

FWA February Newsletter

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Brigham Young University Faculty Women's Association

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"If you desire, you shall be the means of doing much good in this generation"

D&C 11:8

What is the Purpose of the Faculty Women's Association?

The purpose of the BYU Faculty Women's Association is to 1) support the mission of Brigham Young University; 2) promote solidarity and a sense of community among its members; 3) improve the quality of professional life for faculty women on the Brigham Young University campus; and 4) increase awareness of and sensitivity to gender issues at Brigham Young University.

Faculty Women's Association Nominations and Awards

Due February 28th

Board positions: Do you know someone who would make a great FWA Board member? Please nominate them for a position. The FWA is currently accepting nominations for secretary (2 year appointment), newsletter editor (2 year appointment), and

president-elect (3 year appointment). A description of each board position can be found [here](#). Meetings are held once per month. Nominations are due to Rickelle Richards (S-221 ESC, 2-6855, rickelle_richards@byu.edu) by February 28th.

Awards: There are many women who make outstanding contributions. Annual FWA awards recognize faculty women in the areas of teaching, scholarship, creative work, citizen work, citizenship, and outstanding adjunct faculty. Criteria for all FWA awards can be found [here](#). Nominations are due to Rickelle Richards (info above) by February 28th.

Upcoming Events

FWA Rank and Status Meeting:

The meeting will take place the last week in March. Stay tuned for additional details.

FWA Annual Spring Retreat: SAVE THE DATE

Please join us on April 20th, 8:00-1:00.

More details to come.

FWA Member Creates Exhibit

Emily Darowski, an FWA member, created the Education in Zion - *Jesus Wept: Emotions in the Scriptures*.

The exhibit is located in the JFSB and is open from February 2017 until November 2018. Visit the exhibit to learn more about the wide range of emotions found in the scriptures, universal emotions across time and cultures, and emotional coping tools. Enjoy several interactive displays also.

Official opening February 15th, 4-7pm.

click [here](#) to learn more about it.



Member Spotlight: Loren Allphin

Department of Plant & Wildlife Sciences

Q: How long have you been at BYU?



A: This is my 21st year!

Q: What do you love about your job?

A: I love interacting with students and seeing the excitement on their faces as they learn new things. That is probably the most rewarding part. We have very bright, capable students here at BYU and it is really refreshing to work with them.

Q: Are you currently working on any research projects? If so, what?

A: Yes! I have a big research program that focuses on rare and endangered plant species. I have been doing a lot of work on conservation of rare plants. I also work in ecology and conservation genetics of rare plants. I work closely with land managers on how to manage endangered plants.

Q: What's your favorite thing to do when you're not at work?

A: I am a singer/songwriter on the side. I sing country music and love to do that. I also love to ride horses.

Q: If you could go on vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?

A: There are a couple of places I really want to go. First is the Galapagos Islands. I really want to go there because of Charles Darwin. I am actually planning a trip there now! The other place is the Cape of South Africa. There are more endemic plants there than anywhere else in the world. It is very botanically diverse so I would love to go spend time there.

Q: What does this year's FWA theme mean to you?

A: I think as a faculty member, there is a lot of good I can do for other female students. I am the only female faculty member in our department, but 55-60% of our major are females, so I love being a mentor to them. Another thing I love about my research is using it to inform land managers on rare species and really making a difference. Anything we want to do is worthwhile if we want to serve others. That is how I have treated my job here at BYU, and that is how I have treated my research program. Anything you do that allows you to serve others is rewarding!

Membership: All BYU women faculty--both full-time and adjunct--and administrators are welcome in FWA. Please visit our website here to learn more

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about FWA.

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Three years = \$40

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Membership Renewal

Do you need to know if your FWA membership is updated?

Please contact our Treasurer! Diane Reich, E-455 HFAC (2-8949),

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