PURDUE WOMEN LEAD
SUSAN BULKELEY BUTLER CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE
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Founded with a gift from Susan Bulkeley Butler in 2004, our mission is to develop leadership capacity, especially for women, through research, education and collaborations that advance inclusion and broaden representation in academic decision-making.

The Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Leadership Excellence serves as a catalyst for developing leadership and enhancing understanding of women and work. It provides research support, educational seminars, workshops and opportunities that enhance both aspiring and experienced leaders’ ability to manage today’s complex institutions.

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Providing leadership education is pivotal to the mission of the Butler Center. In that vein, we offer programs, workshops and conferences to support leadership success.

SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
The Butler Center also provides forward funds to faculty, staff and students who participate in national conferences, educational opportunities and invitational events that match the mission of the center.

GRADUATE WOMEN’S NETWORK
The Graduate Women’s Network addresses the needs of graduate students by providing professional development, social, and collaborative opportunities.

BUTLER FACULTY SCHOLAR
The Butler Center advances research that increases leadership capacity, especially among women and underrepresented faculty. The Faculty Scholar program provides research support for Purdue Faculty whose research and teachings are relevant to the mission of the Butler Center.

Lorraine Kisselburgh
2012 Butler Faculty Scholar
Purdue Conference for Pre-Tenure Women

The Conference for Pre-Tenure Women brings pre-tenure women faculty from across the country together on Purdue’s Campus to gather information, learn strategies and meet with others in an effort to increase tenure success.

Topics of discussion include promotion and tenure policy and procedures, the representation of one’s work, mentors, alliance building, and working with students. National speakers and local experts provide keynotes and facilitated sessions, including one-on-one and peer review of curriculum vitae and tenure documents. The conference also offers participants a variety of significant networking opportunities with peers and leaders in academic administration.

The conference has drawn nearly 400 participants from some 40 different institutions representing major disciplines and most professional schools and colleges.
ALLIANCE BUILDING AND COLLABORATION

Aiming to support women in higher education and generate an environment that retains women in the academy, the Butler Center has partnered with a number of organizations and centers. We foster robust partnerships throughout campus to bring excellent programming and reach a broad and diverse audience.

The documentary “Miss Representation” was viewed, with discussion sessions immediately following the screenings, to examine women’s depictions in media and politics. This initiative was offered in collaboration with the Women’s Studies program at Purdue.

WOMEN’S RESOURCE NETWORK
The Women’s Resource Network (WRN) is charged with serving the Purdue community by providing resources, referrals and educational services. As a program of the Butler Center, the WRN provides support for staff and students.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF TITLE IX
The Butler Center partners with the Office of the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance to promote Title IX compliance across campus. Collaborations include education initiatives and the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Title IX in 2012.

The Butler Center celebrates the 40 men and women who have contributed to gender equity in higher education in the Title IX’s 40 year history.
In partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ Purdue Women Lead was formed to encourage female leaders to build alliances, develop spheres of influence and better understand the institutional landscape. Purdue Women Lead offers professional and leadership development opportunities throughout the academic year, to support increasing the number of women in higher education and retaining women at Purdue.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Sylvia LaFair, “Don’t Bring it to Work”
• Marie Wilson, “Women Change Everything”
• Ellen Kossek, “Work-Life Flexibility”
• Women of the White House Series Co-Sponsor
• Catalyst: One-day Leadership Program for Faculty and Staff
• Center for Creative Leadership Webinar Series
• Annual Fall Networking Reception
DISTINGUISHED WOMEN SCHOLARS

Sponsored by Purdue’s Office of the Provost in partnership with the Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Leadership Excellence, the Distinguished Women Scholars program honors alumnae who earned a Purdue doctorate and have made significant scholarly contributions to their academic communities.

By recognizing academic women of distinction, the Butler Center acknowledges and celebrates faculty’s contributions to mentoring women scholars and recognizes Purdue’s commitment to diversifying university faculty across the nation.

2011 HONOREES

M. Eileen Dolan, Purdue PhD ’83; Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago

Nancy Ann Monteiro-Riviere, Purdue PhD ’81; Professor of Investigative Dermatology and Toxicology, Center for Chemical Toxicology Research and Pharmacokinetics, North Carolina State University

Mary Jean Wirth, Purdue PhD ’78; W. Brooks Fortune Professor of Chemistry, Purdue University

2012 HONOREES

Jane Butler Kahle, Purdue PhD ’72; Condit Professor of Science Education, Emerita, Miami University

Carolyn Woo, Purdue PhD ’79; CEO and President, Catholic Relief Services

Kathleen Blake Yancey, Purdue PhD ’83; Kellogg W. Hunt Professor of English and Distinguished Research Professor, Florida State University
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