

The Women's Resource Center Presents:

WOMEN AS *Game*
Changers



9th Annual Women's Leadership Conference

**The Hotel at Auburn University
and Dixon Conference Center**

March 13, 2015

8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



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Letter from the Co-Chairs

Welcome to the 9th Annual Women's Leadership Conference!

Each year, we hold this conference to highlight women's achievements and voices and foster an environment of women's collegiality. The conference is a space for open discussion of the issues and situations that affect the lives of women everywhere. We come together to honor those women who inspire us, to learn from those who can teach us, and to be challenged to look at the world from new perspectives.

This year, the conference has a theme of game changers to celebrate the ways in which women's leadership and actions have changed the world around us. We have invited a variety of speakers who emphasize all aspects of this idea from being literal game changers in Reita Clanton, an Olympic Athlete, to those who help cultivate the young women who will become the game changers of the future. Women are not only changing the game; in many ways, they are dismantling it.

In short, this conference embraces the many different ways that women and women working together can and do change the world. It is our hope that you leave this day feeling recharged and empowered to change the game as you see it.

Let's Change the Game Together!

Amelia Lewis, *Graduate Co-Chair*

Diamond Brown, *Undergraduate Co-Chair*

Program Schedule

8:00 am—8:30 am	Registration and Check-In
8:30 am—9:45 am Ballroom A	Welcome and Opening Panel Diamond Brown, <i>Undergraduate Co-Chair</i> Amelia Lewis, <i>Graduate Co-Chair</i> The Starting Line-Up: Young Women Leaders Program Carol Roberson, <i>Moderator</i> Amy McIntyre, Maddie Haddock, Megan Skipper, Lindsey Henson, Evvie Walker, Sung Mo, <i>Panelists</i> This panel will provide perspectives on the ‘game-changing lessons’ learned by students in the Young Women Leaders Program.
9:45 am—10:15 am	Coffee Break and Informational Showcase Pre-function Foyer
10:15 am—11:00 am	Workshop Session I (<i>Choose one from the following sessions.</i>) "Behind Every Great Man" - Monita Bell (<i>Meeting Room D</i>) "Putting the Pieces Together" - Mary Sandage (<i>Seminar Room</i>) "Queen of the Hill" - Kelley Taylor, Haven Hart, Susan McCallister, Rachael Jones (<i>Governor's Room</i>)
11:15 am—12:00 pm	Workshop Session II (<i>Choose one from the following sessions.</i>) "Next Man Up" - Kathaleen Amendé and Mark Hill (<i>Meeting Room D</i>) "Flawless is Failure" - Anne Conroy, Molly Moore, Shari Black (<i>Seminar Room</i>) "Not Your Usual Suspects" - Andrea Baldwin, Ariel Barasch, Adrienne Duke, Emily Kerzin, Keetje Kuipers (<i>Governor's Room</i>)
12:00 pm	Plated Meal Service Ballroom A
12:30 pm—12:40 pm	Welcome & Recognition of WLC Planning Committee Donna Sollie, <i>Assistant Provost for Women's Initiatives, Director of the Women's Resource Center</i>
12:40—1:00 pm	Women of Distinction Leadership Awards Presentation Joel Pittard, <i>Women's Resource Center Advisory Board Conference and Awards Committee</i> Special Leadership Award Presentation Timothy Boosinger, <i>Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs</i>
1:00 pm—2:00 pm	Keynote Speaker Reita Clanton, <i>Auburn alumna and Olympic athlete and coach</i>

Workshop Sessions

Session I

"Behind Every Great Man"? Women Changing the Game and the World From Beyond the Shadows — Monita Bell

We're all familiar with the old cliché "Behind every great man stands a great woman." This workshop will explore just a few ways in which movements for equality have always been and continue to be led by women, visionaries with the convictions and passions to stand out front, beyond the shadows painted by patriarchy and history books. More importantly, participants will consider the ways in which they themselves can be agents of social change.

Not Your Usual Suspects, Racing & Queering Women's Intersectional Voices: The Real Game Changers — Andrea Baldwin, Ariel Barasch, Adrienne Duke, Emily Kerzin, Keetje Kuipers

Women have fought long and hard to attain leadership positions in the United States in all spheres and disciplines. While some higher offices have still been elusive, and men still hold the majority of leadership positions in society, women are making progress. However, it is problematic in some cases when women of other races, classes, sexualities and other marginalized identities are not taken into consideration. This panel proposes an intersectional approach to women's leadership as a real game changer in women's leadership specifically at Auburn and how this is beneficial.

