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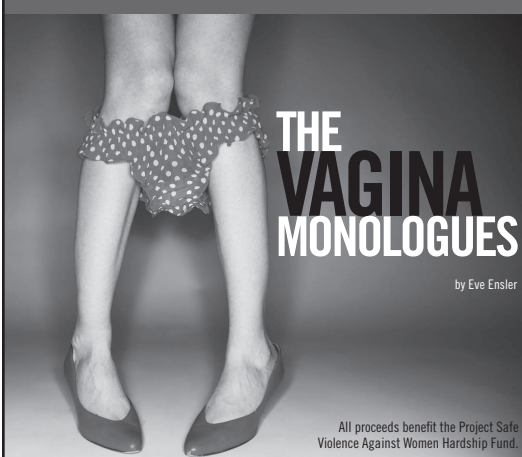
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THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

by Eve Ensler

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Resistance is Futile...

The Cookies are coming!

February 16, 11am-1:30pm

Sarratt Promenade

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Vagina Monologues Spotlight

"Baptized"

*I held an eight year old girl in my lap
Who had been raped by so many men
She had an extra hole inside her
When she accidentally peed on me
I was baptized...*

2009 Spotlight Monologue

On September 12th and 19th, 2008 in Goma and Bukavu, survivors of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) spoke out publicly for the first time. These survivors issued a call to the world to put an end to the sexual violence that has devastated and shamed them and thousands of other women and girls in the DRC. They are demanding the violence stops, not just for themselves but also for their daughters and generations of women to come. Even though the war in the DCR is formally over, women and girls remain targets for violence. In the last ten years, hundreds of thousands of women and girls have been raped, mutilated, gang raped, and tortured. For these women and their daughters, the war is far from over.

According to V-DAY, a Congolese woman, Lumo Furaha, testified:

"...Over fifty armed men took me and another woman to the bush where they raped us over and over again. After, they pulled us like goats to the main road where they left us abandoned. Luckily, we were found by some men and eventually I was taken to the Goma hospital where I have had nine surgeries, but yet to be fixed...I don't understand, the men did it with objects, it wasn't from any physical desire. The only answer I have is that they wanted to destroy me; destroy my body and kill my spirit."

North Kivu and neighbouring South Kivu have been at the center of the conflict in the DRC since the early 1990s. A report written by Amnesty International explains that the underlying causes of conflict include the continued presence of a multiplicity of Congolese and foreign armed groups; tensions between the province's ethnic communities and related return of Congolese Tutsi refugees living abroad; land ownership; and the control of North Kivu's considerable mineral and agricultural wealth. Many initiatives have been undertaken, including a Conference on Peace in January 2008; however, the situation in the DRC has not been resolved. According to this same report, members of the armed groups and government security forces continue to rape and sexually abuse women, girls and children as young as three years old. They are being raped in public, and in front of family members including children. Some women have been abducted and held as sexual slaves. In many cases, rape is ethnically motivated and aimed at terrorizing and demoralizing communities suspected of supporting enemy groups. Even though armed group signatories agreed to the 23 January Act of Engagement stating "strict respect of international humanitarian and human rights law," including an immediate "halt to acts of violence, extortion, discrimination and exclusion, of all forms, against civilian populations,

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Project Safe Now Offers two Support Groups

Vanderbilt Faculty & Staff Support Group

What: A confidential support group for female Vanderbilt faculty & staff members who have been impacted by violence against women (dating/domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault). Faculty & staff are welcome to attend at their leisure. No commitment required.

When: 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. beginning January 14th and occurring weekly

Where: Confidential, on-campus location

For more information, contact Vicky Basra at 322-1333 or by email at vicky.basra@vanderbilt.edu

Vanderbilt Student Support Group

What: a confidential support group for Vanderbilt undergraduate and graduate students who have been impacted by violence against women (dating/domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault). Students are welcome to attend at their leisure. No commitment required.

When: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. beginning January 14th and occurring weekly

Where: Confidential, on-campus location

For more information, contact Kacy Silverstein at 322-3774 or by email at kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu



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Deadline for newsletter: Submissions are due on the 1st of the month preceding publication.

