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→ Events from Our Members

March 11

**Criminal Justice Concerns in Action: A Tribute to the Work of
Becky Young, Madison**

7:00 PM, Edgewood College. Anderson Auditorium. Sponsored by Money, Education and Prisons (MEP) as part of the Edgewood College Human Issues' Civic Action Week. Pam Oliver, of the University of Wisconsin will report on the work of the Dane County Task Force on Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System. Kit McNally from Benedict Center in Milwaukee, and member of the new Legislative Council's Justice Reinvestment Initiative Oversight Committee, will be discussing Wisconsin's prison growth, crime and recidivism with recommendations for legislative action. Open to all. For more info: Esther Heffernan, at heffern@edgewood.edu or 608-663-2218.

March 24

WCASA & WCADV Joint Lobby Day, Madison

8:30 AM-3:00 PM, Grand Army of the Republic Room, 413 North Capital. Announcing the joint WCASA and WCADV Lobby Day! This is a big budget year-make sure that domestic violence and sexual assault programs are represented in the state budget process! For more info: [WCADV](#)

April 3 and 4

**33rd Annual Wisconsin Women's Studies and 4th Annual LGBTQ
Joint Conference, Madison**

Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon Street. Details forthcoming. To register:



Please consider giving to the Wisconsin Women's Network through Community Shares of Wisconsin's Workplace Giving Campaign. For more information, visit [Community Shares](#) or contact the [WWN office](#).

[Women's Studies Consortium](#).

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[Women's Health and Reproductive Rights](#)

[President Obama Moves to Rescind HHS Rule](#)

The Obama administration indicated that it plans to rescind a health regulation that would drastically hinder women's ability to get reproductive health services, including basic care such as contraception, counseling and information necessary to make decisions about their own health. Under the rule, people only marginally related to providing healthcare and an increased number of medical institutions are allowed to refuse a woman care based on religious or moral beliefs.

[Lawmakers Press for Mothers' Share of U.S. Budget](#)

A bipartisan group of lawmakers has joined calls for more domestic and foreign aid to reduce maternal deaths, which claim 1 in 7 women in the poorest nations. The effort launches as the Obama administration releases its first budget.

[Economic Equity](#)

[Action: Ask Your Senators to Support the Paycheck Fairness Act](#)

The House version of the Paycheck Fairness Act was passed in January, and now it's time for Senate action. The House passed both the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act, but the Senate considered and passed ONLY the Ledbetter legislation.

[In Hard Times, Women's Day Spotlights Money](#)

For this year's International Women's Day some activists in Washington are calling for more investment in women to curb further economic decline. Health, history and antiviolenence campaigns are also on the agenda this whole month.

[Opinion: How the Stimulus Sells Women Short](#)

The legislation focuses on infrastructure projects that are supposed

to result in large-scale job creation. But the fields that will be bolstered are dominated by men. For example, just 2.7 percent of construction laborers, 1.9 percent of carpenters, .5 percent of highway workers, and 1.7 percent of electricians are women. Democratic members of the House, led by Colorado freshman Jared Polis, failed in their effort to include provisions in the law that would have required affirmative action in the hiring for these new positions. And while Obama's plans to expand early childhood care will create jobs for women, those jobs are, notoriously, among the lowest paid in the country.

Women and Criminal Justice

[Incarcerated Women's Abortion Access Limited by Varying Policies and Practices](#)

In a survey of health professionals who provide clinical care in correctional facilities, 68% of respondents indicated that inmates at their facility can obtain "elective" abortions. Eighty-eight percent of this group indicated that their facility provides transportation, but only 54% said they help arrange appointments; the remainder reported that women must schedule the appointment without help from correctional health providers.

Young Women

[Where to Pass the Torch?](#)

As the generation of women whose commitment to abortion was forged in the pre-Roe days, will younger women take their places as leaders in the reproductive justice movement?