Putting the Pieces Together: Stress Management — Mary Sandage

Stress affects our lives in many ways. Worrying about academic performance, getting into graduate school, finding the perfect job, paying the bills, and many other factors can contribute to poor sleep, anxiety, depression, weight gain or loss, headaches, etc. Mindfulness-based stress reduction is one practice that can help you change your relationship to stress in your life and have a higher quality of living. This interactive seminar will introduce the attendees to the basics of mindful practice with some application practice as well.

Workshop Sessions

Session II

Next Man Up: Men in Feminism— Kathaleen Amendé & Mark Hill

In this workshop, we'll be exploring the different ways that men have reacted to the feminist movements of the past, and the ways that they can embrace contemporary feminism and their place in it today. By looking at recent incidents in the U.S., we can open a dialogue among women, the men who would be their allies, and men who aren't sure what all this is about in the first place.

Flawless is Failure: Why We Deserve Better From Media — Anne Conroy, Molly Moore, and Shari Black

In this interactive workshop, participants will be exposed to information regarding current media portrayals related to body image research. Participants will then engage in experiential activities related to understanding positive and negative sources of messages related to body image. Finally, we will work to identify and develop ways to empower self and others to engage in positive self-talk!

Queen of the Hill: The Advantage of a Coordinated Approach in Responding to Sexual Misconduct—Kelley Taylor, Haven Hart, Susan McCallister, Rachael Jones

This session will introduce strategies and resources to support survivors and discuss how resources work together on the Auburn campus.

Keynote Speaker



Reita Clanton

Reita Clanton is an Olympic athlete and coach, author, and teacher. She is a member of the Tiger Trail of Auburn, and in 2010 was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. Her career in sports spans three decades and includes being a three sport athlete at Auburn University, a 1984 Olympian in team handball, and an assistant coach for the U.S. handball team in the 1996 Olympics. She has worked for the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America, USA Team Handball, coached basketball and volleyball at the collegiate level, and served as Technical Director of Team Handball for Special Olympics International. She is currently Coordinator of the Performance and Health Optimization Center for Auburn University's School of Kinesiology.

Honors & Distinctions

1977 – U.S. Delegate to the International Olympic Academy

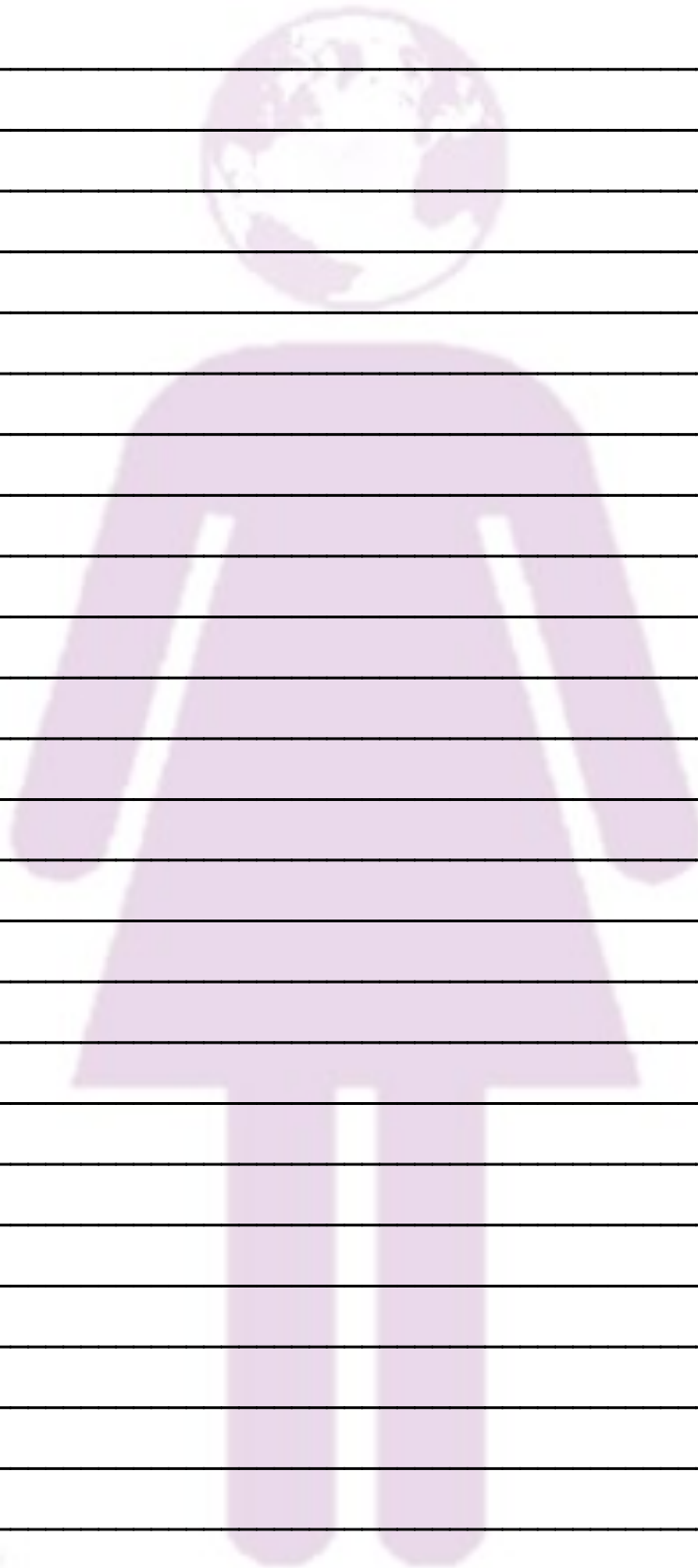
1985 – USOC Sportswoman of the Year- Handball