Women's Center seeks nominations for Werthan and Muliebrity Awards

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE MULIEBRITY PRIZE NOW!

The Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center is currently seeking nominations for the **Muliebrity Prize** given annually to recognize achievements by and in support of women at Vanderbilt University. The Muliebrity Prize honors an undergraduate student who demonstrates leadership in activities that contribute to the achievements, interests and goals of women and girls, or that promote equity. Self-nominations are encouraged, as well as nominations by faculty, staff, advisors, friends and peers. The award will be announced at the annual Magnolia Awards Dinner (early April 2008), where the honoree will be presented with a cash award of \$250 and an honorary certificate. You can request a nomination packet by email or download a packet from the Magnolia Awards website: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/leadership/magnolia3>.

Deadline: If you know someone who is deserving of this recognition, please submit your nomination by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009**.

For more information about the Muliebrity Prize or to request a nomination packet please contact: stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu or call (615) 322-6518.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE MARY JANE WERTHAN AWARD ARE DUE FEBRUARY 27!

The **Mary Jane Werthan Award** is given annually to honor an individual who has contributed to the advancement of women at Vanderbilt on a systemic level. It is named in honor of Mary Jane Werthan, the first woman member of the Vanderbilt Board of Trust. The award will be presented during the annual Margaret Cuninggim Lecture in the spring. Please contact stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu for more info or to nominate someone.

Past honorees have included Dr. Virginia Shepard (2008); Dr. Sharon Shields, Professor of the Practice of Human and Organizational Development (2007); Rebecca Spires, Assistant Director of the Wellness Program (2006); Barbara Clinton, Director, Center for Health Services (2005); Dr. Alison Piepmeier, Women's Studies (2004); Dr. Ronnie Steinberg, Women's Studies (2003); Gay Welch, University Chaplain (2001); Gary F. Jensen, Professor of Sociology (1997).

Deadline: Nominations should be sent in the form of a letter to Stacy Nunnally. Nominations will be accepted via email, mail or in person. Any supporting materials should also be included. The letter and accompanying materials should be received by **February 27, 2009**. Nominations may be sent via email to stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu. Send nominations via mail to: Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, Vanderbilt University, Box 351513, Station B, Nashville, TN 37235.

"Baptized"

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particularly women and children..." widespread rape and other forms of sexual violence continue. Complete and accurate statistics on the atrocities committed against women in the DRC do not exist because most women and girls do not report the rape due to the shame and stigma associated with such horrendous crimes. Despite this shame and stigma, we do know that a public hospital in the city of Goma received over 350 reports of rape in one month.

In addition to the trauma of rape, survivors' rights are further violated due to the under-resourced and over-taxed state of the health care system. Women are not receiving the medical and psychological care they need and deserve. Many victims are abandoned by their husbands and excluded from their communities, leaving them and their children homeless and in extreme poverty. As a result of an incapacitated judicial system, there is little opportunity for victims to obtain justice or redress for the crimes they have endured. These women and girls are left to survive on their own.

This year V-DAY and *The Vagina Monologues* honor the survivors who shared their stories as well as those who continue to suffer in silence. Eve Ensler, the author of *The Vagina Monologues* and a global activist, has translated her own experience with these women into a remarkable monologue that explores the strength, the heart, and the pain of a country and its people. Ten percent of all the proceeds from *The Vagina Monologues* performances around the globe will be donated to programs that provide direct services, including housing for women and girls in the DRC. As Eve Ensler recently wrote, "Ten years ago V-Day was in one city and no one could say the word *vagina*. Now it is in 120 countries and



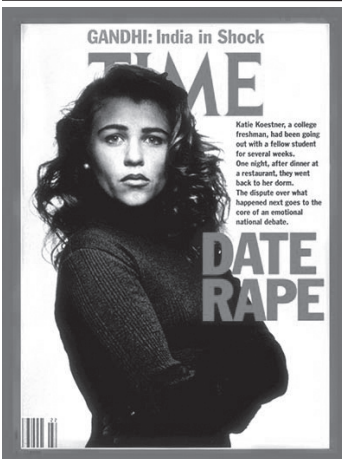
Women of the Congo Photo credit: V-Day website

we have raised 60 million and it continues to grow. It was one woman saying the word, breaking the silence, another woman and another woman and this is how it will happen in the Congo." We hope that you will join us this year as we say the word, spread the movement, and end the violence.

