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Brownbag Lunch Panel: Do We Still Need Women's History?

Vermont History Museum, Pavilion Building, 109 State Street, Montpelier

Wednesday, March 11th, 2015 - Noon to 1

Celebrate Women's History Month over lunch by learning from a panel of esteemed historians and scholars addressing questions facing women's history in the 21st century: Do we still need to separate out women's stories? Does it help or harm women when their history is told separately? Is there a trend away from studying women's history as a separate topic? How can the context of women's history help inform the world today? Moderated by Cary Brown, the executive director of the Vermont Commission on Women, panelists include Dr. Felicia Kornbluh, Director of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at the University of Vermont, Marilyn Blackwell, independent historian, and Holly Allen, Assistant Professor of American Studies at Middlebury College. This program is free and open to the public, thanks to sponsorship from Clute Wealth Management, the [Vermont Commission on Women](#) and co-sponsorship by Cabot Creamery Cooperative, Northfield Savings Bank and Key Bank. Bring a lunch - free dessert and coffee/tea served. More info (802) 828-2180.

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League of Women Voters Vermont Legislative Day

Wednesday, February 18th

What better way to celebrate the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and the League's **95th anniversary** than coming to Legislative Day at the State House! The day will begin with coffee in the Statehouse cafeteria to meet with legislators. Orientation and legislative briefings will follow in Room 10 at 9 – 10:30 AM. This year we will have briefings from Lt. Governor Phil Scott, Rep. Tony Klein and Rep. Kurt Wright (tentative). We also have a meeting scheduled with Governor Shumlin at 11:15. More info, [contact the League](#). The [League of Women Voters Vermont](#) is an advisor to the VCW.

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Vermont Commission on Women (VCW) Women's Day at the State House

Tuesday April 14th – Equal Pay Day

We'll start the day at with coffee and networking followed by opportunities to advocate for continued closure of the wage gap. Stay tuned to VIEW for details and pencil us in to your calendar!

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Early Childhood Day at the Legislature

Wednesday, March 11, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Vermont State House and Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier

Registration is now open for the 21st Anniversary of Early Childhood Day at the Legislature (ECDL), co-hosted by the Vermont Early Childhood Alliance, Let's Grow Kids and Building Bright Futures. Click here for an agenda (subject to change) of the day's activities. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Paul Dworkin, from the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Help Me Grow National Center.

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Become a Spokesperson for the Let's Grow Kids Campaign -- Training Calendar Published

Join the Let's Grow Kids Speakers Bureau to help educate Vermonters about the importance of positive experiences in the first years of life. Speakers Bureau members attend a training to incorporate personal stories into campaign messaging about child development and the Blue Ribbon Commission. Members are then scheduled to speak in their community and are supported by staff in all aspects of their presentation. Click here to download a training calendar to circulate in your community. Each training will be from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm and food is provided. Click here to RSVP and contact Kelly Ault, Speakers Bureau Coordinator or Samantha Giroux, Communications Coordinator with questions.

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Job Gains for Women and Men Continue in 2015

According an Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) analysis of the February employment report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of January, men hold more jobs than when the recession began seven years earlier. Due to women's relatively stronger job growth in several of the last few years, their total number of jobs lost in the recession has been recovered for some time—69,415,000 jobs in January 2015 vs. 67,581,000 jobs in December 2007 when the recession began.

The overall unemployment rate increased slightly to 5.7 percent in January from 5.6 percent in December (an amount that is not statistically significant).

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Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) Webinar Series on Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

In July 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)—passed by an

overwhelming bipartisan majority in Congress—was signed into law by President Obama. WIOA is the first update to the nation’s core workforce training programs since the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 17 years ago.

Advancing Career Pathways with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

February 25 | 12:30 - 1:30 pm ET

Learn how you can realize the promise of career pathways in your work under WIOA from national policy experts, as well as a team of education and workforce development practitioners, who will share their strategies for promoting individual prosperity and economic development through career pathway partnerships. [Click here for more info or to register.](#)

WIOA: Expanding Opportunities for Low-Income and Out-of-School Youth

March 5 | 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

WIOA offers new opportunities to focus on the most vulnerable workers—low-income adults and youth who have limited skills, lack work experience, and face other barriers to economic success. It requires that at least 75 percent of youth funds available to local areas be spent on workforce investment services for out-of-school youth ages 16 to 24. Learn about important changes to the law and how you can maximize opportunities for low-income and out-of-school youth. Hear from national, state, and local experts about strategies to help shape your state plan and make important connections to your local workforce board, as well as examples of effective education and employment interventions for this population. [Click here for more info or to register.](#)

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Hunger Free Vermont is Hiring

Development Associate: With an emphasis on corporate/foundation grant writing, the Development Associate assists with the Development Team’s (Executive Director, Development and Marketing Director, Donor Relations Manager, and Administrative Manager) design, implementation, and execution of the organization’s annual fundraising and marketing plan. In addition to grant proposal writing and reporting, the Development Associate will assist with special events, social media, media tracking, mailing logistics, and other projects as needed.