1992 – Outstanding Alumnus, College of Education, Auburn University

1996 – USOC National Coach of the Year - Handball

1996 – Co-Authored only book on Team Handball written by an American author

Notes



Opening Panel

Lindsey Henson



Lindsey Henson is a senior Auburn University student from Birmingham, AL. She will be graduating in May, earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Human Development and Family Studies. She has served as an Auburn Student Recruiter for the past two years, worked with University Program Council, and is a member of Honors College. She currently works within the Auburn University Admissions and Recruitment Office. Lindsey has had the pleasure of working within Young Women Leaders Program since 2013, serving as both a Big Sister and an undergraduate facilitator. Lindsey works with the ninth grade female students who are Young Women Leaders alumnae.

Maddie Haddock



Maddie Haddock is an Auburn University senior majoring in psychology and minoring in both Women's Studies and Spanish. She is currently the Vice President of the Women's Resource Center's Leadership and Advocacy Council. She also works as an undergraduate facilitator for the Young Women Leadership Program, after having been a Big Sister herself. Maddie enjoys doing research on suicide with Dr. Witte's lab, and is also active with the new campus organization, URGE (Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity). However, her favorite pastime is hanging out with her Little Sister, Emily. She has enjoyed the two years of friendship that would not have been possible without YWLP.

Megan Skipper



Megan Skipper is a junior in Human Development and Family Studies at Auburn. Since her sophomore year, she has been involved with the Young Women Leaders Program as both a Big Sister and an undergraduate facilitator. Her time with the program has provided her with professional and personal skills as well as an outlet to serve the Auburn community. She hopes to pursue a career that mirrors the values of YWLP in the future.

Opening Panel

Amy McIntyre



Amy McIntyre is a graduate student in School Counseling at Auburn University. Currently working as a graduate assistant for the Young Women Leaders Program, Amy got her start in YWLP as a Big Sister during the last year of her undergraduate program at Auburn. Not only did she develop a lifelong friendship with her Little Sister, but she also confirmed the career path that she is on, which is to become a School Counselor. YWLP helped her to grow in so many ways, both personally and professionally. Now in her second year as graduate assistant for

YWLP, she finds the position incredibly rewarding, because she is able to give to others what this program gave to her.

Sung Mo



Sung Mo is a sophomore at Auburn University majoring in Pre-Medicine with a concentration in biomedical sciences. She is from Andalusia, AL, and this is her first year being involved in YWLP as a Big Sister. She has met her soul sister through YWLP, and is very excited to see where YWLP will take her in the future.

Evvie Walker



Evvie Walker is an Auburn University junior, from Tampa, Florida. Evvie is pursuing a major in public relations and a minor in political science with the hopes of attending law school to focus on constitutional law. An ambassador to the Women's Resource Center, Evvie is involved in many extracurricular activities including Delta Zeta, the Public Relations Student Society of America, Auburn's Pre-Law Scholars Program, Mock Trial Competition Team, and the Young Women Leader's Program. In YWLP she is a big sister to a wonderful,

smart and talented 8th grader named Acacia.

Workshop Session Speakers

Kathaleen Amendé



Kathaleen Amendé is an Associate Professor of English and the Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Alabama State University, where she has been teaching for almost ten years in the Department of Languages and Literatures. She received her B.A. from Bryn Mawr College, her M.A. from the University of New Orleans, and her Ph.D. from Tulane University in New Orleans. Her specialties are in American and Southern literature, and she explores these topics in her recent work *Desire and the Divine: Feminine Identity*

in *White Southern Women's Writing*, published through Louisiana State University Press. She has also published numerous articles and book chapters on the Civil Rights Movement, William Faulkner, southern religion, and southern sexuality. Her most recent work studies the post-apocalyptic landscape in southern literature.

