



UCF WOMEN'S and
GENDER STUDIES

Standing for Justice, Knowledge, and Action

Women in TECH: The Next Generation of Activists

2018 International Women's Issues Conference

The conference invites dialogues surrounding Women's Issues about the areas of information and knowledge: power and leadership; education and policy; technology and infrastructure that affect women in the intersections of race, social class, gender and sexuality on intellectual and institutional perspectives, local and global forums, public and intimate spaces. All disciplines and levels of professional and graduate scholarship are welcome. This conference will foster the discussion of global issues affecting women directly or indirectly through education, the use of technology and the transformation of leadership skills.

February 16 & 17, 2018, University of Central Florida,
Orlando, Florida. Student Union.

Welcome to IWIC 2018!

We are grateful for your participation in our conference and we welcome you to this very special program. We cherish the opportunity to bring together those interested in international issues, women's concerns and activism.

We find inspiration for this conference from the need for open communication among scholars around the world. The vision of three scholars back in the summer 2013, Dr. Sheida Jahani, Dr. Shiva Jahani and Dr. Óslem Dirilen Gümüs lit our way. We are still here! This is our third effort of IWIC with the Women's and Gender Studies program at UCF. This year's topic is ***Women in TECH: The Next Generation of Activists*** hoping to inspire our graduate students to take their lead into a world needing substantial humanitarian, social, cultural and political help.

We come to you full of hope for our future together because we work with and for generations to come. Everyone has the same level of importance and voice in our conference. Many of the audience members have traveled far just to witness your presentations and research. We sincerely hope to embrace all with new information, more networking, outstanding scholarship and great opportunities for growth.

Respectfully,



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IWIC 2018 Chair



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This is an interdisciplinary conference organized by

- College of Arts and Humanities, Women's and Gender Studies
 - College of Education and Human Performance, Higher Education & Policy Studies
 - International Policy Analysis Center (IPAC)
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FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE
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SAMBURU GIRLS FOUNDATION

Dr. Josephine Kulea, HSC is the Founder and Executive Director of Samburu Girls Foundation (SGF). She is a courageous youth activist. Her organization addresses Harmful Cultural Practices facing children in the pastoralist communities in Northern Kenya.

These practices include: child marriages youngest bride rescued is 7 years, female genital mutilation (FGM) which is still rampant and is done on the day of the wedding for most Samburu girls and Beading where young girls are bought beads in exchange for sex.

She has been able to rescue over 1,000 girls and through her organization is supporting 315 girls to get an education from primary level up to university level. She has the passion for what she does hence she has been able to venture into a field where not many people are bold enough to do.

Her tremendous work has been recognized widely and has been awarded numerous awards including: Unsung Hero 2011, Head of State Commendation 2012, COVAW champion 2013, Acumen East Africa Fellow 2013, UN Person of the Year 2013, Inspiring Woman by Gender commission Kenya 2014, YALI Washington Fellow 2014, Spark Change maker 2015, Vital Voices Lead Program 2015, African Union Youth Hero 2015, Egerton university gender award 2015, Gender Equality City University of New York award 2016, Top 40 under 40 women award 2016, Humanitarian Award 2017 by Kenya Women and Children Wellness Center.

She was recognized by President Obama for her work on his visit to Kenya.

Dr. Josephine Kulea serves in an international board named VOICE based in Netherlands as an advisory member.

Her dream is to see children enjoying their full rights, and the eradication of harmful cultural practices for a prosperous Kenya and Africa as a whole.