Child Nutrition Initiatives Specialist: The Child Nutrition Initiatives Specialist will work to incorporate nutrition as a priority in advocacy efforts to strengthen and expand early

childhood education in Vermont, through active participation in multiple state and regional coalitions. This position will also coordinate Hunger Free Vermont's statewide effort to increase access to nutritious meals and snacks in Vermont childcare and after school settings through outreach, education and training for childcare providers and others.

Find an updated list of job openings, application instructions and more information [here](#).

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Communicating Powerfully & Building Strong Teams

Watershed Coaching's Leadership Development Workshop

Thursday, February 26th, 8:00-10:30 AM , Brattleboro Retreat Education Center

The Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring this unique leadership development opportunity with leadership coach (and VCW Commissioner) Kerry Secrest of Watershed Coaching. Communicating Powerfully workshop segment description: Complex organizational work no longer relies on a simple chain of command to get things done, and often projects are accomplished through a web of cross-functional roles people hold. This workshop looks at how our communication can expand or diminish our power and how to speak more powerfully for greater impact in the workplace. Building Strong Teams workshop segment description: Teams make or break companies. Most people know when they're on a great team or one that is heading for a cliff. Yet what does one do to shift the culture of a team from the inside? This interactive session will provide some powerful distinctions about high performing teams and how to move one's team in that direction. The cost of the program is \$25 for Chamber members; \$30 for non-members. A continental breakfast will be served. To register: call the Chamber at (802) 254-4565 or email Greg.

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Vermont Women in Higher Education's 2015 Women's Leadership Conference "Better Together: Mentoring for Success"

March 26th and 27th at Killington Grand Resort

Wallingford, Vermont resident Bethany Bosch may have completed a solo swim across the English Channel on August 31, 2014, but she didn't do it alone. She will talk about her path to becoming a world-class athlete, and how it was in part shaped by strong mentors, in her keynote address at the 2015 Women's Leadership Conference from Vermont Women in Higher Education. During her keynote address, Bosch will share what it means to be mentored, and the experience of benefitting from strong relationships that lead to growth through challenge.

The 2015 pre-conference March 26 features two keynote speakers: Comedian Josie Leavitt, who presents "Finding Your Voice Through Humor," and leadership coach Kerry Secrest (and VCW Commissioner), who will present "Building Strong Networks." The 2015 VWHE

conference includes workshops on topics including mindful leadership, mentoring millennials, creating professional development plans, and more. This year, VWHE is once again partnering with Dress for Success Burlington to sponsor a clothes swap to benefit the organization. The non-profit provides professional attire, career development tools, and a network of support to disadvantaged women to help promote their economic independence. VWHE works to foster connections among women in various sectors of higher education, promote women's leadership, and encourage and support women leaders of diverse backgrounds. The organization maintains an open membership policy and welcomes the participation of women from all levels of administration, staff and faculty. For information and to register for the conference, visit www.vwhe.org. Vermont Women in Higher Education is a recent and wonderful addition to VCW's Advisory council. To see our other council members, link [here](#).

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Craftsbury Public Library Screening of "*Senegalese Women: A Challenge to Strife*"

Mme. Seynabou Dial, Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of Senegal, will deliver opening remarks

Saturday, February 21 at 7:00PM, the Craftsbury Public Library

The Craftsbury Public Library will offer a sneak preview of this new documentary film on Senegalese women with opening remarks by Mme. Seynabou Dial, Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of Senegal on Senegal and on the role of women in Senegal. The 35-minute film represents Senegalese women's role in promoting peace and prosperity in the country despite chaotic, rampant terrorism in neighboring countries such as Mali, Nigeria, and Libya. Dial said, "I am honored to be invited. I hope that, through this film, people will recognize women's role in promoting women's welfare and peace in my country."

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National Women's Law Center Webinar: Moving Women & Families Forward: A State Roadmap to Economic Justice

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Our economy depends on the hard work of women. Women are now half the U.S. workforce and families depend on women's income more than ever before. Mothers are breadwinners or co-breadwinners in two-thirds of American families. But many state policies don't reflect this economic reality and don't ensure women's access to key services and supports that affect their economic stability. Learn about what state advocates can do — and what many advocates are already doing — to create more just workplace practices and public policies for women and their families in their states. Learn more [here](#).

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Vermont Works for Women's Step Up to Law Enforcement program

April 23 – June 20, Burlington area

Step Up to Law Enforcement is an intensive, nine-week job-training program preparing qualified female candidates for the State of Vermont's police academy, the State Corrections Academy, and other jobs in law enforcement. Classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturdays. Key components of the Step Up to Law Enforcement program include:

- preparation for the physical test required for entry into the Police Academy
- an introduction to policing and corrections issues
- preparation for the oral board interview
- employment skills development and support
- presentations and panel discussions with law enforcement & correctional officers

For more information, contact Jenny Beaudin at (802) 622-0400 x150. VWW is an Advisory council member to the VCW.

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