

WLB Women's Legislative Briefing 2014

THE UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE, BUILDING II

PROGRAM – JANUARY 26, 2014

10:30 am

Registration Opens for Presidents' Networking Session

Multipurpose Room Lobby, Building II

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Presidents' Networking Session:

A Conversation with Joanne Bamberger, Keynote Speaker

(Open only to leaders of community co-sponsoring organizations)

Gaithersburg Room, Building II

11:30 am

GENERAL REGISTRATION OPENS/Refreshments

Multipurpose Room Lobby, Building II

12:30 - 1:30 pm

OPENING CEREMONY WITH KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Multipurpose Room, Building II

Chandra Walker Holloway, Esquire, President,
Montgomery County Commission for Women

Debra Bright Harris, Ed.D., Chair,
2014 Women's Legislative Briefing Planning Committee

Greetings from:

The Honorable Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive

The Honorable Rushern Baker, Prince George's County Executive

The Honorable Ben Cardin, U.S. Senate

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Donna Edwards, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable John Sarbanes, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable John Delaney, U.S. House of Representatives

Kim Horn, President, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the
Mid-Atlantic States

Hank Greenberg, Senior State Director, AARP Maryland

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Joanne Bamberger, author of

*Mothers of Intention: How Women & Social Media are
Revolutionizing Politics in America*

1:30 - 2:15 pm

PANEL DISCUSSION ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

IN LOCAL ELECTED OFFICE

Multipurpose Room, Building II

The Honorable Valerie Ervin, Montgomery County Council (former)

The Honorable Nancy Floreen, Montgomery County Council

The Honorable Nancy Navarro, Montgomery County Council

The Honorable Ingrid M. Turner, Prince George's County Council

Moderator: Joanne Bamberger

2:15 - 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 - 3:45 pm

SEMINAR SERIES I

A. Effective Legislative Advocacy

Gaithersburg Room, Building II

B. Advocacy for Older Women's Issues

Room 2032, Building II

C. A Briefing on the Health Care Reform Act

Room 3032, Building II

D. Women in the Public Realm

Bethesda Room, Building II

E. Teen Track:

Owning Your Image (Part 1)

Room 3230, Building III

3:45 - 4:00 pm

Break

4:00 - 5:15 pm

SEMINAR SERIES II

F. Workplace Issues

Gaithersburg Room, Building II

G. Safety, Justice and Human Rights

Bethesda Room, Building II

H. Women, Families and Poverty

Room 3032, Building II

I. Miss Representation Documentary (for Adults)

Room 2032, Building II

J. Teen Track:

Owning Your Image (Part 2)

Room 3230, Building III

5:15 - 6:00 pm

RECEPTION

Meet and Greet with Speakers,
Elected Officials, Attendees

Women's History Archives

Induction

Multipurpose Room, Building II

2:30 – 3:45 PM

SEMINAR SERIES I

A. Effective Legislative Advocacy

Communicating with legislators, building support for issues, overview of the legislative and budgetary process

Gaithersburg Room, Building II

- **The Honorable Richard Madaleno**, Maryland State Senate
 - **The Honorable Nancy J. King**, Maryland State Senate
 - **The Honorable Ana Sol Gutiérrez**, Maryland House of Delegates
 - **Keith Thirion**, Director of Advocacy & Programs, Equality Maryland
- Moderator: **Katie Smith**, Montgomery County Commission for Women

B. Advocacy for Older Women's Issues

Social Security, workforce participation, pension reform, eldercare

Room 2032, Building II

- **The Honorable Karen S. Montgomery**, Maryland State Senate
- **The Honorable Sheila Hixson**, Maryland House of Delegates
- **Jo Reed**, Director, WOW Elder Economic Security Initiative
- **Ariane Hegewisch**, Study Director, Institute for Women's Policy Research

Moderator: **Tammy Bresnahan**, Associate State Director Advocacy, AARP MD

C. Women's Health Issues

What every woman needs to know about the Affordable Care Act and preventive care

Room 3032, Building II

- **The Honorable Ariana Kelly**, Maryland House of Delegates
- **Leni Preston**, Chair, Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform
- **Beth Tomasello**, Director of Advancement & Strategic Initiatives, Sister to Sister: The Women's Heart Health Foundation