Submitted by Vicky Basra, co-director, Project Safe. Vicky received her Master's degree from the University of Tennessee and is a licensed social worker. She has worked in the field of prevention of violence against women for the last fifteen years.



An Evening with Katie Koestner, February 24th, 7 p.m.



February 24th, 7:00 pm
Student Life Ballroom
FREE and open to all
Co-sponsors: Project Safe,
VUPD, Greek Life Office, Every 2
Minutes, Peer Ed, AAA Task Force

At age 18, after being raped on a date with a fellow student at the College of William and Mary, Katie Koestner spoke out nationally and publicly, breaking a long national silence on the most under-reported crime in America. She appeared on the cover of *TIME* magazine's date rape issue, giving a name and a face to a crime that is recognized as

a critical problem currently facing America's students.

Katie's assault, quickly followed by the William Kennedy Smith and Mike Tyson cases, helped bring the contemporary debate over date rape into the national spotlight. Ms. Koestner has appeared on *Oprah*, *Good Morning America*, *NBC Nightly News*, *CNN*, *MTV*, *Larry King Live*, and dozens of other news programs in order to create public awareness of date rape.

Katie earned degrees in public policy and women's studies, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the College of William and

Mary. Since her graduation, Katie has presented in front of hundreds of thousands of students for over a thousand different colleges, high schools, military institutions, youth groups and service organizations throughout North America. Her annual clients include MIT, West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, Amherst College, Williams College and The Lawrenceville School, among many other top universities and high schools.

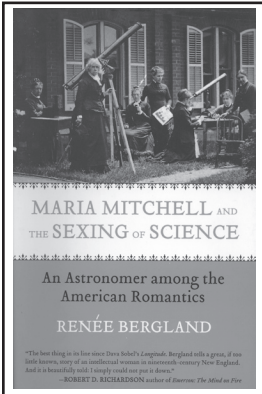
At Cornell University, she founded *Students Helping Others to Understand Trauma* (SHOUT). Ms. Koestner is the co-author of two books: *Sexual Assault on Campus: What Every College Needs to Know about Protecting Victims, Providing for Just Adjudication, and Complying with Federal Laws* (1995), a guidebook on model campus sexual assault policies; and *Total Sexual Assault Risk Management Strategies for Colleges* (1998). She also contributed to *Just Sex*, an anthology on the history of the anti-sexual violence movement. Since founding Campus Outreach Services, Inc., she has dedicated the organization to fighting sexual assault in every possible way. She took her efforts to one more level in 2001 with the creation of TKKI: The Katie Koestner Initiative for a World Without Rape, a national charity involved with raising funds for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Programs, Physical Evidence Recovery Kits, and other projects designed to achieve a world without rape. The most significant development for TKKI has been the formation and spread of "The I (initiative) Club," a national high school peer education program on respectful relationships.

(Excerpt taken from Campus Outreach Services Website: www.campusoutreach.com. Edited for space constraints.)



Barbara Clarke
Women's Center
Librarian

The Sexing of Science: Four new releases explore the challenges women face in science and technology



In the early nineteenth century science was seen as being more appropriate for girls than for boys, and girls were strongly encouraged to study it. In the engrossing *Maria Mitchell and the Sexing of Science: An Astronomer Among the American Romantics* (Beacon Press, 2008) Renée Bergland discusses the achievements of a noted nineteenth-century female astronomer and shows how attitudes about women and science were changing drastically by the 1870s.

Nantucket was a whaling community where many men spent months away at sea, where a knowledge of the skies was necessary, and where sextants could be found in many homes. In August 1818 Maria Mitchell was born on Nantucket, the third child in a large family. Her parents were Quakers who stressed the value of learning and who believed in educating their daughters and sons equally. The children were educated partly at home and partly in local schools. For several years Maria's father, William, was the principal of the first large public school there.

