

Center for Women's Global Leadership	
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Greetings	
<p>The Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) is pleased to share with you our seventh issue of the quarterly online newsletter. In October, CWGL along with Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action (CREA) and the Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR) convened a successful multigenerational dialogue on leadership in women's movements. In late September, Charlotte Bunch, CWGL's Executive Director, served as a panelist in <i>Taking Stock of Human Rights</i>, hosted by Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative and the New York Society for Ethical Culture. Later that month, CWGL was part of a historic session at the Human Rights Council, see below for more information. On behalf of the <i>Women Won't Wait: End HIV and Violence Against Women</i>. Now, campaign, CWGL demanded the Global Fund to Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria increase resources to address violence against women and HIV&AIDS. Also in September, the Institute for Women's Leadership (IWL), based at Rutgers University, held <i>Celebrating a New Era for Women's Education and Leadership at Rutgers University</i>. CWGL is a participating organization in IWL's consortium and was present for the gala event where Richard McCormick, University President spoke. In October, CWGL hosted a roundtable discussion, <i>Global Sexualities and Women's Human Rights</i>, where Rutgers University faculty and activists from around the world discussed the challenges of working on women's sexual rights in the current political climate and also the relationship between human rights and sexuality. This conversation will continue as a Rutgers project on human rights and sexuality.</p> <p>Best Wishes,</p> <p>Center for Women's Global Leadership</p>	
Highlights	News
<p>Leadership Development CWGL, CREA, and YCSRR hosted <i>Listening to Each Other: a Multigenerational Dialogue on Activism and Women's Rights</i> from September 30 – October 3, 2007. The meeting convened 25 women from various countries and with different experiences within women's rights and human rights movements to talk about challenges and commonalities in movement leadership. Participants, who ranged in age between early 20s and early 60s, discussed issues such as broadening and renewing movements, transitioning from leadership in networks or organizations, <i>co-mentoring</i> and power dynamics across movements and groups. A report of the meeting will be available in coming months. During the meeting, CWGL, CREA and YCSRR held a public event where 75 students, faculty, activists and friends gathered to listen and greet participants. To view photos, click here.</p> <p>CWGL Launches New Defenders Manual With partners from the Defending Women Defending Rights campaign, CWGL launched the new Claiming Rights, Claiming Justice: A Guidebook on Women Human Rights Defenders manual at the UN Human Rights Council in September. Over the last few months, CWGL drafted and edited sections of the publication, particularly those that addressed sexuality. The manual, which was spearheaded by Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, provides analysis, tools and resources, and is designed to be used by activists, as well as human rights and other organizations, to develop or strengthen their capacity to use a defenders framework in their advocacy. The launch featured Cynthia Rothschild of CWGL, as well as Madeleine Rees, from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Sunila Abeyesekera, from IFORM, Chantal Mutamuriza, from the International Service for Human Rights, Michael Tierney, from the Mission of Ireland, and Vebjorn Heines, from the Mission of Norway.</p> <p>Gender Equality Architecture Reform (GEAR) Women's rights advocates continue to press for a stronger gender equality architecture (GEA) within the UN system despite the fact that the 61st General Assembly did not take any action on implementing the Coherence Panel reforms. Activists on a global level are demanding government support for a new women's entity within the UN, and active engagement in the next stages of the process, including discussions on structure and funding. While allies could not secure GA movement on the GEA resolution, many more states are articulating support for the principles of the GEAR campaign (to be launched soon): creating a strong, well-resourced new women's organization that is headed by an Under-Secretary General, and that has a country presence that can deliver meaningful results to women. CWGL and allies recently met with the UN Special Advisor on Gender Issues and staff of the President of the General Assembly to strategize about advocacy leading into the Commission on the Status of Women.