

*The purpose of the Women in Science Program (WISP) is to improve the learning and working environment and to attract, encourage, and advance more women at all levels in science and mathematics.*

## NEW!!! WISP Brown Bag Series

WISP is sponsoring a bi-weekly research Brown Bag Series. This series will give graduate and undergraduate women in the social and natural sciences an opportunity to discuss their research. It is our hope that through discussing research agendas, ideas, and/or problems in a supportive and informed setting, we can assist each other in the research process.

Format: The brown-bag series will alternate its audience every two weeks between the Social and Natural Sciences. The gatherings will take place **every other Friday from 12:00-1:30pm**. Please check with WISP as to location.

If you are interested in informally presenting your research, or if you need feedback on a particular aspect of your research please e-mail [wisp@indiana.edu](mailto:wisp@indiana.edu).

## WISP's SURF Program

The Science Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program for Women is going strong. The 14 SURF Fellows are currently performing research with IU faculty. SURF Fellows have also met with female professors at IU to discuss research and to learn more about being a woman in science. Efforts are currently focused on finding funding to continue the program on into the 2002-2003 academic year. Please keep an eye out for future SURF updates. E-mail [wispsurf@indiana.edu](mailto:wispsurf@indiana.edu) if you would like more information on SURF.

## WISP Research Day

On **Monday, March 4**, WISP is hosting its annual Research Day at the **IMU Frangipani Room** from **11am till 2pm**. Women from the natural and social sciences and mathematics fields will present their research through posters and panels. Awards for best posters will be given. The **registration deadline** to present is **February 1, 2001**. For more information, e-mail [wisp@indiana.edu](mailto:wisp@indiana.edu) or call 855-3849.

## Holiday Donation Opportunity for Middle Way House

As the spirit of giving starts to come over you with the holiday season approaching, think about donating for a good cause. The Middle Way House is always grateful for donations. Currently, they are in need of: new underwear and socks for women and children (all sizes); winter hats, gloves, and scarves; blankets; pillows; towels; washclothes; toiletries; extra large diapers; baby wipes; crayola markers; Playdoh; tempera paints (water-based); silverware; and, pots and pans.

The Middle Way House is a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Hours to drop off donations are Monday and Wednesday between 8 am and Noon and all day on Saturday.

Donations will also be collected at the Office for Women's Affairs during regular business hours (M-F, 8am -5pm) up until Friday, December 7. Please feel free to **stop by the WISP Holiday Party** that day to **drop off your donations** and have some tasty snacks. For more information, e-mail [wispsurf@indiana.edu](mailto:wispsurf@indiana.edu).

## WISP Holiday Party

WISP will be hosting a holiday party on **Friday, December 7 from 4:00-6:00 pm in the Memorial Hall east (OWA) lounge**. There will be some good eats, so take a break from studying for finals and come relax with other women in science.

## WISP IU Faculty Panel

The WISP IU Faculty Panel will be held on **Friday, November 30th at 2pm in the Persimmon Room at the IMU**. The topic for this panel is **"Lessons Learned, Experiences Shared —The Academic Experiences of IU Women Faculty."** We envision this to be an "If I knew back then, what I know now..." discussion. The panel will be comprised of faculty from both the natural and the social sciences. There will also be a short question/answer period as well. Refreshments will be served following the panel.

The **Women in Science Program** is located in the Office for Women's Affairs, Memorial Hall E123. For more information on WISP, please e-mail the Program Coordinator at [wisp@indiana.edu](mailto:wisp@indiana.edu) or call 855-3849, or visit WISP's web page at <http://www.indiana.edu/~owa/womsci.html>.

## Chemistry DVS

WISP would like to thank IU's Department of Chemistry for bringing to campus Dr. Kay Brummond, Associate Professor, from the University of Pittsburgh as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar in October. Her research is on the development of new synthetic methods to synthesize biologically important compounds. Dr. Brummond met with WISP faculty and students, and with SURF Fellows. Her meetings with WISP resulted in the passing along contact information for possible internship opportunities for chemistry students.

## WISP Mentoring Program

WISP is continuing its mentoring program for the 2001-2002 academic year. If you are not already part of the program, you may want to consider applying. New applications will be reviewed for the spring semester. Applications are available on the web. Questions can be e-mailed to [wispsurf@indiana.edu](mailto:wispsurf@indiana.edu).

Mentor Applications:

[http://www.indiana.edu/~owa/wisp\\_mentor.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~owa/wisp_mentor.html)

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## MentorNet

IU is now a member of MentorNet, a national online mentoring program. 29 WISP students are currently participating. E-mail [wisp@indiana.edu](mailto:wisp@indiana.edu) for more info.

Any comments, suggestions, or submissions for the WISP Wire should be directed to the WISP Coordinator of Development and Communication, at [wispsurf@indiana.edu](mailto:wispsurf@indiana.edu) or call 855-3849.

## WISP Travel Grants Competition

With support from the National Science Foundation, the Women in Science Program is making funds available to assist with travel to present papers or posters at professional meetings. Women undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at IUB in any science or mathematics degree program are eligible to apply. WISP Travel Grants will be limited to a maximum award of **\$800 per student**. Two awards will be given during the Spring semester. Student awardees will be asked to present at the annual WISP Research Day held in March. **Applications are due February 15, 2002** for conferences between January 1, 2002 and July 15, 2002. Applications are available at [http://www.indiana.edu/~owa/WISP/travel\\_app.htm](http://www.indiana.edu/~owa/WISP/travel_app.htm).

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