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Message from Executive Director

Hello Friends,

Spring has sprung! We've had an exciting March, celebrated nationally as **Women's History Month**. Please join us in congratulating this year's Women Making History honorees detailed below. On the policy front, we organized a delegation of women, and a man, to speak on women's economic empowerment, Cities for CEDAW, and anti-human trafficking efforts in San Francisco at the NGO Forum as part of the **UN Commission on the Status of Women meetings in New York**. The frigid cold gave way to sunshine and above freezing levels while we were there, making everyone think we brought our California weather with us!

In April, look for some exciting events, including a **free screening of the documentary "Bully"** at the Main Library on April 7 and an opportunity to hear **"How Women Can Solve the Earth's Water Crisis"** at Mills College on April 13. For those who know youth looking for summer jobs, check out the April 11 job fair at Moscone Center, part of the **Mayor Edwin Lee's Summer Jobs+** initiative that was launched in 2012 in response to President Barack Obama's call to invest in youth.

Emily M. Murase, PhD
Executive Director

March Commission Meeting **CANCELLED**

Please join us for our next meeting:
Wednesday, April 22, 2015
4 - 6 pm
City Hall, Room 408

We apologize for any inconveniences.

NGO Committee on the Status of Women 59



Department staff attends CSW 59. From left: Executive Director Emily M. Murase, PhD; Policy Fellow Elizabeth Newman; Policy Fellow Julie Lim; Commission Secretary Iris Wong

The Department participated in NGO CSW 59, and organized the following parallel sessions:

**SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US**

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 11**

10:30 A.M. to 12 P.M.
**A Toolkit to Advance Women in the Workplace:
New Research, Online Tools & Innovative
Policies from San Francisco and Beyond**
ARMENIAN CONVENTION CENTER, B1

12:30 to 2 P.M.
**How to Join the Cities for CEDAW Campaign:
Practical Strategies from San Francisco,
Louisville, Salt Lake City, North Carolina
+ a Social Media Maven**
ARMENIAN CONVENTION CENTER, B1

2:30 to 4 P.M.
**Combining Government, Civil Society, and
Tech to Fight the Hidden Epidemic of Human
Trafficking in San Francisco and Beyond**
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Our Expert Panelists Include:

Noni Allwood, *Principal*, Noni Allwood & Associates
Iris Wong, *Gender Equality Principles Coordinator*, San Francisco Department on the Status of Women
Julie McKay, *Executive Director*, Australian National Committee for UN Women
Bennett Freeman, *Senior Vice President*, Sustainability Research & Policy, Calvert Investments
Julia Parish, *Director*, Healthy Mothers Workplace Coalition
Mary Wardell Ghirarduzzi, PhD, *Vice Provost*, Diversity Engagement & Community Outreach, University of San Francisco

Moderated by **Emily Murase**, PhD, *Executive Director*, San Francisco Department on the Status of Women

Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez, *President*, San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
Beth Dehghan, *Founder and President*, WomenNC, North Carolina Committee for CEDAW / CSW
Mary Sue Barnett, *Leader*, Louisville CEDAW Coalition
Yolanda Francisco-Nez, *Coordinator*, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office of Diversity and Human Rights
Karen Mulhauser, *Chair*, United Nations Association of the USA
Jessica Buchleitner, *Social Media Director*, Women's Intercultural Network

Moderated by **Elizabeth Newman**, *Cities for CEDAW Campaign Organizer*, San Francisco Department on the Status of Women

Emily Murase, *Executive Director*, San Francisco Department on the Status of Women
Antonia Balkanska Lavine, *Coordinator*, San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking
Marnie Webb, *Chief Executive Officer*, Caravan Studios

Moderated by **Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez**, *President*, San Francisco Department on the Status of Women

A Toolkit to Advance Women in the Workplace: New Research, Online Tools & Innovative Policies from San Francisco and Beyond.