Andrea Natasha Baldwin



Andrea Baldwin is an attorney-at-law and transnational feminist who holds a Ph.D. in gender and development studies and an M.S. in international trade policy. Dr. Baldwin is currently attached to the Women's Studies Program at Auburn University where she teaches Introduction to Women's Studies, Men, Masculinities, and Popular Culture Studies, as well as Feminist Theory. She is also one of the co-founders and editors of *Feminist Aliens*, a blog of feminist cyber activists from the Caribbean and South Africa. Her research interests include fat feminist

activism, Caribbean cultural studies, and transnational feminist epistemology, intersectionality and reflexivity in qualitative research.

Monita Bell



Monita K. Bell is a writer and associate editor for the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance project where she also serves as coordinator for the national Mix It Up at Lunch Day program. Prior to her work at the SPLC, she earned her M.A. in English at Auburn University, where she also served as an instructor. She has also taught at Alabama State University. Bell is the author of *Getting Hair "Fixed": Black Power, Transvaluation, and Hair Politics*.

Workshop Session Speakers

Ariel Barasch



Ariel Barasch is a senior at Auburn University on track to receive two degrees in December 2015: a B.A. in English and a B.S. in Natural Resources Management. An avid supporter of LGBT rights, she has been a member of Spectrum: Auburn University's Gay-Straight Alliance since she was a freshmen. Now as a senior, she serves as both the Director of Social Affairs and the President of the organization.

Adrienne Duke



Adrienne Duke is an Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Auburn University, the Adolescent Development Extension Specialist for Alabama's Cooperative Extension System, and an Africana Studies affiliate. She earned an M.A. in Pan-African Studies from the University of Louisville and then went on to earn both an M.S. and Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her research and programmatic efforts are dedicated to fostering positive peer relationships among youth, understanding ways to promote youth voice for youth who are marginalized because of their identities, as well as engaging youth to create a more just society.

Anne Conroy, Molly Moore, and Shari Black



Anne Conroy, Molly Moore, and Shari Black are doctoral students in Counseling Psychology at Auburn University. Each has earned an M.A. in counseling: Anne from Loyola University, Chicago, Molly from Auburn University, and Shari from the University of Minnesota.

All three have completed coursework and presentations related to body image, media portrayal of female bodies, and eating disorders. This dynamic trio also works in various capacities with college students across campus, including AU Career Services, Office of Professional and Career Development, AU Student Counseling Services, and the Health Promotion and Wellness Services.

Workshop Session Speakers

Mark Hill



Mark Hill is an Assistant Professor of English at Alabama State University, where he has created a burgeoning film studies program. An active member of MLA, Film and History, the Society for the Study of Southern Literature, and the PCA/ACA associations, he has published and presented on an array of topics related to contemporary film and comic culture. Currently, he is working on a manuscript on masculinity in American popular media, including the nostalgic definitions of southern masculinity in HBO's *True Detective*.

Emily Kerzin



Emily Kerzin is a third year doctoral student in Counseling Psychology at Auburn University and a Graduate Student Assistant in Auburn's Women's Studies Program. She also works as a graduate clinician at Columbus State University Counseling Center. She's originally from Northern California and came to Auburn from New York University with a B.A. in Social and Cultural Analysis and a minor in Spanish. In Counseling Psychology, she continues to focus her research and clinical work on

relational concerns, multicultural issues, particularly race, ethnicity, and LGBTQ issues, social media, body image, eating behavior, and mindfulness. She has also enjoyed working with the Mosaic Theatre Company, Somos Tigers for Immigrant Justice, Pro-Choice Auburn, and Auburn's Alternative Student Break Program.

Keetje Kuipers



Keetje Kuipers has been the recipient of a number of fellowships, including those from the Vermont Studio Center and the Squaw Valley Community of Writers. In 2007 Keetje completed work on her book, *Beautiful in the Mouth*, which was awarded the 2009 A. Poulin, Jr. Poetry Prize and was published in 2010 by BOA Editions. You can also listen to her read her work—which has been nominated nearly ten years in a row for the Pushcart Prize—at the online audio archive *From the Fishhouse*. Keetje's second book, *The Keys to the Jail*, was published by BOA Editions in the spring of 2014. Keetje was a Wallace Stegner Fellow at Stanford University from 2009-2011, and she was the

Emerging Writer Lecturer at Gettysburg College from 2011-2012. Currently, she is an Assistant Professor at Auburn University.