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Meetings for 2017-18

- Fall meeting, August 23, 2017
- Spring meeting, January 29, 2018

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2018 International Women's Issues Conference (IWIC)

Women and Gender Studies Program

University of Central Florida

College of Arts and Humanities

Key West Ballroom, Student Union

Friday, February 16, 2018

8:15 am-9:00 am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST and REGISTRATION

Key West Ballroom AB, Student Union

9:00 am- 9:15 am Welcome: M.C. Santana, University of Central Florida

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9:30 am- 10:30 am

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Intimate Partner Violence

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Session Title: *The Critical Gaps in IPV Policies*

Moderator: Donna King, University of Central Florida

1. Lin Huff-Corzine, University of Central Florida, Department of Sociology
2. Angie Pye, CEO, Domestic Abuse Council, Inc.
3. Judy J. Wilson, CEO, Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center
4. Wilfredo Martinez, Orange County Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit

Key West Ballroom CD, Student Union

International Inclusion

Session Title: *Inclusive Education* (Research Papers)

Moderator: Houman Sadri, University of Central Florida

1. *Implicit Bias and Explicit Attitudes of Bulgarian Mainstream Teachers Towards Inclusive Education. And What Does That Mean*, Iva Boneva, Sofia University
2. *Learning to Teach EFL to BVI Students Inclusively*, Tatiana S. Makarova, Moscow City University
3. *Mindful Meditation Effects on Undergraduate Stress*, Kelsey Evans, University of Central Florida

10:45 am- 11:45 am

Key West Ballroom AB, Student Union

Transnational Education

Session Title: **Roundtable: Bilingual and Bicultural Identity in Women Students in Higher Education in the US and Russia**

Moderator: Alla Kourova, University of Central Florida, College of Arts and Humanities

1. EA Kameneva, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation
2. Liliya V. Prikhodko, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation
3. Tatiana Sedash, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation

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Intersectionality

Session Title: **Intersecting Identities**

Moderator: Anne Bubriski-McKenzie, University of Central Florida

1. *Reproductive Rights and Justice Advocacy: Who is Represented?*, Mary Mackenzie Hager, University of Central Florida
2. *The discovery of a Post-colonial Identity in Esse Cabelo by Djaimilia Pereira de Almeida*, Sandra Sousa, University of Central Florida, College of Arts and Humanities
3. *Interrogating a Socio-Cultural Anomaly Through Literature- A Dramaturge's Perspective*, Chioma Toni-Duruaku, Universitas Gadjah Mada

11:45 am- 1:00 pm LUNCH (on your own)

1:15 pm- 2:30 pm

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KEYNOTE Speaker

Dr. Josephine Kulea, Samburu Girls Foundation

Presenter: M.C. Santana, University of Central Florida

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3:00 pm- 4:00 pm

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Fulbright for a Bright Future

Session Title: ***Bridging Culture and Language in Russia: Fulbright Hays GPA Curriculum Program***

Moderator: MC Santana and Alla Kourova

Panelists: Hومان Sadri, UCF/Anna Lillios, UCF/Florin Mihai, UCF/ Wendy Howard, UCF/ Michael Martinez, K-12/Barry Morris, UCF / Samantha Richardson, K-12/ Erin Foley, K-12/ Kerry Sullivan, K-12/, Monica Fishkin, UCF/Konstantine Ash, UCF

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Reproductive Justice

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Session Title: ***Think Outside My Box: Factors Impacting Opinions on Rape-Related Abortions***

Moderator: Lin Huff-Corzine, University of Central Florida

1. Madelyn Diaz, University of Central Florida
2. Ketty Fernandez, University of Central Florida
3. Jolene Vincent, University of Central Florida

4:00 pm- 4:30 pm *Filipino Student Association*

Cultural Dance Troupe Performance

Saturday, February 17, 2018

9:30 am- 10:30 am

Key West Ballroom AB, Student Union

Women and Rhetoric

Session Title: ***Rhetorical Positioning of Public Women***

Moderator: Martha Catherine Brenckle, University of Central Florida

1. Christopher Grabert, University of Central Florida
2. Rachel Molko, University of Central Florida
3. Caitlin Pierson, University of Central Florida

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Women and Work

Session Title: ***Women in the Workplace***

Moderator: Leandra Preston-Sidler, University of Central Florida

1. *To Wear Glass Slippers or Shatter the Glass Ceiling: An Analysis of Social Attitudes Toward Women in the Workplace*, Ketty Fernandez, University of Central Florida

