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Dear Lauren,

Join us on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at the Oakland Marriott City Center in Oakland, CA for the next event in our highly successful Summit Series: The [National Summit on Innovation & Entrepreneurship: A Roadmap for Inclusion](#).

Janet Napolitano, President of the University of California, will keynote. Speakers include leaders from business, academia, and policy who will delve into research and best practices for workplace diversity and inclusion.

To see the full agenda and to register visit:
<http://www.innovation-summit.org/>.

Best regards,

Janet

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Contributed by Mrinalini Muralidharan

The Guilt of Quitting Sexist Workplaces

Ever let a sexist remark go unchallenged? What would you do if your workplace were steeped in sexism? Women often prefer to quit a sexist workplace than pursue grievances. This can lead to feelings of guilt and failure for not challenging established practices that discriminate against women.

Is it my fault?

Men Running a Gender Equality Club

Gender equality is not just a women's issue. Men are increasingly becoming aware of and involved in efforts to reduce the struggles women face in the workplace. They are trying to address these issues by organizing clubs and events on gender equality at top institutions such as Wharton.

WoMEN's club

Education

Contributed by Shabnum Patel

Fixing the Financial Aid System

Many students thinking of attending college are turned off by the amount of paperwork required to apply for financial aid. Recently, Democrats and Republicans have been working together to simplify the financial aid process. The current application is longer than a typical IRS form. Some social scientists propose that we could eliminate the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) altogether, as the financial information supplied is already provided on tax forms.

The End of FAFSA

Pearson Focuses on Education

Pearson, the World's biggest education company, recently sold two major media brands: the *Financial Times* and *The Economist*. The company decided to spend resources focusing on public-private partnerships in global education, including the development of educational games and technologies. Pearson is facing bidding competition from tech companies like Google and Apple to receive vendor contracts from states and large school districts.

Tech-Ed

Science and Technology

Contributed by Lauren Dembeck

Japanese Company Sends Whiskey to Space

A cargo supply arrived at the International Space Station on Monday, August 24th. The supply included six liquor samples. However, these samples are not for the astronauts; they will be aged for at least one year before being returned to Earth. The objective of the Suntory Global Innovation Center is to investigate if the flavor of the spirits will mature the same in space as on Earth.

Spirits flying high

Giant Panda Gives Birth to Twins at Washington's National Zoo

On Sunday August 23, Mei Xiang birthed two cubs. With their dusting of white fur and pink skin, they are so small that one can fit into a pair of human hands. The link provides videos of the delivery from the Smithsonian National Zoological Park Conservation Biology Institute.

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AWIS Member Spotlight



Mary Boyd, PhD
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Work-Life Integration

Contributed by Mrinalini Muralidharan

Do You Work Too Much?

Working long hours is correlated to many health problems including stroke, type 2 diabetes, and risky drinking habits. Moreover, there is a drop in productivity with output plummeting when people work more than 55 hours per week. In fact, there was no discernable difference in productivity between people who worked 56 *versus* 70 hours per week!

[Get a life](#)

New Benefits for Working Moms

Businesses are increasingly looking at ways to retain working moms. Extended, paid maternity and paternity leave are slowly being made the norm in several companies. Some even offer additional perks such as airfare for infants and caregivers to accompany travelling parents.

[Perks of the job](#)

Health

Contributed by Keng Jin Lee

New Approach in Understanding Breast Cancer

A new study published in the August issue of *JAMA Oncology* has led to new insights on treating ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS). Usually defined as "stage zero" cancer, it is a cluster of abnormal cells thought to be a "pre-tumor" that are increasingly identified as mammogram equipment becomes more sophisticated. In this study, the authors found that traditional treatment - usually surgery and radiation - did not improve the 20-year survival rate. This could lead to a major shift in how oncologists approach treatment for women diagnosed with DCIS.

[Not so benign?](#)

Contributed by Rachel Britt

Moving Closer to a Universal Flu Vaccine

While the yearly influenza vaccine protects against several subtypes of the virus, it doesn't protect against them all. Scientists have made an important discovery toward a universal flu vaccine. The researchers are studying part of a virus protein that is present in all flu subtypes and is unlikely to vary from virus to virus. The hope is that people will make antibodies that recognize this part of the virus and provide broad protection from flu.

[One stop shot](#)

AWIS Extra

Need for Buy-in from the Top

Dr. Gail Gasparich, Secretary of the AWIS National Governing Board, weighs in on family-friendly policies at academic institutions.

[Aussies get it right](#)

How to Mitigate Bias in Awards

In a Special Report for INSIGHT into Diversity Magazine, Dr. Heather Metcald, AWIS Director of Research and Analysis, shares data on scholarly awards and recognition for women.

[Who is being recognized?](#)

Congratulations!

Mary was just named an ACS Fellow

[See C&EN News](#)



Opportunities

[German Chancellor Fellowship of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation](#)

Each year, the German Chancellor Fellowship for prospective leaders gives up to 50 highly talented young professionals from Brazil, China, India, Russia and the USA the opportunity to spend a year in Germany enhancing their professional qualifications. Working with a host and mentor of their choice, the fellows implement independently developed projects in their respective field, e.g. in politics, business, society, culture or the media. The fellowship programme is under the patronage of the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

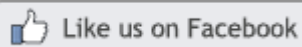
Deadline for applications is September 15, 2015.

[BBRG Affiliated Scholars Program](#)

The BBRG Affiliated Visiting Scholars Program is designed to accommodate scholars who would like to spend a relatively short period of time in residence, ranging from one month to six months. The BBRG Affiliated Visiting Scholars Program is open to senior and junior faculty (tenured and untenured), visiting scholars, postdoctoral scholars and independent scholars, from the U.S. and abroad, whose work is centrally on women and gender. Applicants must have the Ph.D. (or its equivalent) in hand one year prior to the beginning of the appointment. (Applications accepted throughout the academic year)

[Small Business Postdoctoral Research Diversity Fellowship](#)

The Small Business Postdoctoral Research Diversity Fellowship program aims to encourage creative and highly-trained recipients of doctoral degrees in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematical disciplines to engage in hands-on research projects in their areas of expertise at the kind of small innovative businesses that historically have fueled the nation's economic regime. Each research fellow will receive a stipend of at least \$75,000 plus health insurance benefits.



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