

Fall 2018



## FWA President's Message



FOR GOD HATH NOT GIVEN US THE SPIRIT OF FEAR; BUT OF POWER, AND OF LOVE, AND OF A SOUND MIND.

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I still remember the phone call offering me a faculty position at BYU. I was nervous and worried, but also excited. I immediately called my husband thinking we needed to have a long and prayerful discussion about what to do, but his answer was immediate, "Of course you are going to take the position."

But I was worried. I was four months pregnant, my husband worked in Maryland, and we had just bought our first home. The fear of not knowing how these issues would resolve kept me up at night. Yet with the fear was a sense of peace. The Lord had a plan and he knew things would work out, and they did. I was given a delayed start date so I could give birth to my daughter, my husband still telecommutes from home 12 years later, and we were able to sell our home.

Many of us have similar stories of times in our lives where fear and uncertainty have caused us to doubt and question our path. Sometimes that fear paralyzes us to the point that we take no action. And yet, God's promise is real! He has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Finding strength in that promise, we can meet and overcome each challenge we face. I believe that each woman at BYU was brought here as part of his divine plan. None of us are here by accident. Find strength in that knowledge and know that the Lord will bless you with power, love, and a sound mind as you further his work here at BYU.

—Denise Stephens

ASTRONOMY

FWA PRESIDENT, 2017-2019

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# UPCOMING FWA EVENT

**RESEARCH, CREATIVE WORKS, AND TEACHING SHOWCASE  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14  
1:00–2:45PM W408/W410 TANNER BUILDING**

*Come and create your own Italian soda as you share your research/teaching work or as you talk with other faculty women about their work. We will also have several information tables set up with guests from research development, technology transfer, global women's studies, and the Title IX office to answer questions. It will be open house style; come and stay for as long as you can.*

This event will be an opportunity to share completed research, research in progress, research ideas, authored books, presentations and displays, or ways you have successfully implemented teaching strategies into your classrooms. If you are not interested in presenting, please come and listen, learn, and network with other faculty women.

Instead of formal presentations or unwieldy posters to make and hang, we will have bistro tables set up around the room, one for each presenter. Bring your own laptop to share content/video/slides or objects to showcase and talk with whoever stops by your table. It's a poster session but without the posters! And if you have a poster or display that you do would rather put up, just let us know in advance and we can provide the space for that.

We will also have information tables set up around the room with individuals from research development, technology transfer, global women's studies, and the Title IX office. Research development will answer questions about how to find and apply for grants as well as information on the Fulbright scholarship program. Technology Transfer will answer questions about how to patent your work. Global women's studies will provide information on how to get involved and what resources are available here at BYU. The Title IX education officer will be available to answer questions you may have on how to help your female students (and yourself) and which situations fall under Title IX and which do not.

This event is open to all full and part-time faculty and administrative women as well as female graduate students. Please spread the word to the female graduate students in your departments and colleges and bring them with you. Use the link below to RSVP if you want to present, if you want to just come but not present, or if you cannot make it this time.

[https://survey.azi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_o1jP68dFjt5rG3X](https://survey.azi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_o1jP68dFjt5rG3X)

# SHARING GOOD NEWS

## **LISA ARGYLE, POLITICAL SCIENCE**

How does social media impact people's political opinions? Lisa Argyle and her coauthors conducted a large-scale field experiment on Twitter, in which members of each party were paid to follow a bot account that retweeted content from the other side of the political spectrum. They found that Republicans who followed the liberal account for one month grew more conservative in their policy positions, which indicates that exposure to other views may exacerbate political polarization. There was no significant change among Democrats who followed a conservative account. The research was published in [PNAS](#) in August, and has been covered by major news outlets including the [New York Times](#), [Washington Post](#), [LA Times](#), and [Vox](#).

## **SARAH COYNE, FAMILY LIFE**

Dr. Sarah Coyne was recently featured on the [BYU home page](#) for her research on body image and meeting Colbie Caillat! In her research she found that women who listen to songs with positive body image messages (like those sung by Caillat) feel better about their bodies, which is great research for everyone – but especially women. Dr. Coyne is doing impactful research and finding ways to directly apply her findings to our lives, which is a difficult balance to achieve.

## **LIZ DARGER, SENIOR ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Liz was recently called to serve on the Young Women General Board of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Read all about her story in a [Daily Universe article](#).

## **AMY HARRIS, FAMILY LIFE**

In 2018 I received the Mormon History Association's best article award for my article "Early Mormonism's Expansive Families and the Browett Women" published in a collection edited by two scholars at the LDS Church History Library and two other BYU faculty (Rachel Cope and Amy Easton-Flake), *Mormon Women's History: Beyond Biography*. I also received the university's Alumni Professorship, granted to recognize teaching, in 2018.