Workshop Session Speakers

Mary Sandage



Mary J. Sandage, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication Disorders at Auburn University. She earned her M.S. in Speech Language Pathology from The University of Iowa and her Ph.D. in Exercise Science at Auburn University. She has been a clinician for over 22 years, specializing in the assessment and treatment of upper airway and voice disorders, with a particular expertise in treating professional voice. Her current research interests include upper airway thermoregulation and hormonal influences on voice production. She has been a singing teacher for over 20 years and has taught mindfulness-based stress reduction for over 15 years.

Kelley Taylor, Haven Hart, Susan McCallister, Rachael Jones



Kelley Taylor serves as the Title IX Coordinator for Auburn University. Haven Hart is the Director of Student Conduct for Auburn University. Susan McCallister is Associate Director of Auburn University Public Safety, as well as the chair of the Auburn Community Sexual Assault Response Team. Rachael Jones is the Safe Harbor Advocacy Coordinator for Auburn University.

Notes

Women of Distinction Award Recipients

Faculty Awards:

Maria Lujan Auad, 2015
Constance Smith Hendricks, 2014
Anne E. V. Gorden, 2013
Virginia A. Davis, 2012
Marcia Boosinger, 2011
Kimberly Braxton Lloyd &
Cheryl Morgan, 2010
Sharon Gaber, 2009

Staff Awards:

Kim Evans, 2015
Susan McCallister, 2014
Cynthia Channell-Butcher, 2013
Karen L. Veverica, 2012
Barnese Adair-Wallace, 2011
Meredith Jenkins & Kyes Stevens,
2010

Graduate Students:

Burcu Ozden, 2015
Jennifer Duggan, 2014
Amanda Meder, 2013
Emile Ewing, 2012
Felicia Tuggle, 2011
Liz Geare & Cassandra Kirkland,
2010

Undergraduate Students:

Jessica Adams, 2015
Mary-Catherine Anderson, 2014
Melanie Smith, 2013
Erica Brooke Brasfield, 2012
Ashley Nichols, 2011
Erika Gam & Emma Jane Keller, 2010
Whitney Boddie, DeWanna Bonner,
Sherell Hobbs, & Trevesha Jackson,
2009

Alumnae:

Melanie Barstad, 2015
Nelda Lee, 2014
Carol Godfrey, 2013
Lauren Hayes, 2012
Ruthanna Payne, 2011
Kathryn Thornton, 2009

Special Award for Leadership and Inspiration:

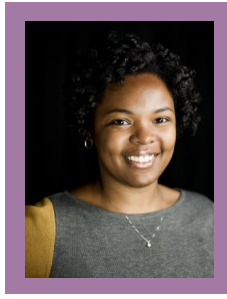
June Henton, 2015
Anne-Katrin Gramberg, 2014
Marie Wooten, 2011
Nell Fortner, 2009

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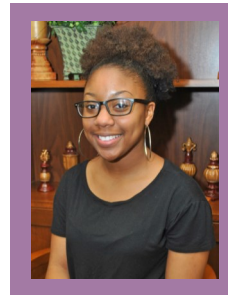
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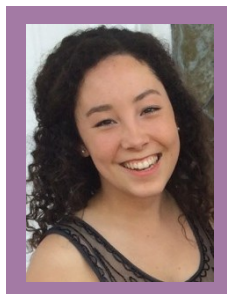
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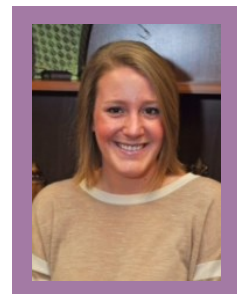
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Vision of the Women's Resource Center

The Women's Resource Center at Auburn University is a vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive center that models collaborations and empowerment in addressing women's concerns. The work of the center makes a significant difference in enhancing the lives of women at Auburn University by improving the environments in which they learn and work and by promoting understanding among Auburn University's diverse communities of women and men. The center is recognized on campus and in the surrounding communities as a leader in addressing and advancing women's concerns.

Mission of the Women's Resource Center

The mission of the Women's Resource Center is to help Auburn University pursue an equitable and supportive campus climate through education, advocacy, and the provision of support services; to provide a variety of opportunities for leadership development and professional growth for all female students, staff, and faculty at Auburn University; and to encourage participation in advocacy for social change that values and promotes equity and diversity.

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Thanks to Marcia Boosinger, Annie Gorden, and Mary-Catherine Anderson, previous award recipients, who participated in the Women of Distinction Awards Review Committee.

About the Women's Resource Center

We would like to thank our Advisory Board for their help and support.

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