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ACE WOMEN'S
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Welcome! Meet your new IWHE officers!

Dawn Bratsch-Prince, President



Dawn Bratsch-Prince is Associate Provost for Academic Personnel and professor of Spanish at Iowa State University. In her role as Associate Provost and Chief Diversity Officer, Bratsch-Prince provides leadership in recruiting, advancing, and retaining an excellent and diverse faculty and staff. Bratsch-Prince oversees issues related to faculty personnel, developing policies and initiatives that further Iowa State's strategic goal of nurturing a diversity of people, ideas, approaches, and cultures. She holds a doctoral degree in Romance Philology from the University of California at Berkeley.

Georgina Dodge, President-elect



Georgina Dodge was appointed Chief Diversity Officer and Associate Vice President, as well as Title IX Coordinator, adjunct Associate Professor of English at the University of Iowa in July 2010. Her scholarly interests are multi-racial literatures and autobiography. Prior to joining the University of Iowa, Dr. Dodge spent 14 years at Ohio State University where she provided leadership in support of the success of underrepresented students, faculty and staff through the Office of Minority Affairs; directed the Department of African American and African Studies Community Extension Center; and worked as an assistant professor in the Department of English. Prior to beginning her academic career, Dodge served a six-year enlistment in the Navy, working as an electronics technician on communications, radar and meteorological equipment.

Ellen Kabat-Lensch, Secretary



Ellen Kabat-Lensch is the Executive Director of Resource Development and Innovations, and Executive Director of Advanced Technology and Environmental Education at Eastern Iowa Community College District. Dr. Kabat-Lensch holds a doctorate degree in Philosophy at the University of Iowa majoring in Higher Education Administration and Instructional Design & Technology. She has 15 years of senior-level community college administrative experience in a multi-college district. Her undergraduate education consists of a BS at Iowa State University and her MBA in Business Administration at St. Ambrose University.

Marilyn Drury, Treasurer



Dr. Marilyn Drury is the Director of ITS Educational Technology at UNI. She has taught a variety of business, personal computing, and adult education courses at Upper Iowa University, community colleges, and technical institutes throughout the State. She has served in a variety of leadership roles including Director of the Personal Computing Support Center and Director of Customer/User Services in ITS at the University of Iowa. Dr. Drury completed her Ed.D in 2008 with her area of research focused on women chief information officers in higher education. She serves on several leadership committees at UNI and has served on national advisory councils for Apple Computer, IBM, and Gateway, Inc. and has led many State of Iowa initiatives related to the uses of technology in teaching and learning.

Calendar of Events

- April 5: **IWHE Spring Leadership Conference ~ St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa**

The theme of the 2013 conference is "Navigating Change." A networking social will be held the evening of April 4th.

We are now seeking session proposals for the conference. Past conference participants have indicated interest in sessions on community college issues; resume writing; mentoring; negotiating strategies; dealing with conflict; diversity; and building leadership skills, as just a few examples. Sessions can vary in format. (presentations, panels, small group discussions, workshops, etc.)

If you are interested in presenting a workshop or panel at the conference, please send a 250 word proposal to conference chair Regina Matheson at mathesonreginam@sau.edu by December 31, 2012.



Regina Matheson, 2013 Conference Chair

Dr. Regina Matheson is the Dean of Graduate and Adult Education and a Professor of Sociology at St. Ambrose University. Dr. Matheson's academic areas of interest include Medical Sociology, Marriage and Family, Statistics, Research Methodology, and Women and Leadership. Prior to her current role, Regina served as Faculty Chair, Chair of the IRB, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dean of the College for Professional Studies.

Maria Bohorquez, Membership Chair



Dr. Maria Bohorquez is the Chair of the Chemistry Department and professor of Chemistry at Drake University (2009-present). She served as the founding Director of the Drake Undergraduate Science Collaborative Institute (DUSCI) for a period of six years (2005-2011). As founding Director of DUSCI, she built a new organization from the ground up, created four programs which increased the awareness of the research conducted by undergraduates at Drake, the value of undergraduate research as a pedagogical approach, and the value of science and its relation with society. On the national level, she has been a counselor for the Council for Undergraduate Research (CUR) for seven years when she joined the Chemistry Division in 2003.

Deborah Loers, Newsletter Editor



Dr. Deborah Loers is Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students at Wartburg College. She serves on the College Strategic Planning Task Force and co-chairs the Student Development Plan committee with the chief Academic Affairs officer. Loers is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, with a Ph.D. in counseling psychology. She holds the M.A. degree in French language and literature and is a licensed psychologist. Special interests are young adult development, women's vocational development, organizational change and Intercultural communication. Dr. Loers has been active in the ACE women's advancement programs for a number of years. She and her husband love to travel, read and enjoy a wide variety of food.

Ex-Officio

Past President: Rhonda Pennings, Dean of Arts & Sciences/Business & Health Division, Northwest Iowa Community College.

Regional Coordinator: Dr. Susan Carlson, Vice Provost for Academic Personnel at the University of California.

Rhonda Pennings



Susan Carlson



Join us and become a member!

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