## **VALERIE HEGSTROM, SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE**

My edition of Ângela de Azevedo's play *El muerto disimulado* (*Presumed Dead*) was published by Liverpool University press in January 2018 and became available in the U.S. in July. I received the David Gitlitz *Comedia* Prize in Pedagogy and Mentorship from the Association for Hispanic Classical Theater this year. I will deliver the P.A. Christensen Lecture in the College of Humanities in March 2019.



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# SHARING GOOD NEWS

## **TAMARA MASTERS, MARKETING & GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN**

I have developed a sales program here at BYU that is now nationally ranked according to the National Sales Education Foundation. Based on the multifaceted experiential learning students undergo we now have top firms contacting us to hire students that have been through our Professional Sales. This means more placement and higher job offers for BYU Marketing students. As an example, this is from an email I recently received from a large multinational firm: “Hi Tamara, congrats on placing in the SEF Top Sales Universities list. We have 15 [openings](#) in our [Sales & Marketing Rotational Program](#) for June grads. Do you have a spot where we could advertise to your Sales seniors?”

## **SHERI PALMER, NURSING**

I was granted a Fulbright Award as a Teaching Scholar in Paraguay! I will go 6 weeks at a time for the next three years. I will be teaching Leadership in Nursing to the National University of Asuncion, as well as the National Hospital. My first segment starts October 20. I am excited, scared, nervous, humbled, and overjoyed to have this career challenge! In addition, I have always wanted to give back to the people of Paraguay as I served my mission there 37 years ago. I will keep a blog [palmerfulbrightinparaguay.wordpress.com](http://palmerfulbrightinparaguay.wordpress.com). I also want to thank all my colleagues in the College of Nursing for their inspiration, support preparing, and helping cover my assignments while I'm away.

## **JANI RADEBAUGH, GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

Jani was recently elected as a Geological Society of America Fellow, which is the premier society in her field. This nomination is for being an exceptional member of the geoscience community. With other nominated fellows, she will be honored at the annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana in November.

## **JILL TERRY RUDY, ENGLISH**

Jill Terry Rudy co-edited the recently published *The Routledge Companion to Media and Fairy-Tale Cultures* with Pauline Greenhill, Naomi Hamer, and Lauren Bosc. The book provides readers with a comprehensive guide to the fantastic, uncanny, and wonderful worlds of the fairy tale across media and cultures. Seventy-two chapters cover everything from Basic Concepts, written by Rudy, through Analytical Approaches and Political and Identity Issues to Communicative Media and Expressive Genres. We go from feminism and disability studies to fandoms and cinematic tales to mobile apps, opera, and Youtube tales. Best of all, the Lee Library has an [ebook version!](#)



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# SHARING GOOD NEWS

## **ROSEMARY THACKERY, PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **LAURA BRIDGEWATER, MICRO & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**

Rosemary Thackeray, professor of Public Health, replaced Laura Bridgewater, professor of Micro and Molecular Biology, as Associate Dean in the College of Life Sciences. Laura was promoted to Associate Academic Vice-President with responsibilities for faculty development.

## **LAURA WALKER, FAMILY LIFE**

Laura was recently featured on the [BYU home page](#) for her research on parent-child communication about sexuality. Parents need to engage in more conversations on this topic so their children feel comfortable asking questions about sexuality and engage in safer sexual activities as they get older. Laura also gave the [Cutler Lecture](#) on this same topic last year.

# FWA OPENING EVENT RECAP

## **SUMMARY BY TONI PILCHER, ENGLISH, FWA ADJUNCT REPRESENTATIVE**

FWA's opening event was on October 1st at 12pm in the Tanner Building. We had approximately 98 women across campus attend. During lunch, three women talked about how their academic journey connects to the scripture theme (2 Timothy 1:7) for 2018.

Eva Witesman: It's okay for faith and fear to co-exist for women taking their place at BYU if we stay connected with heaven and trust that God has a loving plan for us. We can walk forward in faith despite the fear.

Jill Larsen: God has brought us to BYU to teach fearlessly. He needs us here. We need to mentor and be mentored by each other to keep that spirit of fear at bay.

Camille Fronk Olson: If we will let Him, God will take us to a place where no one can help us but Him; He created that place at BYU just for us. When we inhabit our place with confidence, we live more abundantly, we are prepared for the next challenge, and we open doors for other women.

# JOIN FWA!

## **FACULTY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION WANTS YOU!**

Please join us and help us create a strong network of women engaged in good works. If you are a member of FWA, and are not sure if your dues have expired, feel free to email FWA treasurer [Sarah Coyne](#).

