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Association of Marquette University Women

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ASSOCIATION OF MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY WOMEN

WOMEN'S CHAIR IN HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Marquette University was a pioneer in co-education among institutions of higher education. In 1909, Marquette was the first Jesuit University to confer a collegiate degree on a woman. Since that time, more than 33,000 women have received degrees from Marquette and have made important contributions in their professions, communities and families.

The Women's Chair in Humanistic Studies was established in 1963, bringing distinguished women scholars to Marquette to teach, lecture and interact with students. Previous chair holders have helped Marquette celebrate the humanities and the role of women in the life of American higher education. Past chair holders have represented diverse disciplines. In addition to working with students and faculty, each has delivered a public lecture.

Realizing the importance of this post, the Association of Marquette University Women took responsibility for raising the \$1.5 million needed to fully endow the Chair and the goal was achieved. Two major gifts spurred the drive from the beginning: a \$500,000 challenge grant from an anonymous alumna donor and Mary Boheim Finnigan's gift of \$250,000 to endow the Eleanor H. Boheim Distinguished Lecture Series, the annual public lecture given by the chair holder.

2009 CHAIR

Dr. Eva Kit Wah Man



Dr. Eva Kit Wah Man is a professor of the Humanities Program and the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Hong Kong Baptist University. Her primary research interests include comparative aesthetics and philosophy, women's studies, feminist philosophy, cultural studies, gender studies, and art and culture. Dr. Man is active in many cultural and civic circles in Hong Kong, and presently serves as vice chair of the Visual Arts Committee of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council. In addition, she is a columnist for two local newspapers in Hong Kong and hosts a well-received cultural program on the radio. She has received numerous scholarly honors, including a Fulbright Fellowship Award that brought her to the University of California-Berkeley, and was named a Life Fellow at Clare Hall at the University of Cambridge in England.

During her semester-long tenure as the AMUW Women's Chair in Humanistic Studies, Dr. Man taught an honors seminar course on "Bodies and Culture," adopting an interdisciplinary approach and encouraging intercultural exchange amongst her students.

Dr. Man delivered the Distinguished Eleanor H. Boheim Lecture on October 6, 2009. She discussed the development of feminine body ideals in China over the past two centuries and their conflict within the recent history of China's political and economic influences in a lecture entitled "Female Bodies in China: Literati Fantasies, Iron Girls and Olympics Hoopla."



MARY NEVILLE BIELEFELD AWARD

2010 RECIPIENT

Mary Alice Tierney Dunn, Sp '72

Faith, family, and professional excellence exemplify the life of Mary Alice Tierney Dunn. Her roots grow deep in Marquette soil, where she is part of the third of four generations of Tierneys to earn degrees at Marquette, including her parents. Her mother, Bernice Katherine Young Tierney, was a founding member of the Marquette Alumnae Association (now the Association of Marquette University Women).

Today, Mary Alice continues that legacy of excellence in her profession as a talent management consultant and executive coach for Right Management Inc., a Manpower company. She helps business executives by working with them to enhance their strategic leadership abilities.

Mary Alice began her career by responding to a need for more women in broadcast management. As a junior at Marquette, she was challenged by her professor in a broadcast management class to find her place as a broadcast executive. "I aced the class and was promoted to my first broadcast management job less than five years later," recalls Mary Alice, who went on to hold senior positions at Aurora Health Care, Journal Communications, WTMJ-TV/Journal Broadcast Group and WISN-TV. Her work as an executive television producer earned her an Emmy award.



Perhaps most striking, however, is Mary Alice's commitment to living her faith through service on the board of directors of the United Community Center, the Milwaukee Jesuit Partnership Council, the Milwaukee Task Force on Teen Pregnancy Prevention, and a communication advisory group for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. She also is a member of the Marquette University Women's Council and Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette Honorary Committee.

Such selfless devotion is a family trait, especially in her mother, who "quietly lived her deep, deep faith" as a woman for others. This award recognizes a special tie between mother and daughter, who have helped improve and celebrate the lives of women at Marquette.

