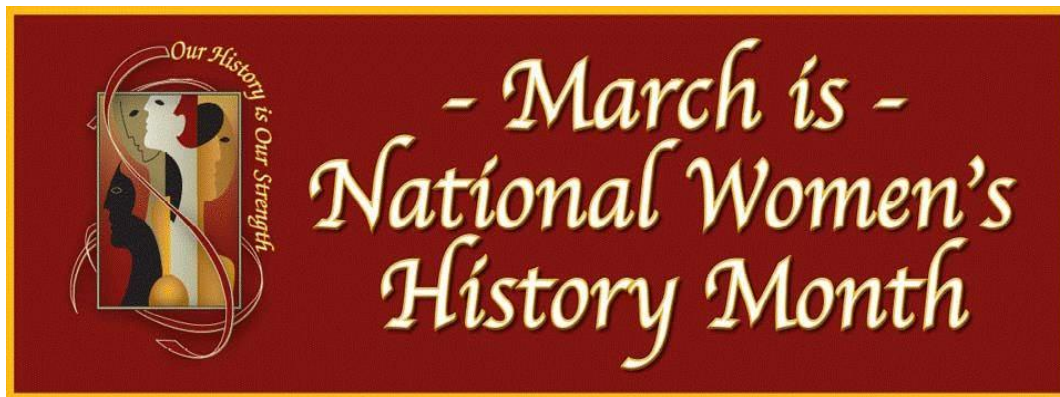


John A. Logan College



Theme: Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business

A Panel Presentation

Date: Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 Noon

Place: John A. Logan College Conference Center, Batteau Room



Women's History Month Celebration

Since the 1980s, March is a time designated to honor and celebrate the achievements and contributions American women have made throughout the history of the United States. This year's theme, "**Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business**," by the National Women's History Project, honors women who are successfully challenging the status quo and championing change for women in the workplace.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the accomplishments of women in our community and their success stories.

AGENDA

Welcome	<i>Dr. Stephanie Hartford Dean of Instruction, John A. Logan College</i>
Opening Remarks	<i>Ms. Melanie Pecord, Vice President for Instruction</i>
A tribute to Trailblazing Women	<i>Jared Fletcher, JALC Freshman Dr. Marilyn Toliver Early Childhood Education Professor, JALC</i>
Introduction of Honorees	<i>Dr. Marilyn Toliver</i>
A Panel Presentation: Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business	
Moderator: <i>Toyin Fox</i>	
Honorees:	
<i>Ms. Cynthia Fligel, CEOwner, Smart Starters, Inc. Carbondale, IL</i>	
<i>Rev. In-Sook Hwang, Pastor, Grace Methodist Church, Carbondale, IL</i>	
<i>Dr. Elizabeth Lewin, Interim Associate Chancellor for Diversity, SIU at Carbondale</i>	
<i>Ms. Heather Reno, Chief of Police, Carterville Police Department</i>	
<i>Ms. Donna Wilson, Southern Region Transition Manager, DCFS Office, Marion, IL</i>	
Closing Remarks	<i>Toyin Fox</i>



Cynthia A. Fligel

Music, band directing, STEM/technology, Ironman Triathlons are all male-dominated areas.

Born and raised in the western suburbs of Chicago, Cynthia Fligel was an entrepreneur from an early age - selling her woven potholders and Girl Scout cookies door-to-door, then becoming a private music teacher at age 12. Cynthia left her professional career as a music performer/theatre director to move to southern Illinois with her daughter, Chiara. Here she utilized her two advanced education degrees and became a band director/music teacher/department chair in Herrin, Goreville, Carbondale and Shawnee Community College, along with founding the Marching Saluki Color Guard/Flag Line at SIUC.

Cynthia is known in Carbondale for her work as a local/national keynote speaker /trainer, retail manager, performing musician, consultant in Corrections, published columnist and former Lead Software Trainer for SchoolCenter.

When she can tear herself away from her two grandsons, Cynthia is now CEOwner of Smart Starters, Inc. which she co-founded in 2011. The focus of her technology training company is introducing young learners - especially girls - to the world of STEM opportunity found in computer science, coding and programming/robots. Most recently Cynthia has added live, online, one-to-one teaching of ESL (English as a Second Language) to children in Beijing, where she is amazed and humbled daily at the calibre of brilliant female Chinese students.

Cynthia's firm belief is that we as women need to earn our place in whatever arena we choose to compete. Once we are at the finish line, our accolades and awards should be equal to every other competitor, no matter gender or race.

Ironman Triathlete

NAEYC (National Assoc. Ed. Young Children) Chapter President/IL State Board
Taking Charge of Change, McCormick Early Childhood Foundation, 2015 Cohort
Ambassador, One Hope United
Advisory Board/Volunteer, Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale
Capital Development Committee, The Women's Center, Carbondale
Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Leadership Training
Past President, Southern Illinois Women's Business Council
Past President, CWU Thrift Shop Board
And..... :-0

Rev. In-Sook Hwang
Pastor, Grace Methodist Church, Carbondale, IL



"I grew up in Seoul, Korea before I came to United States of America in 1981. My home church in Korea nurtured me to be rooted in spiritual disciplines and centered in the life of the church. I experienced the wilderness journey in the new life of USA. I was uprooted, displaced and disoriented. This wilderness journey created a sacred space in my heart to hear God's call and to surrender myself to God's guidance. After I responded to God's call and became a clergy, I became reoriented toward a new spiritual journey as an ordained pastor.

I have been passionate about three areas in my ministry. One is disciple making through short-term and long term Bible studies. The second one is spiritual formation. I was very blessed to complete the Two-Year Academy for Spiritual Formation and contributed to create the Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation in my conference. And the third one is intercultural competency training. I was also involved in creating the intercultural competency training leadership team. I served as District Superintendent which gave me an opportunity to have a balcony view on ministries and mission.