William was particularly interested in astronomy and spent every clear night on the roof observing the skies. The children were encouraged to help with the chronometer during the observations and Maria soon became her father's assistant. To do this properly she needed a sound knowledge of higher mathematics and she had to teach herself. At the age of eighteen, Maria, who had run her own school for girls for one year, was offered the position of librarian at the Nantucket Atheneum. She kept this position for the next twenty years and it gave her an opportunity to read extensively, as the institution was open to the public for only a few hours each day.

In 1836 William accepted a position at a bank and the family moved to an apartment above the bank. They had a small observatory built on the roof and it became a station of the U.S. Coast Survey. It was there that Maria discovered a new comet on October 1, 1847. This brought her fame and even a gold medal from the king of Denmark. The following June she was elected an honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the first woman to be so honored; there would not be another female member for many decades. In 1849 she accepted the position of computer for the U.S. Navy's *Nautical Almanac*; her work for them could be done at home. This made her one of the first professional astronomers in the country. She was granted honorary degrees from several universities and became a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Philosophical Society. Articles about her appeared in the popular press and many tourists visiting Nantucket wanted to see her. For some time she was seen as the nation's only scientific heroine.

After a lengthy visit to Europe, where she met a number of other astronomers, Mitchell returned to Nantucket in 1858 to care for her ailing mother. There in 1859 she set up a new observatory with a world-class telescope for which funds had been collected for some

years by the women of America. Even *Scientific American* reported on this new observatory. After the death of her mother in 1861, Maria bought a home in Lynn, MA, near one of her sisters. She moved there with her father and built a new observatory for her telescope. By this time her father had become her assistant.

In 1865 Mitchell, who had not earned a college degree, was appointed professor of astronomy at the new Vassar College. She accepted a lower rate of pay than the male professors received and she and her father slept in the observatory, which had not been designed as a residence. All of the male professors and their families lived in apartments in the main building. However, the telescope in this observatory was the third-largest in the country and by having her own building, Maria had more space for research and teaching than any other professor. She insisted on teaching only advanced students and continued her work for the *Nautical Almanac*.


The years at Vassar were happy ones for William, who loved assisting the students with their observations and entertaining them on evenings in the observatory; students were welcome to come and do observations at any hour. Mathematical astronomy was a new field on college campuses and teachers like Mitchell were still formulating the curricula. She was determined to make Vassar's curriculum an advanced one, even though it meant giving up her long-time work for the *Nautical Almanac*. During her tenure at the college she published seventeen scientific papers and by 1876 her observatory was furnishing the monthly astronomy column for *Scientific American*. In 1869 William Mitchell died, on his deathbed encouraging his daughter to take her students to Iowa later that year to observe a solar eclipse for the Smithsonian. In 1873 Maria became one of the founders of the Association for the Advancement of Women and later served as its president.

However, by the 1870s change was on the horizon for women in science and other professions. The writer notes that "Male college graduates of the 1870s and beyond saw professional women as usurpers of positions that were rightfully theirs. The backlash was beginning." Wellesley and Smith had also opened during the period when it seemed desirable to educate women. In 1873 Edward Clarke, a professor at Harvard Medical School, published a book declaring that higher education was harmful to women's bodies and would cause them to become masculine and infertile. His theories were disseminated widely. Within a few years those women who insisted on an education were being encouraged to enter the humanities fields, as the sciences were considered to be inappropriate for them. This attitude was to prevail for the next hundred years.

At Vassar Mitchell was under harsh scrutiny and even had to face questions about the sexual health of her students. As the backlash against higher education for women grew, her speeches and writings strongly emphasized the need for women to be educated. Few of Mitchell's students were able to obtain employment in the field of astronomy.