Speakers: **Noni Allwood**, Noni Allwood & Associates; **Iris Wong**, San Francisco Department on the Status of Women (SF DOSW); **Julie McKay**, Australian National Committee for UN Women; **Bennett Freeman**, Calvert Investments; **Julia Parish**, Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center; **Dr. Mary Wardell-Ghirarduzzi**, University of San Francisco. Moderated by **Emily M. Murase, PhD**, SF DOSW.

How to Join the Cities for CEDAW Campaign: Practical Strategies from San Francisco, Louisville, Salt Lake City, North Carolina + A Social Media Maven!

Speakers: **Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez**, San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women; **Mary Sue Barnett**, Louisville CEDAW Coalition; **Yolanda Francisco-Nez**, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office of Diversity and Human Rights; **Karen Mulhauser**, UN Association for USA; **Beth Dehghan**, WomenNC; **Jessica Buchleitner**, Women's Intercultural Network. Moderated by **Elizabeth Newman**, SF DOSW.

Combining Government, Civil Society, and the Tech Industry to Fight the Hidden Epidemic of Human Trafficking in San Francisco and Beyond.

Speakers: **Emily M. Murase, PhD**; **Antonia Balkanska Lavine**, San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking; **Marnie Webb**, Caravan Studios.
Moderated by **Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez**.

Thank you to our speakers and to all who attended our panels!

Cities for CEDAW Campaign Update

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women



From left: Policy Fellow Julie Lim; Karen Mulhauser, UNA USA; Policy Fellow Elizabeth Newman; Commission President Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez; Antonia Lavaine, SFCaHT; Emily M. Murase, PhD; Iris Wong; Roberta Guise, AUUW-SF; Dr. Mary Wardell-Ghirarduzzi, USF.

The Cities for CEDAW panel was a huge success!



From top left: Emily M. Murase, PhD; Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez; Iris Wong; Elizabeth Newman; Karen Mulhauser; June Zeitlin, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. From bottom left: Beth Deghgan, WomenNC; Mary Sue Barnett, Louisville CEDAW Coalition; Yolanda Francisco-Nez, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office of Diversity and Human Rights; Jessica Buchleitner, Women's Intercultural Network.

Many cities are reporting progress and plans to introduce the Ordinance in their local governments: Washington D.C., New York, Louisville, Salt Lake City.

But we need communities to demand this change and to push the campaign forward. Please reach out to your local offices today and tell your elected officials why you need CEDAW in your city!

Tell us why you need **#CEDAW** in your city **@Cities4CEDAW!**

[Facebook.com/Cities4CEDAW](https://www.facebook.com/Cities4CEDAW)

[Youtube.com/Cities4CEDAW](https://www.youtube.com/Cities4CEDAW)

[Cities4CEDAW.org](https://www.Cities4CEDAW.org)

FREE "Bully" Documentary Screening



The **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors Campaign** invites you to a FREE Movie Screening of "BULLY"

**Tuesday, April 7, 2015
5 – 7pm
Koret Auditorium, SF Main Library
100 Larkin St, San Francisco, CA 94102**

Reception 7 - 7:30 pm

Over 3.2 million students are victims of bullying each year in the US. "Bully" is a ground breaking documentary that follows five kids and two families who have lost children to suicide, offering a glimpse of the often cruel reality bullied children face.

This is a free event, but RSVP is required:
<http://tinyurl.com/bullyscreening2015>

This event is wheelchair accessible.

The Women in Public Service Project



**Women, Water, and the World:
How Women Can Solve the Earth's Water Crisis**

**Monday, April 13, 2015
Music Building, Jeannik Méquet Littlefield Concert Hall**

9:30am-12:00pm

Founded in 2011 by former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, the **Women in Public Service Project (WPSP)** is focused primarily on training early- to mid-career women from around the world to advance their careers in government and public service as they move their nations forward socially, politically, and economically.