Moderator: **Dr. Carol Cardinale, M.D.**, Chief of Cardiology, Assistant Physician-in-Chief for Hospital Strategy, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group

D. Women in the Public Realm

Running successful campaigns for elected and appointed office

Bethesda Room, Building II

- **The Honorable Anne Kaiser**, Maryland House of Delegates
- **The Honorable Rebecca Smondrowski**, Montgomery County Board of Education
- **Ashley Valis**, Vice Chair, Emerge Maryland
- **Linda Paulson**, Vice President of Development, She Should Run

Moderator: **Lily Qi**, Office of the Montgomery County Executive

E. Teen Track: Owning Your Image (Part 1)

Miss Representation

Documentary and discussion on the media portrayal of women and girls

Room 3230, Building III

Teen Track Chair, **Lorna P. Forde**, Montgomery County Commission for Women

- *Moderators:*
 - **Kimberly McLurkin Harris**, President, Jack and Jill, Montgomery County, Maryland
 - **Angela Anglin**, President, Theta Omega Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- *Facilitators:*
 - **Elana Harris**, Junior, James Blake High School
 - **Diana Alvarez**, Senior, Thomas S. Wootton High School

4:00 – 5:15 PM

SEMINAR SERIES II

F. Workplace Issues

Flexibility, paid leave, pregnancy fairness, fair pay, minimum wage, etc.

Gaithersburg Room, Building II

- **The Honorable Aruna Miller**, Maryland House of Delegates
- **Melvina Ford, Esquire**, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Labor, Wage & Hour Division
- **Liz Watson**, Director of Workplace Justice for Women and Senior Counsel, National Women's Law Center
- **Melissa Broome**, Senior Policy Advocate, Job Opportunities Task Force

Moderator: **Patricia E. Cornish**, Chair, Maryland Commission for Women

G. Safety, Justice and Human Rights

Trafficking, domestic violence, sexual assault, LGBT-inclusion, immigration

Bethesda Room, Building II

- **Amanda K. Rodriguez, Esquire**, Assistant State's Attorney, Maryland Governor's Human Trafficking Task Force
- **Lisae C. Jordan, Esquire**, Executive Director and Counsel, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)
- **Cynthia M. Lifson, Esquire**, Legislative Counsel, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV)
- **Sirene Shebaya, Esquire**, Immigrants' Rights Attorney, ACLU of Maryland

Moderator: **Valeria Carranza**, Board of Directors, Equality Maryland

H. Women, Families and Poverty

Minimum wage, unemployment benefits, family support programs, child custody, family law

Room 3032, Building II

- **The Honorable Kathleen Dumais**, Maryland House of Delegates
- **The Honorable Tawanna P. Gaines**, Maryland House of Delegates
- **Reggie Oldak, Esquire**, Senior Counsel and Director of Government Relations, National Women's Law Center
- **Ricarra Jones**, Chair, RaiseMD.org

Moderator: **The Honorable Jennie Forehand**, Maryland State Senate

I. MissRepresentation Documentary (for Adults)

The portrayal of women and girls in the media

Room 2032, Building II

Moderator: **Maliha Ilias**, Montgomery County Commission for Women

J. Teen Track: Owning Your Image (Part 2)

Creating a #Selfie that Works

A panel of young community leaders discuss women in leadership, politics, advocacy and community engagement

Room 3230, Building III

Teen Track Chair, **Lorna P.**

Forde, Montgomery County Commission for Women

- **Susannah Wellford, Esquire**, President and Chair of the Board, Running Start
- **Alison Serino**, Principal, Westland Middle School
- **Diane Vu**, Montgomery County Government Community Liaison
- **Hedieh Mirahmahdi**, Founder, International Cultural Center, and President, World Organization for Resource Development & Education (WORDE)

- **Maria Alvarado**, Montgomery County Commission for Women, Director of Operations, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

Moderator: **Katie Smith**,

U.S. Senate Staff, Montgomery County Commission for Women

Facilitator: **Natalie Harris**, Sophomore, Foxcroft School

5:15 - 6:00 PM

RECEPTION *Multipurpose Room, Building II*

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter	Montgomery County Women's Bar Association	
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter	Montgomery Women	
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	National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, DC Metro Chapter	
	National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Montgomery County MD Section	

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