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 denotes Project Safe programming

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8	9 <i>Book Group, 5:15pm-6:15pm</i> <i>Cultural Roots of MLK, Jr., 6:30pm, Scarritt-Bennett, registration req'd</i>	10 <i>Creative Life Planning Group, 11:30am-1:00pm</i>  <i>Peer Ed, 8pm</i> <i>Every 2 Minutes, 8pm</i>	11	12 <i>Vandy Moms: "Sweets" Party, 11:30am-12:30pm</i> <i>Vanderbilt Feminists, 7:30pm</i>	13 <i>Women in Academe: Taking Care of the Whole You, 12:10-1:30pm</i>	14
15	16 <i>Cookies on Campus, Junior Girl Scouts, 11:00am-1:30pm, Sarratt Promenade</i> <i>Cultural Roots of MLK, Jr., 6:30pm, Scarritt-Bennett, registration req'd</i>	17 <i>Creative Life Planning Group, 11:30am-1:00pm</i>  <i>Peer Ed, 8pm</i> <i>Every 2 Minutes, 8pm</i>	18	19 <i>Vanderbilt Feminists, 7:30pm</i>	20	21
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						For details and descriptions of each group, please refer to page 6. Unless specified, most groups meet at the Women's Center.

Save the Date!

IMAGE WEEK

IMAGE is a student organization designed to address the issues of body image and self-image at Vanderbilt. IMAGE Week works to bring awareness to eating disorders on campus. Gender Matters of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center is proud to co-sponsor this week of events. This awareness week will take place February 16-20th. The night of the 15th, IMAGE members will take part in the Mirror Project by posting fliers with positive body messages in the bathrooms of dorms and campus buildings. Throughout the week, there will be a clothing drive, encouraging people to "Love their Genes" by giving away "jeans" (and other clothes) that no longer fit them. This will encourage people to be satisfied with their appearance

and not try to fit a certain ideal. All donations will go to a local charitable organization. Also during the week, IMAGE will be present at the wall to offer information about programming and recruit new members. Here is a list of the week's events:

Monday, Feb. 16: *Dispelling the Myths: Anorexia & Bulimia*, Sarratt 325, 7-8pm

Tuesday, Feb. 17: *Body Image & the Media*, Sarratt 325, 7-8pm

Wednesday, Feb. 18: *Nutrition 10*, Sarratt 325, 6-7pm

Thursday, Feb. 19: *Eating Disorder Survivor Panel*, Buttrick 102, 7-9pm

All week: IMAGE at the wall, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

All Week: Clothing Drive, various dorms

For more info, contact elizabeth.a.claydon@vanderbilt.edu

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

(Events listed chronologically and include events, programs, and series for which the Women's Center is solely responsible or for which we are a major sponsor or collaborator.)

PROJECT SAFE AND VANDERBILT PRESENT THE 2009 V-DAY COLLEGE PRODUCTION OF THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

The Vagina Monologues is an award-winning play written by Eve Ensler and is made up of a varying number of monologues read by a varying number of women. Eve Ensler wrote the first draft of the monologues in 1996 (there have been several revisions since) following interviews she conducted with 200 women about their views on sex, relationships, and violence against women. The interviews began as casual conversations with her friends, who then brought up anecdotes they had heard from other friends. Every monologue in the play somehow relates to the vagina, be it through sex, love, rape, menstruation, mutilation, masturbation, birth, orgasm, the variety of names for the vagina, or simply as a physical aspect of the body. A recurring theme throughout the piece is the vagina as a tool of female empowerment, and the ultimate embodiment of individuality.

Date: February 12, 14 and 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Student Life Center at Vanderbilt University

Tickets: Available at www.ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster locations.

For more information contact Kacy Silverstein at 322-3774 or kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu

COOKIES ON CAMPUS: Junior Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts will be on campus selling cookies in the Sarratt Promenade during lunchtime. The troop is here to learn more about the Vanderbilt campus and will be touring the campus and the Women's Center while here. The troop is selling cookies as a way to increase their knowledge of financial management and entrepreneurship. They use the money to pay for events, programs and trips for their troop. Be sure to have cash or check on you for the cookies! (Note: Girl Scout cookies are no longer made with trans-fat.)

Other information: Please bring cash with you on the 16th to purchase cookies. The Girl Scouts cannot take credit cards or the Vandy card.