PAST BIELEFELD AWARD RECIPIENTS

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| 1965 Mildred Weil | 1980 Mary Gorak Calvy | 1995 Janice Babcock |
| 1966 Mary Blade Buchta | 1981 Constance Brielmaier Donovan | 1996 Margaret A. Nemitz Farrow |
| 1967 Arlene Tierney Kennedy | 1982 Joan Knoernschild Hergarten | 1997 Ruth Ann Carbone Carver |
| 1968 Helen Weil Kenney | 1983 Dr. Patricia Rueckel Libhart | 1998 Lillian Vedder Klotz |
| 1969 Dr. Frances Gramling Hughson | 1984 Justine Pohl Burlseon | 1999 Dr. Mary Alice Baumert Dedinsky |
| 1970 Dr. Mary Alice Cannon | 1985 Dr. Celia Schaub Halas | 2000 Dorothy Hebard Biber |
| 1971 Jane Schiffler Street | 1986 Sandra Simonick Boese | 2001 Claire E. Friedl |
| 1972 Hildegard | 1987 Lourette Mary Booz | 2002 Dorothy F. Haas |
| 1973 Joan Roets Mulligan | 1988 Margadette Mofatt Demet | 2003 Judith Quella Randall |
| 1974 Wenonah Eis | 1989 Mary Staudenmaier | 2004 Laura Wright Mathews |
| 1975 Sr. Lucille Walsh, O.S.F. | 1990 Dorothy Witte Austin | 2005 Therese Druml Burkhart |
| 1976 Alice Schwenke Wutschel | 1991 Dr. Margaret Anne Schlientz | 2006 Maureen Haggerty Warmuth |
| 1977 Ann Brandt Druml | 1992 Roxanne J. Decyk | 2007 Donna Behm Farrell |
| 1978 Sandy Zilg Pavlic | 1993 Donna Simmert Heon | 2008 Jacqueline Ennis Lewis |
| 1979 Mabel Mannix McElligott | 1994 Ann Hart Dodds | 2009 Kathy Garnier Kavemeier |

AMUW NORA FINNIGAN WERRA FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Through the generosity of Nora Finnigan Werra, the women's faculty achievement award is endowed and senior Marquette women faculty members will continue to be recognized for years to come.

In its seventh year of existence, the AMUW Nora Finnigan Werra Faculty Achievement Award is presented annually to honor a senior woman faculty member who has excelled in her research, teaching and service to Marquette and the community, and has mentored students and other faculty.

2010 RECIPIENT

Dr. Krista Ratcliffe



Dr. Krista Ratcliffe came to Marquette in 1993 and has served as chair in the Department of English since 2007, the first woman to ever hold this position. Throughout her tenure at Marquette, Dr. Ratcliffe has excelled as a scholar – publishing three books and writing numerous book chapters and articles, with more currently in the pipeline. But publications are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to her outstanding record of service.

The classroom is where Dr. Ratcliffe truly shines the brightest and finds her greatest joy. She has taught all levels from first year English through advanced graduate courses, and in 2002 became Director of First Year English. In this role, she worked to redesign the curriculum to better meet the needs of undergraduates from all colleges across the university, efforts that have garnered national accolades. And in 2005, she received the university's highest teaching honor, the Robert and Mary Gettel Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.

Being an exceptional scholar and teacher is not the end of her story either – Dr. Ratcliffe is also devoted to serving her colleagues and the Marquette community as a whole. Dr. Jeanne Hossenlopp, interim dean of the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, calls her “a truly effective leader at Marquette,” noting that “a key aspect of her character is her willingness to work collaboratively with colleagues in ways that they can learn from each other.” She serves as a Diversity Advocate on campus, co-chair of the Manresa First-Year Reading Program's Book Selection Committee, and was the faculty co-chair of the University committee for the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 2004 Dr. Linda Vaughn, Biomedical Sciences
- 2005 Dr. Gail Waring, Biological Sciences
- 2006 Dr. Lauren Leslie, Education
- 2007 Dr. Diane Hoeveler, English
- 2008 Dr. Kristina Ropella, Eng '85, Biomedical Engineering
- 2009 Dr. Kathleen Karrer, Arts '71, Biological Sciences



AMUW SCHOLARSHIPS

ASSOCIATION OF MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

The AMUW Scholarship was established in 1991 and is intended to provide \$2,500 to outstanding women students for their senior year at Marquette University. This scholarship is designed to help students who demonstrate financial need. AMUW was able to award twelve women students with scholarships for the 2010-11 school year.

