exercise

Location: Old Chapel Multi-Purpose Room

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch with Board Members and Alums

Passes to the Blue Wall will be provided to participants.

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM Break

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM Global Leadership: Diplomacy and Cultural Competency

Our workplaces are increasingly international in scope. Advances in technology have made connecting with foreign countries, governments, and people easier, and it has made the effects of domestic actions on international bodies more apparent. Such an environment requires an increased understanding of cultural differences, expectations, and norms. This panel will discuss ways to improve your cultural competency and cultivate greater diplomacy.

Location: Old Chapel Multi-Purpose Room

Panelists:

- **Mentewab Kebede '16**, Policy and Advocacy Associate, Church World Service
- **Taara Rangarajan '07**, Senior Director for Global Partnerships and Programs, Global Citizen
- **Rebecca Rittenhouse**, International Human Rights and Humanitarian Lawyer

Moderator:

- **Angela F. F. Davis '87**, Executive Director of Grants and Research, MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM Break

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

The Need to Know, the Right to Know, and What You Want to Know

Many times journalists are pitted against public officials and organizations or framed as sensationalizing mundane stories. At the same time, these officials may have to withhold information resulting in a lack of transparency that will ultimately impact a wide range of people. How do journalists and public officials balance this push and pull of gathering and disseminating information? How do you weigh privacy and the public's right to know? This panel will discuss how information is gathered and investigated; what information can be protected; and the role of spokespeople, public relations specialists and reporters in a democracy.

Location: Old Chapel Multi Purpose Room

Panelists:

- **Mike Deehan '07**, Reporter, WGBH
- **Lauren Dezenski**, MA Playbook author and reporter, Politico
- **Cayenne Isaksen '05**, Senior Director, O'Neill and Associates

Moderator:

- **Ann Murphy '77**, Senior Vice President, O'Neill and Associates

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM Break

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

Where to go from Here? A Dinner Conversation with UWIL Alums

UWiL alums join us for our closing dialogue to reflect on the day and discuss next steps after the workshop.

Location: Old Chapel Multi Purpose Room

Moderator:

- **Erika Scibelli '06**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Health Policy Commission

Participants:

- **Kelsey Barowich '15 '16 MPP**, Policy Analyst, MA Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight
- **Emilia Beuger '18**, UWIL Board Member
- **Mentewab Kebede '16**, Policy and Advocacy Associate, Church World Service
- **Casey Kelleher '20**, UWIL Alum
- **Heather Ducharme '16**, Director of Storefront Business Engagement at Alliance for Downtown New York

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