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Vermont Information Exchange for Women

Newsletter



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News & Resources

Today is Giving Tuesday!

Consider supporting one of Vermont's many invaluable non-profit organizations who are participating. Learn more, and find a list of participating Vermont organizations from Common Good Vermont [here](#).

Deborah Bucknam, Esq. of Walden Appointed to the Vermont Commission on Women



The Vermont Republican Party has appointed Deborah T. Bucknam, Esq. of Walden to serve on the Vermont Commission on Women. Ms. Bucknam will serve the remaining 2 years of Susie Hudson's 4-year term.

Ms. Bucknam has been practicing law in Vermont since 1979, and was licensed to practice in New Hampshire in 2005. She has practiced in all courts in Vermont, including the Vermont Supreme Court, and all divisions of Vermont Superior Court, including the Probate Division, Family Division and Criminal Division, as well as Vermont Federal District Court. She has litigated hundreds of contested matters, including personal injury, civil rights, voter fraud, land use, contract disputes, tax appeals, family and guardianship cases, criminal defense, and administrative proceedings before various Vermont administrative boards.

Ms. Bucknam graduated from Vermont Law School, cum laude, in 1979. She is a member of the Vermont Bar Association, the New Hampshire Bar Association, and the Federalist Society. She received a certificate from the Harvard Law School Negotiation Institute in Advanced Negotiation. She is a member of the Board of the Thaddeus Stevens School. Last year she ran an unsuccessful campaign for Vermont Attorney General, after winning the nomination in the Republican primary.

Ms. Bucknam's husband, Charles served on the Vermont Commission on Women in the 1970's. At that time the Commission was focused on the wage gap, child care, access to healthcare, and recruiting more women in more leadership positions in all

sectors. "Many of the same issues we're faced with today," noted Ms. Bucknam.

Call for Workshop Proposals: Vermont Women in Higher Education Spring Leadership Conference

The Vermont Women in Higher Education 2018 Spring Leadership Conference planning is underway! The conference will take place March 22-23, 2018, at Killington Grand Resort. The theme for this year's conference is "Women on Fire: Carrying the Torch." The VWHE Board is currently seeking potential presenters for workshop sessions on Friday, March 23rd. *Proposals should be submitted by Dec. 8th, 2017.* [Learn more.](#)

Volunteers Needed to Research and Write Biographical Sketches of Vermont Suffragists!

Participate in a national crowdsourcing project to create the *Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement in the United States* which will include sketches of over 2,500 suffrage supporters affiliated with the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA). Several Vermonters still need biographical sketches. Sketches should be around 500 words, and deadlines are flexible. For more information, contact the Vermont Coordinator, Rachel Onuf, at rachel.onuf@sec.state.vt.us.

Religious Freedom and Birth Control | Vermont Human Rights Commission October Newsletter

This issue explores the intersection of the "exercise of religious freedom" under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and federal statutes passed to "protect religious exercise" and whether those mandates allow a person or corporation to impose their religious beliefs on others or trump anti-discrimination protections for women or the LGBTQIA community. The First Amendment protects the right to exercise religion without government interference. Where is the appropriate balance? [Read it here.](#)

Congratulations to Jo Bradley on receiving the CDFA Lifetime Achievement Award!

Jo Bradley, Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA), received the Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) award on November 16th. [Learn more.](#)

Raliance's Sport + Prevention Center Now Open!

Raliance, a collaborative initiative of three national sexual violence prevention organizations dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation, just introduced this new resource: the Sport + Prevention Center, a one-stop-shop to support the sport community in ending sexual and domestic violence in one generation. Find over 100 prevention resources in the Prevention Database, learn about the 'state of SV/DV prevention in sport' in the Overview Report, find specific action steps in the Roadmap, and connect with others working on SV/DV prevention in and through sports through the Learning Exchange! [Learn more.](#)

Special thanks to Recent [Vermont Equal Pay Compact](#) Signer, [Vermont Compost Company!](#)

Has your business signed on to the [Vermont Equal Pay Compact](#)?

The Compact is a **voluntary online pledge** that enables Vermont employers to learn about and indicate their commitment to closing the wage gap.

We offer a [list of strategies](#) to consider and resources to inform employers.



Employment Opportunities

STEP IN TO WORK | A Vermont Works for Women Program

VWW's STEP IN TO WORK program builds confidence, develops professional skills, offers paid on-the-job experiences, and

Funding Opportunities

Carol A. Moore Scholarship

The Vermont Women in Higher Education Carol A. Moore Scholarship application for professional development funds is now available for women currently working in higher education seeking funding for professional development in furthering their career. *Applications are due by Thursday, November 30th.* [Learn more and apply.](#)

provides one-on-one job search and placement support, plus post-program job coaching. 90% of program graduates are employed within 30 days, in jobs that meet their needs! Women 18 or older who are facing barriers to job growth or entering the workforce can join an orientation every Monday from 10:30 -11:15 AM at VWW's office in Winooski. Walk-ins welcomed. [Learn more.](#)

Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations Program

This program of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) was authorized to develop and implement outreach strategies targeted at, and provide victim services to, adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in underserved populations. Grant funds are used to provide enhanced services; build t capacity of both mainstream organizations and organizations serving underserved populations to provide culturally appropriate and inclusive services; and to increase training and outreach activities targeted at organizations providing services to underserved populations. Award ceiling is \$300,000, *application deadline is January 26th.* [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Events

The Painted Word Poetry Series with Jill McDonough

[Thursday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m., Fleming Museum of Art, Burlington](#)

Jill McDonough is the author of *Habeas Corpus* (Salt, 2008), *Oh, James!* (Seven Kitchens, 2012), *Where You Live* (Salt, 2012), and *Reaper* (Alice James, 2017). The recipient of three Pushcart prizes and fellowships from the Lannan Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Fine Arts Work Center, the New York Public Library, the Library of Congress, and Stanford's Stegner program, she taught incarcerated college students through Boston University's Prison Education Program for thirteen years. Her work has appeared in *Poetry*, *Slate*, *The Nation*, *The Threepenny Review*, and *Best American Poetry*. She teaches in the MFA program at UMass-Boston and directs 24PearlStreet, the Fine Arts Work Center

online. Her fifth poetry collection, *Here All Night*, is forthcoming from Alice James Books. Cost is museum admission.