An eligible candidate must be a currently enrolled, full-time junior woman beginning her senior year at Marquette in the fall. She must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3. Each candidate is required to write an essay, "How my Marquette University education will be exemplified in my life," which is reviewed by an AMUW selection committee.

2010-11 Recipients:

Hilary Braseth, Arts '11

*Hometown: Grand Rapids, MI
Majors: Economics and Political Science*

Elizabeth Fincher, Edu '11

*Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
Majors: Secondary Education and Writing-intensive English*

Jacquelyn Steuter, Comm '10

*Hometown: Elkhorn, NE
Major: Public Relations
Minor: Marketing*

Julie Conrad, Arts '11

*Hometown: Chicago, IL
Major: Psychology
Minor: Spanish*

Courtney Hughes, H Sci '11

*Hometown: West Bend, WI
Majors: Biomedical Sciences and Physician Assistant Studies*

Stephanie Stuebs, H Sci '11

*Hometown: Weyauwega, WI
Majors: Biomedical Sciences and Physician Assistant Studies*

Breanna Drewek, H Sci '11

*Hometown: Stevens Point, WI
Major: Biomedical Sciences
Minor: Music*

Alexandrea Newell, Arts '11

*Hometown: Mukwonago, WI
Major: Psychology and Journalism
Minor: Fine Arts*

Nicole Thompson, Edu '11

*Hometown: New Berlin, WI
Majors: Middle/Secondary Education and Spanish Language, Literature and Composition*

Katherine Drolet, H Sci '11

*Hometown: Inverness, IL
Major: Exercise Science (DPT)
Minor: Business Administration*

Kelly Schuster, Edu '11

*Hometown: Zwingle, IA
Majors: Secondary Education and Psychology
Minor: Broad Field Social Studies*

Shannon Walsh, Comm '11

*Hometown: Manchester, CT
Majors: Public Relations and Sociology*

AMUW THEATRE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Established by AMUW in 1970, this scholarship is available to outstanding students interested in technical theatre as well as the performing arts. This is an annual award of \$500, renewable for four years, totaling \$2,000 for each student.

2010-11 Recipients:

Kelsey Lehn, Comm '12

Hometown: Naperville, IL

Bridget Rzymiski, Comm '14

Hometown: Crete, IL

Carissa Saia, Comm '13

Hometown: Bloomingdale, IL

Joseph Picchetti, Comm '11

Hometown: Downers Grove, IL

Adriana Saia, Comm '13

Hometown: Bloomingdale, IL

IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

AMUW believes that it is important to foster and promote future women leaders. Therefore, an Ignatian Leadership Award, which includes a \$1,000 stipend, has been established to recognize a graduating Marquette University senior woman who has demonstrated leadership skills and volunteered her services to the Marquette and Milwaukee (or her hometown) communities.

The Ignatian Leadership Award was instituted in 1991 to honor St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus. The year 1991 marked his 500th birthday and the 450th anniversary of the founding of the Society.

The applicants must complete an application including specific examples describing ways in which the graduating senior woman has exemplified community leadership skills through her service and volunteer activities. The nominee must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. An AMUW committee reviews the applications before the selection is made. The award is presented annually at the Mary Neville Bielefeld Mass and Brunch.

2010 RECIPIENT

Molly Lopic, H Sci '10

Throughout her years at Marquette, Molly Lopic set an inspiring example as a true woman for others in service to her peers, her university and her community. Originally hailing from Des Moines, Iowa, she is an alumna of the College of Health Sciences, with a major in Biomedical Sciences.

Molly is the type of person who clearly insisted that her Marquette experience transform her. In addition to dedicating herself completely to her coursework, which included graduate level courses, she has been a devoted lifelong teacher and “giver” to others, teaching science to elementary school children, representing her major to high school students, and acting as a TA to undergraduate students and a tutor to graduate students. She volunteered in



Milwaukee’s low income health clinics, and was a leader in Marquette’s Biomedical Student Services Organization throughout her entire Marquette career. Molly has put her passion into service through these activities and has been especially transformed and energized through travel and work with Global Medical Brigades in rural Honduras, leading to her comment in her application that “health care should not be a privilege for selected individuals only.” In her own

words, she says that “Marquette opened my eyes to social justice and I will never forget what I have experienced, as well as what I do not.”

