



WOMEN & POLITICS INSTITUTE

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I am thrilled to share with you all that the Women & Politics Institute has accomplished in the last twelve months. Our academic research, classes, leadership training programs, and special events are closing the gender gap in political leadership! Please take a look at some of the 2010 – 2011 academic year highlights and consider supporting our efforts in 2011 – 2012. With your help, we can offer more courses, enroll more students, train more leaders, spearhead more discussions, and ensure that more women enter political life.

I really appreciate your support,
Jennifer L. Lawless, Director

Fall 2010



2010-2011 WeLEAD Kick Off

We welcomed the 2010-2011 WeLEAD class of 40 young professionals as they embarked on a year-long training program to help them climb the political career ladder.



BORDERS

October 20, 2010

WPI co-sponsored an event at which Gloria Steinem discussed feminism, struggles that the women's movement continues to face, and what the next generation of women's activism will entail.

Co-sponsors included: the Kennedy Political Union, Women's Initiative, and AU College Democrats



October 5, 2010

Book signing for Jen Lawless and Richard Fox's new book: *It Still Takes a Candidate: Why Women Don't Run For Office.*



Winter and Spring 2011

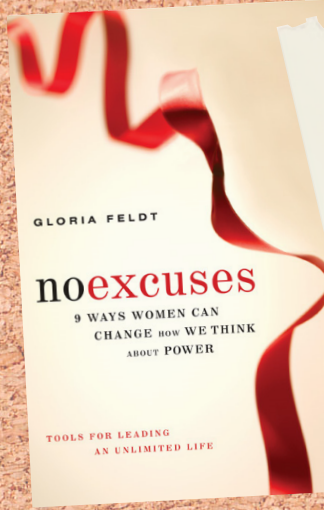
Panel event held by The Alliance for Women in Media and WPI!

Current and former female FCC Commissioners:

- Gloria Tristani
- Meredith Atwell Baker
- Susan Ness
- Mimi Dawson
- Deborah Taylor Tate



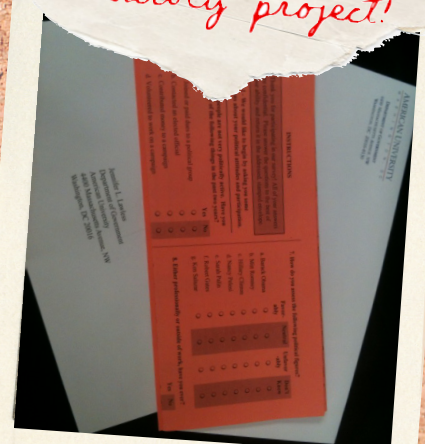
November 18, 2010



Women, Media, Power, Leadership
January 13, 2011
 Book Signing with Gloria Feldt followed by a panel with Congresswoman Terri Sewell, Blogger Amanda Hess, and Political Consultant Karen Finney



Finally done with the survey project!



Nov 29 2010

Jen signed copies of her new book (co-authored with Richard L. Fox), *It Still Takes A Candidate: Why Women Don't Run for Office*. In a panel discussion following the book signing, Dee Dee Myers, former White House Press Secretary to Bill Clinton, and Dana Perino, former White House Press Secretary to George W. Bush, discussed the outcomes of the 2010 midterm elections to an audience of more than 150 guests. Shira Toeplitz, a political reporter at Roll Call, moderated the discussion.



2010 - 2011
Alice Paul Award Winners

Connie Morella
 Faculty Recipient

Erin Fuller
 Alumni Recipient

Christy Anthony
 Staff Recipient

Gail Baitinger
 Graduate Student Recipient

Kathryn Baxter
 Undergraduate Student Recipient

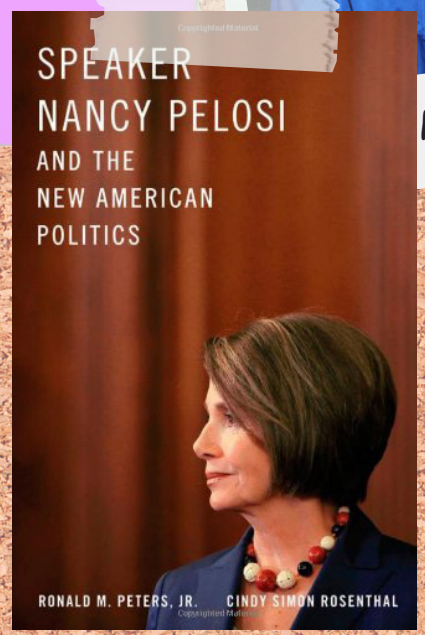
Alice Paul was a leading activist in the suffrage movement and she played a vital role in the passage of the 19th amendment. We are proud to count her as an alumna of the university. These awards honor women whose actions exemplify Alice Paul's spirit, work, and vision.

Cindy Simon Rosenthal signed copies of her new book as guests enjoyed refreshments and entertainment.

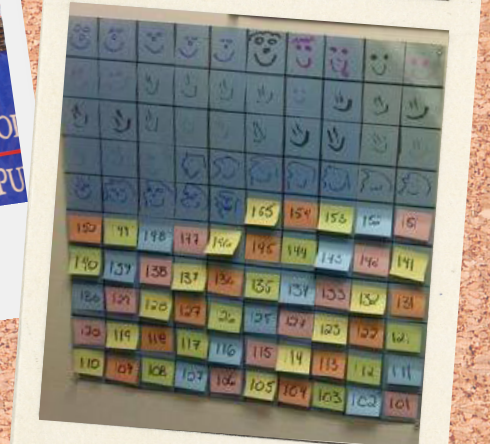
Following the signing, Cindy moderated a panel with former congresswomen Elizabeth Holtzman (member 1973-1981) and Connie Morella (member 1987-2003). They discussed whether the more things change, the more they stay the same, at least as far as women and politics are concerned.



March 3, 2011



Support the Women & Politics Institute



The bad news is that the gender gap in political ambition remains as big today as it was 10 years ago...

We Congratulate Our
Women, Policy, and Political Leadership
Certificate Program Recipients

Erica Best *Claire Harris* *Deanna Lacek* *Erika Maynard*
Caitlyn Chew *Amanda Krause* *Jolyn Lorenzetti* *Katelyn Stoner*
Laura Conolly *Anisha Imhoff-Kerr* *Lauren MacDonald* *Catherine Torri*



And we thank the instructors of this year's WPI courses

Marcia Coné *Linda Mancillas* *Elizabeth Sherman*
Stephenie Foster *Connie Morella* *Diane Singerman*
Marty Langelan *Karen O'Connor* *Laurie Westley*

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The mission of the Women & Politics Institute is to close the gender gap in political leadership. We provide young women with academic and practical training that encourages them to become involved in the political process, and we facilitate research that enhances our understanding of the challenges women face in the political arena.