

Women and Leadership Affinity Group (WLAG)

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From the Chair and Chair-elect

Welcome to the second edition of the Women and Leadership Affinity Group (WLAG) newsletter! In this issue, we highlight several networking events at the upcoming ILA conference that are of particular interest to WLAG members.

Additionally, we are excited to report on the new book *Women and Leadership in Higher Education*, the first book in the series *Women and Leadership: Research, Theory,*

and Practice. Next, we share Dr. Carmela Nanton's perspective on women in international leadership, as she reflects on her recent journey to Malawi.

Finally, we are proud to announce the inaugural WLAG Award recipients. Be sure to congratulate our winners, Susan Madsen and Betsy Myers.

-Melissa Mahan and
-Lisa DeFrank-Cole

Women and Leadership Networking Luncheon 2014



The fifth annual Women and Leadership Networking Luncheon will be held in San Diego next month. This luncheon is organized for the purpose of providing information, resources, and networking opportunities for those (women and men) interested in the topic of women and leadership. The organizers welcome scholars and practitioners who have conducted research and work related to women in leadership or who are interested in discussing possibilities for future collaboration around this topic. More broadly, the participants may be those who are interested in acquiring, researching, and implementing leadership knowledge.

Attendees will sit at tables with others who are passionate about their specific areas of interest to have an engaging lunchtime conversation. Please join us for this dynamic and engaging lunch at the ILA annual conference in

San Diego!

-Susan R. Madsen

International Leadership Association

Annual Conference

Thursday, October 30—Sunday, November 2,
2014

Hilton Bayfront Hotel
San Diego, CA

Check out these WLAG recommended sessions:

<http://www.ila-net.org/Communities/AG/WLAG.htm>

Announcing: First Book in the Series *Women and Leadership: Research, Theory, and Practice*

Women and Leadership in Higher Education, edited by Karen A. Longman (Azusa Pacific University) and Susan R. Madsen (Utah Valley University) is the first book in the series and is now available to order either directly from the publisher

<http://www.infoagepub.com/products/Women-and-Leadership-in-Higher-Education> or from Amazon. ILA members are entitled to a 20% discount if ordered from the publisher, the discount code is ILAWL and is good until 12/31/2014. This volume focuses on higher education context within the United

States, a sector that continues to be plagued by a paucity of women in senior leadership roles. The 15 chapters cover current demographic realities as well as fresh thinking about how progress can and must be made in order for US higher education to benefit. It begins with a Foreword by the recently deceased leadership



guru, Warren Bennis. The volume also includes chapters by women who have served as presidents of universities in the United States, and promises to be one of the most important volumes on women and leadership in the higher education sector. Get a copy for yourself and one for your friend....and recommend it to your university libraries.

-Faith Ngunjiri
Series Co-Editor

WLAG After Luncheon Panel

Please join us for the special WLAG panel to be held directly after the Women and Leadership Network Luncheon on November 2, 2014. There is no question that more women are needed as leaders in all sectors worldwide. Yet, women are often faced with unique challenges and opportunities that drive the need for continued conversations. This engaging session will move forward a dialogue started at the June 2013 conference at Asilomar; it will that bring together three distinguished panelists—present female university presidents—who will discuss intriguing issues around their experiences in leading and the continued work needed to build, bridge, and blaze pathways for women and leadership. Susan Madsen will moderate the discussion with the following presidents: Dr. Mary E. Lyons (University of San Diego), Constance M Carroll (San Diego Community College District), and Carolyn J. Stafanco (The College of Saint Rose).

-Susan R. Madsen

Leading for the Common Good

Women's leadership, equality and empowerment, voice in decision making, and educational opportunities for sustainable futures are at the forefront of the international Human Rights discourse today. This summer I had the adventurous privilege of traveling to Malawi to conduct research with indigenous women leaders. In a land that is replete with fascinatingly rich cultural contrasts, a panorama of natural resources and enterprising individuals could be seen. Of particular interest were the women, who lead difficult and complex lives. Research interest was in creating portraits of a special group of women whose collective frame-breaking, hope-filled, transformative leadership has served to establish new policies and practices that would ultimately

improve the quality of life of women.

Their leadership has initiated change across sectors of society and in the communities where they share responsibility. Against the vibrant backdrop of culture, the study participants, all professionals, shared how they came to their leadership positions, worked counter-culturally to challenge and establish conditions to ultimately transform the socio-cultural context for the common good. A short documentary will highlight the experiences and perspectives of these rare leaders in their respective fields of education, law, community, development, government, religious and the financial sector in Malawi.

-Carmela Nanton



Congratulations to the Inaugural WLAG Award Recipients!



The Women and Leadership Affinity Group of the International Leadership Association is pleased to announce:

The 2014 Outstanding Scholarship Award is awarded to

Susan Madsen

The 2014 Outstanding Practice Award is awarded to

Betsy Myers

This year, the WLAG will honor and recognize their achievements at the Women and Leadership Network Luncheon at the 2014 International Leadership Association global conference in

San Diego on November 1, 2014.

Congratulations to Susan and Betsy for their work in supporting women and leadership.

-Sherylle Tan