2. *Women in media: Challenges and Opportunities of Media Women in Pokhara*, Kripa Devi Bhandari
3. *Developing a Legacy of Women's Leadership: Face Threats to Women Executives at Work and Opportunities for Utilizing Corrective Facework Strategies*, Alex Rister, University of Central Florida

10:45 am- 11:45 am

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Inclusive Education

Session Title: *Educating Very Young Children with Disabilities: An International call to action*

Moderator: Lynell Hodge, University of Central Florida

1. Hannah Ehlri, Orange County Public Schools
2. Suzanne M. Martin, University of Central Florida, College of Education and Human Performance
3. La Sonya Moore, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg

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Girls and Leadership

Session Title: *Young Women's Leadership; Scholarship, Activism and Community Building*

Moderator: Danielle Dickey, University of Central Florida

1. Anne Bubriski-McKenzie, University of Central Florida
2. Leandra Preston-Sidler, University of Central Florida
3. M.C. Santana, University of Central Florida

12:00 pm- 1:30 pm LUNCH (on your own)

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***She's the First*, UCF Student Registered Organization, Tie Dye Cupcake Bake Sale**

1:45 pm- 2:45 pm

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Transnational Women's Issues

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Session Title: *International Issues*

Moderator: Shiva Jahani, University of Central Florida

1. *Cyclone disaster vulnerability and women experience in coastal Bangladesh*, Nadira Sultana, Macquarie University

2. *Cross-Cultural Comparative Study of the Domestic Violence Policies in Post-Soviet Russia and Kazakhstan*, Karina Powell, University of Central Florida

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Gender & STEM

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Session Title: ***Technology, Health, and Gender*** (Research Papers)

Moderator: Leandra Preston-Sidler, University of Central Florida

1. *A PLS-SEM Analysis of Gender, Finance, and International Students' Choice of STEM Major*, Shiva Jahani, University of Central Florida
2. *Correlates of Prescription Opioid Misuse Among Black Men and Women: Results from the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*, Jolene Vincent, University of Central Florida

2:45 pm- 3:00 pm BREAK

3:15 pm-4:15 pm

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Gender Equality and Health Information Technology

Title: ***Promoting gender equality through health information technology in low- and middle-income countries***

Moderator: Anne Bubriski-McKenzie, University of Central Florida

1. Yara Asi, University of Central Florida
2. Cynthia Williams, University of Central Florida

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Rhetorical Construction

Title: ***Rhetorically Constructing Women's Bodies***

Moderator: Shiva Jahani, University of Central Florida

1. Caitlin Pierson, University of Central Florida
2. Ella Raynor, University of Central Florida
3. Abigail Moreshead, University of Central Florida

4:30 pm-5:00 pm

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Closing Ceremonies: Lynell Hodge, University of Central Florida

WOMEN'S STUDIES





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- Graduate College
- History Department
- Women's and Gender Studies Faculty Affiliates

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Young Women Leaders Program

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**AT YWLP WE BELIEVE
GIRLS ARE ALREADY
EQUIPPED TO CHANGE
THE WORLD.**

**WE JUST WANT TO
AMP UP THE VOLUME.**

What is YWLP?

The Young Women Leaders Program is an after-school, curriculum-based mentoring program that assigns one 7th-grade girl to one UCF women student. UCF mentees meet with their mentees ten times per academic year, using group discussion, group activity, pair discussion and pair activity. [Learn More](#)

Women's and Gender Studies Program Scholarships

- Dorothy Height Outstanding Women's and Gender Studies Graduate
- Eleanor Roosevelt Emerging LEAD Scholar
- Martha Hitt Emerging STEM Scholar
- Burnett Honors College Emerging Scholar
- Orange County Medical Society Alliance

Women's and Gender Studies student Grant

- Women's History

For more information please go to

<https://wgst.cah.ucf.edu/resources/scholarships/>

Deadline April 4, 2018.





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