Date: February 16; 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Sarratt Promenade; Vanderbilt University

For more information, please contact stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu

WOMEN IN ACADEME SERIES: TAKING CARE OF THE WHOLE YOU

In the constant struggle to balance all that academia requires, women can often put themselves last on the list. At this session we will admit that we need to make time for ourselves and discuss some ways to cope with stress and take better care of

ourselves. Dr. Linda Manning, a clinical psychologist from the Center for Integrative Health at Vanderbilt, will facilitate our discussion and also give us a glimpse into wellness as a whole. This is a brown bag event, so bring your lunch and join us. This series of workshops, co-sponsored by the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, the BRET Office of Career Development, the School of Engineering and the Warren Center for the Humanities, explores issues pertinent to women in the academy and aims to foster dialogue between women in varying locations within the academy. Sessions are open to all Vanderbilt graduate students, professional students, and post-docs.

Date: February 13; 12:10 – 1:30 pm

Location: Black Cultural Center; Vanderbilt University

For more info, please contact stacy.nunnally@vanderbilt.edu. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required.

IMAGE WEEK

For more details, please see the spotlight on page 5.

VANDERBILT OR COMMUNITY EVENTS, SERIES AND PROGRAMS

(Events listed by dates and are included here to help promote the events for our Vanderbilt and community partners. The Women's Center is not an official sponsor or collaborator for these events listed.)

THE CULTURAL ROOTS OF MLK, JR.: FORMATIVE INFLUENCES, PRESENTED BY DR. LEWIS V. BALDWIN,

Noted Author, Professor of Religious Studies & Director of African American Studies at Vanderbilt University.

What makes people like MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BARACK OBAMA and GANDHI great? How were they influenced in their early years to make a difference? Join us as we take a fascinating look at the cultural roots, traditions, teachings and philosophies that shaped MLK, Jr. and explore what led him and others like him to greatness. Registration required.

Date/Time: Feb 2, 9, 16; 6:30—8:30 p.m. each night

Location/Room: Scarritt-Bennett Center Kreitner Room (2nd Floor of Laskey)

Cost: \$40/person; students free with ID & pre-registration. Call (615) 340-7540 or download registration form at www.scarrittbennett.org

REGULAR GROUPS AND MEETINGS

(Groups are listed alphabetically and are all sponsored or co-sponsored by the Women's Center.)

BOOK GROUP

Meets the second Monday of each month; 5:15–6:15 p.m.

What/Who: The book group is open to new members at all times and is for anyone who loves to read.

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Where: The Gallery at the Women's Center, Vanderbilt
For more information, contact Jane Du Bose at jdubose@bellsouth.net or Carmen Gherman at cggherman@yahoo.com.

CREATIVE LIFE PLANNING GROUP

Meets every Tuesday; 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
What/Who: A group for all dedicated to living life intentionally and creatively. Free and open to everyone and is usually attended by women between 40 and 90 years of age.
Where: The Gallery at the Women's Center; Vanderbilt
For more information, call 322-4843.

IMAGE GROUP

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 4 p.m.
Who: Free and open to any students interested in these issues.
What: IMAGE is an organization dedicated to supporting positive body and self-image issues in the Vanderbilt community. It provides a forum for interested community members to advocate the adoption of healthy body-image concepts and the reduction of eating disorders.
Where: Sarratt 208
For more information, contact images@vanderbilt.edu.

L.I.F.E. (Lessons Inspiring Female Empowerment)

Please email us to get meeting dates and times.
Who/What: L.I.F.E. is group dedicated to mentoring young girls and women on a variety of issues important to them. This group works with a group of teen girls in the Nashville community covering topics such as economic empowerment, girls' and women's health, self-esteem, leadership and more. Free and open to any students interested in these issues.
Where: The Gallery at the Women's Center; Vanderbilt
For more information, contact ashley.n.walker@vanderbilt.edu or thelifeproject@vanderbilt.edu

EVERY 2 MINUTES (formerly Men Promoting a Solution)
Meets every other Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.

Who/What: A group of men dedicated to creating awareness about violent crimes against women and eliminating those crimes through social change.
Where: Sarratt 363
For more information, contact tom.rosen@vanderbilt.edu or bryan.adams@vanderbilt.edu

PEER EDUCATORS OF PROJECT SAFE
Meets every Tuesday, 8:00-9:00

Who/What: Peer Educators are students trained to facilitate workshops that promote discussion and encourage understanding of violence against women.
Where: The Gallery at the Women's Center; Vanderbilt
For more information, contact justine.e.chess@vanderbilt.edu or katy.adams@vanderbilt.edu

SUPPORT GROUP
Meets weekly; There are now two groups, see page 2 for details

What/Who: A support group for women who are survivors of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. This group meets weekly at a confidential location; all information shared is kept confidential. For more information, contact kacy.silverstein@vanderbilt.edu or 322-3774.