## **WHAT IS FWA?**

Open to all female faculty (full-time and adjunct) and administrative staff, the purpose of this association is to support the mission of Brigham Young University, to promote solidarity and a sense of community among its members, to improve the quality of professional life for faculty and staff women on the Brigham Young University campus, to increase awareness of and sensitivity to gender issues at Brigham Young University.

## **WHAT DOES FWA DO?**

In addition to addressing and aiding faculty women issues, FWA activities aim to bring together the professional women of BYU campus for activities of professional development, collegial networking, service and social interaction. Activities also include an annual Rank and Status Forum, Research and Creative Works Showcase and a Spring Retreat.

## **WHAT DOES IT COST?**

Dues are \$15 for one year, or \$40 for three years. Dues can be paid online via our website: <https://fwa.byu.edu/dues>. Click on the "online here" link to go to the electronic payment site. Dues help to cover the costs of activities (including guest presenters), lunches and refreshments and FWA annual awards.

## **HOW DOES FWA BENEFIT ME?**

FWA provides a community for personal and professional enrichment by interacting across disciplines. Gender issues education and research affects the BYU campus as a whole. The Research, Creative Works and Teaching Showcase provides a forum for presenting and sharing your work with others on campus. The Rank and Status Forum provides valuable information, as well as feedback on concerns regarding the rank and status process. Each April the Spring Retreat is an opportunity to relax together, refill your bucket, and enjoy interesting and interactive presenters. Other activities may include sports, arts, or science events for the entire family!

# FWA SPRING RETREAT AWARDS

## **JILL LARSEN, ENGLISH, ADJUNCT FACULTY**

Ms. Larsen has taught freshman writing classes and several of the English advanced writing courses for the past 14 years. The program coordinator, Jon Ostenson, states that “this breadth of assignments is a testament to our confidence and trust in Jill, her abilities, and her dedication to students and their learning. Her student evaluations tell a compelling story of these abilities. In them, many students report that her class is a challenging one but that she offers the support they need to meet those challenges, including patient re-teaching of complex concepts and generous personal conferences.” In addition to her teaching, Jill has made significant contributions as the English 315 course coordinator.

## **MIKAELA J. DUFUR, SOCIOLOGY, CITIZENSHIP**

Dr. Dufur has played an important role in examining and shaping the status and experiences of women in the College of Family, Home, and Social Science since she started at BYU in 2009. From 2014 to 2016, she served as chair of a new college committee, called the Women’s Issues Committee. Mikaela spent many hours studying the experiences of female staff, female faculty, and female students in the college and making recommendations on how the college and its members can improve in this area. Mikaela has provided important leadership in other assignments at BYU, including serving on the University Athletic Advisory Council.

## **ANGELA B. BRADFORD, SCHOOL OF FAMILY LIFE, MENTORING**

Dr. Bradford is an outstanding member of the School of Family Life who has consistently and kindly mentored BYU students since she joined the faculty in 2012. She always makes time for undergraduate and graduate students, and her influence for many has been life-changing and personal. She has chaired over 10 doctoral and master’s students, and served on around 25 dissertation and thesis committees. She has also collaborated with many on national and international research presentations. She also supervises students on two projects she is co-leading related to family therapy clinical process research and physiology. Angela’s door is always open to her students, who frequently seek her out to discuss goals and struggles, both personal and academic. “At the heart of her interactions is a caring person who the students trust.”

# FWA SPRING RETREAT AWARDS

## **BONNIE ANDERSON, INFORMATION SYSTEMS, SCHOLARSHIP**

Dr. Anderson has been a faculty member in the Information Systems Department in the Marriott School of Business at Brigham Young University since 2001. In the past five years, Bonnie has had a prolific publishing record and has established herself in the forefront of her field of research—the intersection of neuroscience and information systems. In 2017, Bonnie had a paper accepted to a top journal and another paper accepted to the premier conference in human-computer interaction. In 2016, she tied for #7 in the world in top tier publications. Since 2014, Bonnie has had seven top tier peer-reviewed journal publications, 20 peer-reviewed conference presentations/publications, 24 invited presentations, and has been awarded a MEG grant and four ORCA grants with students.

## **GAYE L. RAY, NURSING, TEACHING**

Mrs. Ray became a full-time faculty member in the College of Nursing in 2012. She demonstrates her commitment to her student's success from the first day of class by memorizing the names and faces of the 60 students beforehand. She builds a trusting relationship with her students and provides experiential learning opportunities for her students by having them participate in a poverty simulation and by teaching elementary school students about healthy lifestyle habits through the "Anatomy Academy." She is focused on providing the best experience for her students even if it means extra work and time to help them.