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CWGL Announces New Associate Director

New Brunswick, NJ, February 6, 2012—The Center for Women's Global Leadership is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. Savi Bisnath as the Center's new associate director. Dr. Bisnath has over fifteen years experience working on issues related to violence against women, governance, conflict and economic liberalization and development. Her extensive experience spans programmatic, policy and research oriented work in intergovernmental (ITU, UNDP and UNIFEM), philanthropic (Oak Foundation and the Los Angeles Women's Foundation) and community-based institutions (Rosa Parks Center) in sub-Saharan Africa, south Asia, the Caribbean, North America and the Middle East.

"Dr. Bisnath's expertise working at the local level on issues related to gender violence, analyzing trade and development policies, leading the design of quantitative and qualitative research initiatives, advocating and mobilizing resources for program implementation, and forging alliances with a variety of organizations will greatly enhance CWGL's work in economic and social rights and violence against women," said Dr. Radhika Balakrishnan, CWGL's executive director.

Her publications include *Global Tensions: Challenges and Opportunities in the World Economy*, edited with Lourdes Beneria, Routledge, New York, 2004 and *Gender and Development: Theoretical, Empirical, and Practical Approaches Vols. 1 & 11*, edited with Lourdes Beneria, International Library of Critical Writings in Economics series, Mark Blaug editor, Edward Elgar Press, Cheltenham, 2001. Her many articles and commissioned papers include "Feminist Economics: Contributions to Economic Analysis", with Radhika Balakrishnan in Ben Fine and Alfredo Saad-Filho eds., Economic Companion Series, Edward Elgar Press, Cheltenham, 2012 and "Gender-Aware Post Disaster Needs Assessment", United Nations Cluster Working Group on Early Recovery, UNDP, 2010.

A Trinidad and Tobago native, Dr. Bisnath holds a Doctorate from Cornell University and a B.A. in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Commenting on her appointment, she stated: "I am excited to join the team at the Center for Women's Global Leadership. During this critical moment there is an urgent need to ensure that the gains of yesterday are not eroded and the challenges of today can be faced with resoluteness and adequate resources. I look forward to building on and contributing to the Center's work, with our partners and supporters, to end violence against women and promote economic rights and social justice for all."