International Women

[Obama Creates Post for International Women's Issues](#)

President Obama announced last week the creation of a new foreign policy position designed to tackle global women's issues. Obama named Melanne Vermeer - an aide in Clinton's administration and the co-founder of the women's advocacy group Vital Voices Global Partnership - as ambassador-at-large for international women's issues. She will serve at the State Department under Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The appointment "is unprecedented and reflects the elevated importance of global women's issues to the president and his

entire administration," according to the White House Press Office.

[Iraqi Surveys Start to Unveil the Mental Scars of War, Especially Among Women](#)

Two studies released last week paint a sobering picture of the state of Iraqi women, nearly one fifth of whom now suffer from mental illness.

[An Empire for Poor, Working Women, Guided by a Gandhian Approach](#)

Indian women's activist Ela Bhatt, the founder of India's first women's bank and of over one hundred women-run, Gandhian-style cooperatives, is determined to see the poorest of Indian workers - women - get a stake in the country's swelling and swiftly globalizing economy.

[Afghan Women Slowly Gaining Protection](#)

Since the overthrow of the Taliban in 2001, a more egalitarian notion of women's rights has begun to take hold, founded in the country's new Constitution and promoted by the newly created Ministry of Women's Affairs and a small community of women's advocates. But the problems they are confronting are deeply ingrained in a culture that has been mainly governed by patriarchal tribal laws.

[Fires Are Big Killer of Indian Women](#)

More than 100,000 young women were killed in fires in India in a single year, and many of those deaths were tied to domestic abuse, according to a study recently published in the web edition of The Lancet, a British medical journal. Most victims were 15 to 34 years old.

[U.N. Official Calls for More Female Peacekeepers](#)

The number of women in the U.N.'s peace-keeping forces have risen in the year, but not fast enough, says an official in charge of peacekeeping strategy. "For policing to be effective, it needs to be reflective of the society. Do you know of a society that is 92 percent male?"

Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities

Job Opportunities

Org: Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois

Position: Chief Executive Officer

Description: Reporting to the Council's Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer will bring vision, courage, confidence and character to lead in the development of a unified Council. The successful candidate will lead the integration of the newly formed Council, developing a sense of community and providing leadership to bring seamless service to the membership through and after realignment. The Chief Executive Officer will promote Girl Scout visibility and be an ambassador of Girl Scouting in the communities served by the Council. The ability to instill a sense of belonging, morale and trust with staff and volunteers is paramount. A significant amount of travel is envisioned as challenges are addressed in areas of membership development/ retention, resource development/ management, as well as community relations. This new CEO is expected to start in May 2009 to guide the councils through the process of realignment.

To apply: please email your cover letter and resume, along with salary requirements to: Robert Perodeau, Principal, Evergreen Executive Source, LLC, P.O. Box 412 Haddonfield, NJ 08033-0412, evergreen.source@att.net

Org: Wisconsin Nonprofits Association

Position: Executive Director

Location: Madison

Description: The Executive Director is responsible for the organization's achievement of its mission and financial objectives and reports to the Board of Directors. Responsibilities include: overall organizational leadership and management; Resource Development; Financial management; Nonprofit Sector Representation and Advocacy.

Deadline: 3/13

For more info and to apply: [WNA](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Posted: 7/9/08

Org: Madison SOS (Speak Out, Sister!)

Activity: event-planning, outreach, facilitation, research, design, and more!

Location: various (in Madison)

When: opportunities available weekdays (daytime and evening) and weekend afternoons

Description: Assist this grassroots, teen-led organization in creating a status report on social justice issues affecting Madison high school young women. Volunteers are needed to help plan and facilitate focus groups with teens across the city on these issues; interview girls on issues affecting their lives; distribute and collect surveys; compile and analyze qualitative and quantitative data; and assist with the design and editing of the report. A wide variety of opportunities available!

More info/sign up: Email madisonsos@yahoo.com

For Equality,

Johanna Hatch, Administrator
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