</p> <p>Human Rights Council Integrating Gender into the UN Human Rights Council In September, CWGL helped organize a global effort to integrate gender and the human rights of women into all aspects of the new UN Human Rights Council (HRC) at a first of its kind panel on gender integration. Since the HRC's inception, CWGL staff have worked to ensure that gender issues are not ignored in HRC agendas and programming, including in the Universal Periodic Review (the process by which states will review one another's rights records) and in the work of special rapporteurs. Convened by the President of the Council, the panel on gender integration included CWGL Director Charlotte Bunch, the sole civil society speaker, Kyung-wha Kang, the Deputy High Commissioner at UN OHCHR, UN Special Rapporteur Miloon Kothari, UN Special Representative Radhika Coomaraswamy, and Maria Nzomo, Kenya's UN Ambassador. ACPD, ARC, International, DAWN, FAS, Human Rights Watch, IWRAW-AP, and other groups collaborated to create and promote the panel. For Charlotte Bunch's presentation, click here.</p>	<p>Congratulations Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action (CREA) celebrated their 7th anniversary on October 4, 2007. Pramada Menon, Co-founder and Director of Programs and 2001 WGLI grad performed <i>Fat, Feminist and Free</i> in New York to a full audience of colleagues, supporters and friends.</p> <p>16 Days Campaign</p> <div>  <p>16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence</p> <p>25 November- 10 December 2007 Our 2007 Take Action Kit is now available.</p> <p>Please remember to send us information on the events and activities you are planning so we can post them to our website!</p> </div> <p>Resources</p> <p>Building Feminist Movements and Organizations: Global Perspectives Anahi Russo, CWGL's Graduate Assistant, recently co-edited <i>Building Feminist Movements and Organizations: Global Perspectives</i> along with Lydia Alpizar, Executive Director of AWID and 2002 WGLI grad, and Noel D. Payne. It is a groundbreaking collection of essays by activists from all over the world that explores what it means to be an effective women's organization, and what it takes to build the kinds of movements we need to transform women's lives.</p> <p>Claiming Rights, Claiming Justice: A Guidebook on Women Human Rights Defenders The Women Human Rights Defenders Guidebook is aimed at helping women human rights defenders name the specific risks, violations and constraints they face in their work. It is intended to be used by human rights and other organizations to further a gender perspective in the monitoring and documentation of human rights.</p>
In Memoriam	
<p>Bina Srinivasan We are sad to announce that in late August, Bina Srinivasam, a CWGL colleague, passed away. A writer by profession, Bina had great insight and compassion about violence she both witnessed and endured. Many of her articles on women, environment and human rights issues have been published in national newspapers and magazines. Her first book, <i>Negotiating Complexities - A Collection of Feminist Essays</i>, was published in 2007. We mourn the loss of this accomplished and dedicated woman and send our condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.</p> <p>Joyce Warshow Joyce Warshow passed away in early October after a long struggle with cancer. Warshow was a psychologist, activist, educator and filmmaker. Two of her feminist biographical films are particularly well-known: <i>Hand on the Pulse</i>, the poignant story of sexual rights activist, teacher and author Joan Nestle; and <i>Some Ground to Stand On</i>, which features Blue Lunden, a working class activist who, beginning in the 1950s, was involved with lesbian, feminist and anti-nuclear movements. At the time of her death, Warshow was finalizing a film about Charlotte Bunch, CWGL's Founder and Executive Director. She is survived by her long-time partner, Dorothy Sanders, who accepted Warshow's award from Senior Action in a Gay Environment, SAGE, the evening after her passing.</p>	
Upcoming Events	Contribute!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October 25-26, 2007: Gender, War, and Militarism, University of Pennsylvania. ● November 1, 2007 (4:30-6pm): Visiting Global Associate lecture, Wanda Nowicka, Rutgers University. ● November 7, 2007 (1-3pm): New York City Launch of the Yogyakarta Principles, United Nations, NY, NY. ● November 25-December 10, 2007: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign. <p>Click here for a complete list of upcoming events.</p>	<p>CWGL needs your support to continue our work for women's human rights. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to fund our efforts.</p> <p>To support CWGL, please click here.</p>
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<p>The Center for Women's Global Leadership develops and facilitates women's leadership for women's human rights and social justice worldwide. It was founded as a project of Douglass College in 1989 and is a unit of the Institute for Women's Leadership (IWL)—a consortium of seven women's programs at Rutgers University created to study and promote how and why women lead, and to develop programs that prepare women of all ages to lead effectively.</p>	
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