VANDERBILT FEMINISTS

Meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Who/What: A student group concerned about women's issues on campus, and promoting equality between genders. Open to all students of any gender.
Where: The Gallery at the Women's Center; Vanderbilt
For more information, contact erica.d.santiago@vanderbilt.edu or amy.l.gillard@vanderbilt.edu

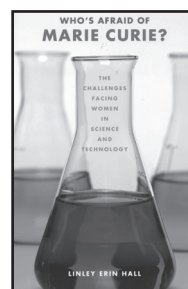
VANDY MOMS

Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
What/Who: Open to all mothers of any age, partnered or single. This is a fun support network that provides advocacy for moms in the Vanderbilt and larger communities and provides programming to inform, empower and enrich.
Join us on February 12th for our annual "Sweets" party. Bring a dessert and a recipe to share.
Where: The Gallery at the Women's Center; Vanderbilt
For more information, contact misa.culley@vanderbilt.edu

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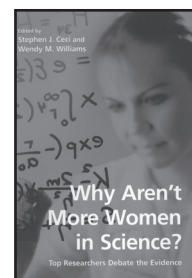
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Soon after Maria's retirement from Vassar in January 1888 she was appointed to a salaried emeritus professorship. She died in Lynn in June 1889. By that time it seemed necessary to emphasize the femininity and domesticity of educated and accomplished women. Decades before such rare women had seemed heroic and not at all threatening or abnormal. Bergland concludes that "The scientific antifeminism of the late nineteenth century belittled, pathologized, and ultimately forgot the Uranian women scientists. It has been left to later generations to remember them."



Among our other recent books on women and science are: *Why Aren't More Women in Science? Top Researchers Debate the Evidence* edited by Stephen J. Ceci & Wendy M. Williams; *Who's Afraid of Marie Curie? The Challenges Facing Women in Science and Technology* by Linley Erin Hall; and

Women in Science: A Social and Cultural History by Ruth Watts.



Community Events and Volunteer Opportunities

NASHVILLE NOW (NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN) meets the 4th Monday of the month at the First Unitarian Universalist Church located at 1808 Woodmont Blvd., Nashville, 37215. Each meeting is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and features networking and refreshments. These meetings are open to members, friends and those seeking more information. For additional details, contact cynthianashnow@aol.com or 615-269-7141.

Nashville CABLE meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information, contact nashvillecable.org

Political Strategist, Donna Brazile, to speak at 2009 Leadership Summit, February 5-7, 2009 at Tulane University in New Orleans

This February 5-7, 2009, Tulane University in New Orleans will host the 2009 Leadership Summit called **Power Lines: Women Transform the Grid**. The summit will feature prominent women such as former Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco, political strategist Donna Brazile, and independent filmmaker Therese Shechter. This second biannual summit takes an interdisciplinary look at the various paths women might take to enter traditional sites of power and leadership. Organized by the Newcomb College Institute, the summit will take place

over two days, February 5-7. To reserve a space, complete the registration online at the Institute's website, www.newcomb.tulane.edu. Inquiries can be sent to edwomen@tulane.edu

3rd Annual National Young Women's Leadership Conference: Campus to Congress March 21 & 22

Join us for the 3rd Annual National Young Women's Leadership Conference: *Campus to Congress* on March 21st & 22nd at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, DC! Activists from across the country will gather for two action-packed days to discuss the issues affecting feminists on your campus and around the world. The conference this year will be followed by a Congressional Day of Action on March 23rd as we take our issues to Capitol Hill.

Registration opens Monday, January 12th. Early bird registration will be \$20 per person with group discounts available! Arrangements have been made for a special block hotel rate of \$114/night for 2 double beds at the Days Inn near the conference site. To book this rate, be sure to tell them you are with the NYWLC. For more information, please refer to the website: www.feministcampus.org



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