9th Annual Shake Off Dance Party! A benefit for Vermont Access to Reproductive Freedom

[Saturday, December 2 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m., Main Street Landing's Union Station, Burlington](#)

Vermont Access to Reproductive Freedom hosts this annual all-ages fundraising event, featuring DJs playing a healthy blend of classic party tracks from all eras and a cash bar. While Vermont laws are solid, the reality of accessing abortions is dismal. Women regularly must travel out of state and spend two days and \$1000+. VARF has funded abortions for Vermonters since 2000. The Shake Off, called the best dance party of the year, is a mainstay of the fund. Suggested donation of \$15 - \$150 at the door.

Girl Crush Comedy for a Cause

[Sunday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m., Vermont Comedy Club, Burlington](#)

A special edition of Vermont Comedy Club's all-female comedy show, with partial proceeds to benefit Vermont Works for Women. Tickets cost \$10.

Leading Change For Children 2017 Advocacy Conference

[Tuesday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Capitol Plaza Hotel, Montpelier](#)

This FREE advocacy conference is an exciting opportunity for Let's Grow Kids supporters from across Vermont to develop advocacy skills in preparation for the upcoming legislative session to achieve high-quality, affordable child care for all Vermont families. Conference Highlights Include: Superheroes Awards Ceremony, Advocacy Workshops, Communications Messaging Workshop, Regional Breakout Groups, Networking Social with cash bar & light appetizers.

Youth Rights in VT Meeting

[Tuesday, December 5 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Stoweflake Resort](#)

Vermont Afterschool and Voices for Vermont's Children are jointly convening an afternoon discussion around youth work and youth policy in Vermont. The intention is to start to build a broader partnership coalition to advance thinking, policy, and understanding around youth in Vermont. They are defining "youth" in a very broad sense – covering ages 9 to 26, and incorporating all aspects of youth well-being (e.g., mental health, prevention, academic, housing, food, jobs/career/training, social networks, physical and emotional health, etc.). They are inviting a wide range of organizations, advocates, youth, and practitioners to this gathering, many with a statewide focus or perspective. Registration requested.

Brainstorming Workshop with SWE North Country

[Tuesday, December 5 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Global Foundries, Essex Junction](#)

The Society for Women Engineers North Country offers this free workshop focused on teaching participants brainstorming techniques, and will apply them to a common subject – topics for conference talks. This workshop is appropriate for folks who are interested in learning more about how to brainstorm, as well as for folks who want to present at conferences.

Learn to Debug Your Code with Dev Tools

[Thursday, December 7 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Dealer.com, Burlington](#)

In this *Girl Develop It* Burlington Workshop, participants will learn the basics and move through to advanced features of Chrome's Developer Tools and leave with an understanding of how and why they'd want to use each panel. Participants will become familiar with how the browser renders DOM elements, figure how to uncover inefficiencies in their code, and speed up the debugging process so they

can quickly find what's wrong when code isn't working as expected. Registration costs \$35. Scholarships available.

To Warm a Winter's Night with Aine Minogue, Celtic Harp and Vocals

[Saturday, December 9 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Stone Church Theater, Bellows Falls](#)

Aine Minogue, a gifted Irish harper and singer, brings a feast of song, poetry, and dance music, perfect for celebrating the winter time with joy. "... the beauty of her poetry and music evokes images from the misty past celebrating the seasonal feasts of the Celtic world. Her creativity shines...." –BILLBOARD MAGAZINE. Tickets cost \$15 - \$45.

Taking Care of Baby: Parent-Baby Connection Birth to 6 months

[Monday, December 11 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Dartmouth-Hitchcock Women's Health Resource Center, Lebanon, NH](#)

The first six months of parenthood is an exhilarating and stressful time. Feel more prepared and discover where to find help in this fun and interactive class. This workshop will cover important topics related to baby's first six months of life including: role transitions, time management, crying and colic, sleeping, infant safety, car seats, baby bathing, diapering and more. \$40 per couple.

Social Media Made Simple

[Tuesday, December 19 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Center for Women & Enterprise, Burlington](#)

This workshop will cover the basics for using social media including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Pinterest, ways to decrease time spent using automation, how to integrate different social media into a marketing strategy to increase

revenue, and how to use social media to target the right audience with effective marketing messages. Registration costs \$20.



We choose events for VIEW from our [statewide events calendar](#) for women and girls. If you'd like your event featured in the VIEW, make sure you [add it](#).

Looking for more? *You'll find many more events for women & girls in Vermont on the calendar.*



The Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) is a non-partisan state agency advancing rights and opportunities for women and girls. Sixteen volunteer commissioners, along with representatives from organizations concerned with women's issues, guide VCW's public education, coalition building, and advocacy efforts. For more information, please visit us at <http://women.vermont.gov>.

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