

# Association for Faculty Women (AFW)

An organization dedicated to an equitable, collegial environment for all university faculties  
Founded in 1975

**Our mission: to further the professional growth of faculty women, by providing**

- A means to network with other women faculty who share similar interests & concerns
- Career development workshops & speakers
- Representation of women faculty issues to various decision-making entities at WSU



**AFW works with the university administration on policies to:**

- Ensure that women faculty succeed in tenure and promotion
- Increase numbers of women faculty as full professors, chaired professors, department chairs and other key administrators
- Attract, recruit and retain greater numbers of women faculty
- Gain and maintain salary equity for women faculty
- Promote university initiatives such as daycare and family leave that improve working relationships for all faculty



*For more information, please visit  
our website:*

**[www.wsu.edu/afw/](http://www.wsu.edu/afw/)**

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2011-12

## AFW OFFICERS AND CHAIRS 2011-12

### MEMBERSHIP

*Annual dues are \$15 for new members & \$20 for continuing members. Women new to WSU are given a complimentary membership their first year.*

### TO JOIN

*Send the following information along with a check to: Kay Vyhnanek, AFW Treasurer, campus zip 1035.*

**Name:**

**Departmental affiliation:**

**Address (Campus zip preferred):**

**Phone number:**

**Email: (for AFW announcements and ListServ)**

**Amount enclosed:**

August 5	Officers' Retreat Program Development
September 15	Opening Reception and Women in the Arts
October 26	Meeting with President Floyd
November 16	Speakers: Kay Vynanek - Library Saonee Sarker - Work/Life Balance Ursula Mazur - A Discussion with Elizabeth Cowles, Connie Niva and Laura Jennings (Women Regents)
December 1	Holiday Social/ Sam Smith Award
January 17	Update from Provost Bayly
February 15	Meeting with the Deans
March 21	Women's Recognition Luncheon (sponsored by the Commission on the Status of Women)
April 12	Graduate Student Awards Reception
May 8	Wine Tasting/Officer Elections
July 12	Networking Picnic

### President:

Saonee Sarker, Management, Information Systems, and  
Entrepreneurship

### President-Elect:

Erica Austin, Communication

### Past-President:

Julia Pomerenk, Registrar's Office

### Program Chair:

Sheila Converse, Music

### Secretary:

Tori Byington, Graduate School

### Treasurer:

Kay Vyhnanek, Libraries

### Local Arrangements:

Katherine Lovrich, Center for Advising & Career Development  
Samantha Swindell, Psychology

### Web Masters:

Marsha Turnbull, Health & Wellness  
Rebecca Vandevord, WSU-Distance Programs

### Liaison to the Provost:

Laura Hill, Human Development

### Liaison to the EXCELinSE Center:

Nancy Magnuson, Molecular Biosciences

### Liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women:

Jill Griffin, Allen School for Global Animal Health

### Graduate Award Chair:

Nancy Magnuson, Molecular Biosciences

### Sam Smith Leadership Award Chair:

Carol Ivory, Fine Arts