Her mentor, Diane Scheetz Novotny, H Sci '04, notes that Molly “has a thirst for knowledge, a giving heart and a love to help others; I cannot think of better qualities for anyone in health care. She lives the values of St. Ignatius every day with her friends, family, community, and even this lucky instructor.”

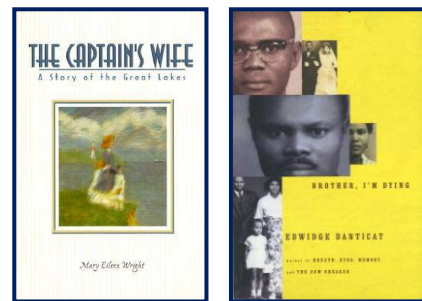
Humanitarian and physician Dr. Albert Schweitzer once said, “At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.” Molly embodies that spark, and the example she sets gives all who know her a sense of hope and perspective. Following her graduation from Marquette in the spring of 2010, Molly has continued her studies, now as a medical student in Iowa. She hopes to enter primary care and one day open a clinic for the underserved.



AMUW EVENTS: JULY 2009 – JUNE 2010

BOOK CLUB

In partnership with Dean Janice Welburn and the Raynor Memorial Libraries, our Book Club met in October 2009 and May 2010 in Milwaukee, and headed south for the winter for an event in Naples, Florida, in February 2010. This past year we read *The Captain's Wife: A Story of the Great Lakes* by Mary Eileen Wright, Jour '74, and *Brother, I'm Dying* by Haitian author Edwidge Danticat. At the spring book club event, we were joined by Dr. Sameena Mulla, assistant professor of social and cultural sciences, who shared reflections on her experience in Haiti during and after the devastating earthquake in early 2009.



THE DISTINGUISHED ELEANOR H. BOHEIM LECTURE

October 6, 2009

Dr. Eva Kit Wah Man, 2009 Women's Chair in Humanistic Studies and professor of the Humanities Program and the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Hong King Baptist University, spoke about "Female Bodies in China: Literati Fantasies, Iron Girls and Olympics Hoopla." The lecture attracted more than 100 guests and was held in conjunction with a panel event celebrating the stories of Marquette women entitled "Living History: Marquette Women through the Decades."

SUPPER FOR TWELVE STRANGERS

November 7, 8 and 15, 2009

Supper for Twelve Strangers continues to be one of AMUW's most popular traditions, bringing together Marquette students, alumni, parents, faculty, administrators, staff and friends for dinner and conversation in Milwaukee-area homes. The name of the event is taken from Jesus's Last Supper, and hosts may welcome any number of students. The 2009 Suppers brought approximately 170 students into the homes of many hosts.

ADVENT REFLECTION LUNCHEON

December 3, 2009

The 2009 Advent Reflection Luncheon served as AMUW's annual meeting and gave guests the opportunity to meet our volunteers and scholarship recipients, remember highlights from the past year and participate in an Advent reflection led by Stephanie Russell, vice president of mission and ministry at Marquette. We also received a sneak preview of a special student exhibit created to honor the Centennial Celebration of Women at Marquette.

WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR

February 20, 2010

Co-sponsored by AMUW, the Ethnic Alumni Association, Marquette Athletics, and Marquette Center for Health Education and Promotion/Student Health Services, this event provided important information regarding women's health issues to the Marquette community. This year's event was held during the Marquette vs. DePaul women's basketball game in the Al McGuire Center and included a wide variety of displays, activities and educational materials.

DESSERT FOR TWELVE FRIENDS

March 30, 2010

Dessert for Twelve Friends debuted as a reunion reception for students and hosts who participated in the previous fall's Supper for Twelve Strangers program. Participants gathered on campus for an evening of reconnecting over stories, photos, and of course some dessert treats!

MARY NEVILLE BIELEFELD MASS AND BRUNCH

April 24, 2010

The 2010 recipient of the Mary Neville Bielefeld Award was Mary Alice Tierney Dunn, Sp '72. Also honored during the 2010 awards ceremony were Dr. Krista Ratcliffe, recipient of the AMUW Nora Finnigan Werra Faculty Achievement Award, and Molly Lepic, H Sci '10, recipient of the Ignatian Leadership Award.

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