

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

Distinguished Visiting Scholar: Elizabeth Hoffman, PhD

WISP, in coordination with the Economics Department, is bringing **Elizabeth Hoffman, Ph.D.** to campus from **November 30 to December 1**. Dr. Hoffman is the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). She is also a Professor of Economics, History, and Psychology, and a Professor at UIC's Institute of Government and Public Affairs. Dr. Hoffman received a Ph.D. in economics from the California Institute of Technology and one in history from the University of Pennsylvania. She will be giving a public talk on **Tuesday, November 30**, at 4:00pm in Wylie Hall 005, titled "**Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling.**" She will also be meeting with students and faculty during her visit.

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WISP's Distinguished Visiting Scholar initiative brings noted female scientists to IU every semester to visit for a week with students and faculty through lectures, seminars, discussions, and social gatherings.

4th Annual Curriculum Reform Institute

WISP is funding teams to participate in the University of Wisconsin System's 4th Annual Curriculum Reform Institute. This 5-day Institute for curricular reform and development is a chance for national and international teams of educators to work with mentors from UW's Women and Science Program on projects to improve science and mathematics education for all students. An emphasis is placed on addressing issues that often discourage women and minorities from pursuing study in the sciences or mathematics. For more information, please contact WISP at wisp@indiana.edu or your department chairs.

WISP Women

On Tuesday, **November 16**, WISP hosted a WISP Women panel discussion for undergraduate students interested in going on to graduate school, titled "**Insider Tips on Graduate Life in the Sciences.**"

On Tuesday, **December 7**, WISP Women will be touring the **Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction** in Morrison Hall from 4 to 6 pm. For more information on the Kinsey Institute, visit their webpage at www.indiana.edu/~kinsey.

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WISP Women is a forum for students, faculty, and staff in the sciences that meets three times a semester for social gatherings, campus visits, and panel presentations. It fosters networking and mentoring amongst women scientists and discusses relevant issues for women in the sciences. Possible WISP Women initiatives include post graduation options, professional role models, funding, women of color, posters and presentations, classroom civility, negotiating professional and family life, visit to IU's Cyclotron Facility, and lab tours. If you have any ideas for WISP Women to focus on, please contact Sandra Reineke at wisp@indiana.edu or call 855-3849.

WISP Student Advisory Committee

WISP is guided by a volunteer group of undergraduate and graduate women in the sciences that meet two times per semester with the coordinator of WISP to provide input and suggestions about programming. If you would like more information on the Committee or on becoming a member, please contact WISP Project Coordinator Sandra Reineke at wisp@indiana.edu.

The **Women in Science Project** is located in the Office for Women's Affairs, Memorial Hall E123. For more information on WISP, please contact Sandra Reineke, WISP Project Coordinator, at wisp@indiana.edu or 855-3849, or visit WISP's web page at www.indiana.edu/~owa/womsci.html.

Websites of Interest

Women in Science web links

www.physics.utoronto.ca/wiphys/globalsci.html

Women and Minorities in Science web links

www.ai.mit.edu/people/ellens/Gender/wom_and_min.html

The Association for Women in Science (AWIS)

www.awis.org

The American Association for the Advancement of Science

www.aaas.org

The National Science Foundation

www.nsf.gov

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation's

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)

Initiative www.cic.uiuc.edu/third_level/diversity_wise.html

Calendar

Nov. 16.....WISP Women panel discussion

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1.....visit w/ Elizabeth Hoffman, Ph.D.

Dec. 1..... December issue of OWA's Majority Report

Dec. 7..... WISP Women - Kinsey Institute

Dec. TBA.....WISP Student Advisory Committee mtg.

Dec. 17.....Curriculum Reform Institute
application deadline

Have a great winter break!!!!!!

Jan. TBA.....next issue of WISP Wire



Any comments, suggestions, or submissions, for the WISP Wire should be directed to Mindy Criser, WISP Coordinator of Development and Communication, at mcriser@indiana.edu or call 855-3849.

WISP Library

There is a small library of science and women-related books in the WISP office (Memorial Hall West M03). They are available for use by women scientists either in the office or to check out. There are also some files with internship, scholarship, and funding information available. WISP is hoping to expand the library, so any requests or ideas on books that should be included are welcome. Please e-mail book titles to wisp@indiana.edu.

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