

# Center for Women's Global Leadership



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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As the new executive director of the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL), I am thrilled to lead this organization into its next phase of women's human rights advocacy. I began September 1<sup>st</sup> and am thankful for the outpouring of support from CWGL's many constituencies, especially Center staff who have been incredibly helpful during this transition. As a full Professor in the Rutgers Department of Women's and Gender Studies, I have been graciously welcomed by faculty and university administration. I appreciate your confidence in my leadership and look forward to sharing my work and vision for CWGL.

For the last twelve years, I was a professor of economics and international studies at Marymount Manhattan College. I hold a Ph.D. in Economics from Rutgers University and am pleased to be returning to my alma mater. Previously, I was a program officer in the Asia Regional Program of the Ford Foundation. I also serve as the Board Chair of the U.S. Human Rights Network and the treasurer for the board of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City. For almost three decades, I have worked with activists around the world promoting gender and economic justice.

My current project is based on applying human rights norms to evaluate and construct macro economic policy in the U.S. and Mexico. To learn more, please see a sample of my publications at <http://cwgl.rutgers.edu/globalcenter/gcpubs.html>. I would also like to invite you to a welcome reception and panel, *Why MES with Human Rights? Integrating Macro Economic Strategies with Human Rights*, to be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Rutgers University. Please see CWGL's event page for more information, <http://cwgl.rutgers.edu/globalcenter/events.html>.

I look forward to building on the strong foundation CWGL has forged in the global women's human rights movement. Thank you all for your warm welcome and continued support of CWGL. I encourage your participation and input as we move in the new direction of the Center.

Best wishes,

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