My husband, Bong-Choul, is a retired clergy. My two daughters have grown up as wonderful friends to me. They have given us the most precious gifts, four grandchildren. My husband and I are so blessed to be grand-parents. I love singing in my church choir, enjoy walking outside, reading books and cooking Korean dishes."

My previous leadership includes:

Chairperson of National Association of Korean-American Clergywomen
Chairperson of National Association of Korean-American Pastors who Are Serving Cross-Cultural Appointments
Board member of the General Board of Discipleship
Member of the Mission Council of North-Central Jurisdiction
Member of Leadership Team of Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation
Member of Leadership Team of Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation
Member of Leadership Team of Human Mosaic Project
Associate Director of Connectional Ministries and Congregational Development
District Superintendent of the Iroquois River District of Illinois Great Rivers Conference

Education:

The Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation
The Iliff School of Theology (M. Div.)
Sung Kyun Kwan University, Seoul, Korea (B.A.)

The books I treasure are:

Celebration of Disciplines, the Path to Spiritual Growth by Richard Foster
Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Reaching Out by Henry Nouwen
Sacred Acts, Holy Change by Eric Law



Dr. Elizabeth Lewin
Interim Associate Chancellor for Diversity, SIU, Carbondale

Dr. Elizabeth Lewin became the Southern Illinois University Carbondale's interim associate chancellor for diversity on Oct. 1, 2016.

A Carbondale native, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees from SIU Carbondale, as well as an educational specialist degree in education administration from SIU Edwardsville. She earned her doctorate from the University of Sarasota, Fla.

She was the first African American female superintendent of the Carbondale Elementary School District in 1995, retiring in 2005. Dr. Lewin then taught in SIU Carbondale's College of Education and Human Services for a number of years, preparing future school administrators.

Dr. Lewin's earlier professional career includes becoming the first African American school administrator hired in the Edwardsville Community School District where she served as assistant principal from 1988 to 1993, and then principal of the Edwardsville High School from 1993 to 1995. While living in Edwardsville, she has the distinction of being the first black female elected to the city council.

Dr. Lewin has an extensive list of community involvement. There are far too many to name, but a few include: a term as president for the Rotary Club of Carbondale, membership in Leadership St. Louis, a legislative appointment to the Illinois Arts Council Advisory Task Force, holding several offices with Illinois Women in Educational Leadership, serving on the SIH Community Benefits Cultural Task Force, and work with the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce to charter Leadership Carbondale.

She has local, state, and national level recognitions for her community service; however, she admits that her work with diversity and inclusivity have kept her motivated to serve. Mentoring underrepresented professionals to succeed in the educational and business arena as well as resolving conflict and promoting unity have been a passion of hers for most of her life. She has mentored hundreds of young professionals entering the work force for the first time and she has helped resolve many race-related issues within the schools and communities. While she no longer pursues a career, she continues to pursue her passion of service.



Chief Heather Reno, Carterville Police Department

Chief Reno:

“I have lived in Southern Illinois since 1991, when I enrolled at SIU-C after returning from a deployment to Germany for Operation Desert Storm, where I served as a Military Police Officer for the Illinois Army National Guard. I graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice and was hired by the Carbondale Police Department as a Patrol Officer. Over the course of my 22 year career at Carbondale, I served as the first female Patrol Sergeant and eventually was the first and only female to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. As a Lieutenant, I served both in Patrol and Support Services. I retired as the Support Services Commander in 2015 and took my current position as the Carterville Police Chief. After a long break, I re-enlisted in the National Guard in 2012 and have obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant. I am currently a member of a transportation unit in Carbondale where I serve as a Squad Leader. In addition, I became a licensed Registered Nurse in 2009 and recently obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago.”



Mrs. Donna Wilson

Southern Region Transition Manager, Department of Children & Family Services, Marion, IL

Mrs. Donna Wilson has worked for the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) for 17 years. Her current position is in the Office of Education & Transition Services as the Southern Region Transition Manager. Her responsibilities are to ensure youth in care ages 14-21 in the southern 32 counties have access to the educational, employment, and specialty services. She also monitors contracts that provide services to youth and attends the monthly Youth Advisory Board as a liaison between DCFS and Youth in Care addressing their concerns. She facilitates the annual DCFS Southern Region Youth Summit that provides fun activities and workshops for approximately 150-180 youth.

Prior to this position, her years of service with DCFS were in the Child Protection Division. She worked as a case worker and investigator in Murphysboro, then was promoted to a supervisor of investigative teams in Mt. Vernon, then Marion. She advanced to Child Protection Manager of the East St. Louis Region, supervising five investigative teams in St. Clair and Madison County. Additionally she has worked with child advocacy centers, served on the death review teams and provided child welfare training in private agencies, local schools, colleges and churches.

Mrs. Wilson has also worked for the Department of Corrections (DOC) as a Youth Supervisor in the DOC Harrisburg Facility and as a Resident Counselor at the DOC Adult Transitional Center in Carbondale. She has also worked as a Correctional Officer at the Jackson County Sheriff Department while being a student. She transferred to SIU-Carbondale after completing an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. She holds a BS in Para-legal Studies and a MS in Rehabilitation Counseling.

In 2000 she received an Honorable Discharge from the US Army & Army Reserves for more than 20 years of service. She has been married for 34 years with 5 children and she and her husband have fostered many teens from the surrounding area. She is expecting a set of twin grandsons in April, making her grandchildren count 6. In retirement she will be the Director of her own Children and Family Services.

Thank you for celebrating with us!

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a diverse learning and teaching community committed to improving individual life and society through high-quality, accessible educational programs and engaging learning opportunities.