The Project's goal is to have **50% of public service leadership positions around the world held by women by the year 2050.**

Mills College is planning a ten-day institute for emerging women leaders from around the world to be held from April 11—April 20, 2015, in partnership with the U.S. State Department and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Over 300 applicants applied and 30 delegates have been selected, representing 28 countries.

We are excited to have **Keynote Speaker Kristin Hetle, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Advocacy, Civil Society, Communications, and of the Resource Mobilization Division at UN Women.**

Please [RSVP at alumnae.mills.edu/wpspinstitute](http://alumnae.mills.edu/wpspinstitute).

Questions? [Contact wpsp@mills.edu](mailto:wpsp@mills.edu).

Become a Board Member with the Friends of the Commission!



The Friends of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women are currently **seeking non-profit Board Members to raise awareness and raise funds for the Commission and Department on the Status of Women.**

We are seeking **men and women of diverse backgrounds** who want to make a difference on important policy areas of the Commission and Department:

Domestic Violence; Human Trafficking and Gender Equality. You will be joining a dedicated group of passionate professionals that enjoy collaboration, personal & professional growth and truly believe in making a difference.

For more information, please contact: Peg.McAllister@LHH.com
Or [visit www.FriendsCOSW.org](http://www.FriendsCOSW.org).

2015 Women's History Month Honorees

Congratulations to the 2015 Women's History Month Honorees!

Honored by:

Supervisor Scott Wiener – *Sherilyn Adams, Larkin Street Youth Services*
Supervisor Norman Yee – *Erin Clark, Stonestown Family YMCA*
Supervisor David Campos – *Anastacia Powers Cuellar, Brava! For Women in the Arts*
Supervisor Katy Tang – *Cara Cuper, Francis Scott Key Elementary School*
Supervisor Malia Cohen – *Kimberly Ellis, Emerge California*
Supervisor Mark Farrell – *Wanda Holland Greene, Hamlin School*
Supervisor Julie Christensen – *Rita G. Mah, Chinese Newcomers Service Center*
Supervisor John Avalos – *Maria Carolina Morales, Community United Against Violence*
Supervisor London Breed – *Doniece Sandoval, Lava Mae*
Supervisor Jane Kim – *San Francisco Women Against Rape*
Supervisor Eric Mar – *Maria Stokes, Project Open Hand*
Mayor Edwin M. Lee – *Sherilyn Adams, Larkin Street Youth Services*
– *Dr. Priscilla Chan, University of California, San Francisco, Department of Pediatrics*
– *Gail Gilman, Community Housing Partnership*
– *Deborah Peralta, Community Advisory Committee on Special Education*
District Attorney George Gascón – *Chief Wendy Still, Adult Probation Department*

In the News

San Francisco Develops Interagency Protocol to Serve CSEC - Chronicle of Social Change (February 24, 2015). [Click here to read the full article](#).

Upcoming Events

Bully" Documentary Screening

April 7, 2015

5 - 7 pm

San Francisco Main Library, Koret Auditorium
100 Larkin Street

[RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/bullyscreening2015](http://tinyurl.com/bullyscreening2015)

Youth Summer Jobs Fair

April 11, 2015

10 am - 2 pm

Moscone Center South

747 Howard Street

[Register at http://sfsummerjobs.org/youth-resource-fair-april-11th](http://sfsummerjobs.org/youth-resource-fair-april-11th)

**American Association of University Women, San Francisco Branch's
Equal Pay Day Press Conference**

April 14, 2015

1 pm

City Hall Steps

Women in Public Service Project

April 13, 2015

[RSVP at alumnae.mills.edu/wpspinstitute.](http://alumnae.mills.edu/wpspinstitute)

April Commission meeting

April 22, 2015

4 - 6 pm

City Hall, Room 408

It's Time Network Conference

May 1 - 3, 2015

Baltimore Convention Center

[Register at www.itstime2015.com/events/register](http://www.itstime2015.com/events/register)

Questions? Contact Iris Wong at dosw@sfgov.org