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**Lorraine Howell**  
*Instructor, University of Washington’s Foster School of Business*

Lorraine Howell started Media Skills Training in 1998 after 12 years as a television news and talk show producer in the San Francisco Bay Area. She coaches top executives and professionals on how to be more effective speakers for speeches, presentations, and media interviews. Since January 2011, she has been an instructor at the University of Washington’s Foster School of Business in the Technology Management MBA, the Global Executive MBA, and the Executive MBA programs. From 2007-2009 she coached the five finalists in the Forbes.com national Boost Your Business Contest in New York City.

She is a Cum Laude graduate from the University of Washington, Phi Beta Kappa. Lorraine is also a member of the Association for Women in Communications, Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Public Relations Society of America, National Women’s Political Caucus of Washington, and a Washington State Certified OMWBE.

Lorraine received the national Headliner Award in 2009 from the Association for Women in Communications. In October 2012, she was inducted into the UW Department of Communication’s Alumni Hall of Fame.

**Ann Macfarlane**  
*Professional Registered Parliamentarian*

Ann Griffin Macfarlane majored in Russian at the University of California, Santa Cruz and was awarded a Marshall Scholarship to earn a B.A/M.A. degree from Cambridge University, England. She began her career as a diplomat in the U.S. Foreign Service. Fluent in Urdu, she served in Lahore, Pakistan and on the Bangladesh desk of the State Department before becoming the first woman staff assistant in the Near East South Asia Bureau. In that position she supported Henry Kissinger’s shuttle diplomacy in the Middle East and supervised the flow of reporting and memoranda for other hot spots in the region.

Ann settled in Seattle with her family where she became a professional Russian translator and was elected President of the American Translators Association. She then served as Executive Director of the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators. Finding working with nonprofit associations and charities highly rewarding, she developed “Jurassic Parliament” as a way of making Robert’s Rules of Order understandable and enjoyable.

Ann now devotes her time to helping leaders run better meetings and better organizations. Her greatest expertise is in humanizing the rules of meetings and helping people understand how to get the most out of their time working together. Ann is credited with shortening meetings, improving the way they are conducted, promoting fairness, helping streamline organizational process, and increasing the overall efficiency of nonprofit groups and civic bodies.
Sutapa Basu

Director, UW Women’s Center

Sutapa Basu is the Executive Director of the University of Washington Women’s Center and co-chair of its Task Force against Human Trafficking. Under Dr. Basu’s leadership, the UW Women’s Center has grown into the largest university-based women’s center in the country, where women and men work in partnership to build a culture of gender equity. At the UW Women’s Center, she ensures that through an array of educational, professional, and personal support programs, women and girls have access to the resources and information needed to make the best decisions for their future. Dr. Basu and the work of the Women’s Center is grounded in her dedication to empower women to speak out, take leadership roles, and demand equal treatment for women and children.

Dr. Basu’s areas of academic specialization are women in developing economies and international development. She is passionate about women’s human rights and works extensively with women’s groups both locally and in India to promote girls education, gender equality, food security, sustainable development, and social justice. Dr. Basu has been recognized as a national leader and advocate for young immigrant women, particularly those who have been victims of human trafficking abuse. Through her work at the UW Women’s Center, she helped create the first statewide anti-trafficking legislation. Similar legislation has now been implemented in 47 other states. Dr. Basu serves on many boards and committees statewide, and has received several local and national awards for her human rights work.

Heidi Breeze-Harris

Co-founder, One By One

Heidi Breeze-Harris has a degree in Asian Studies and Anthropology. She has studied, worked, and conducted research in Japan, India, Thailand, Nepal, Guatemala, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Tanzania. Her areas of interest are global women’s health, urban design and its role in public and community health, and sustainable leadership in global health settings.

In 2004 Heidi Breeze-Harris co-founded One By One, (www.fightfistula.org), a non-profit dedicated to the elimination of obstetric and traumatic fistula, devastating injuries of childbirth and rape that afflicts the poorest women. As an award-winning public health professional, Ms. Breeze-Harris spent eleven years developing and implementing One By One’s US and African programs. She specializes in grassroots fieldwork designed in partnership with local communities. She has a passion for programming that elevates local leaders for sustained impact.

Her public health work has included advocacy and partnership work with members of the US Congress, numerous UN Agencies, and the UN Foundation. As part of her work to influence policy for women and girls health globally, Heidi has created advocacy programs that teach youth to work with federal legislators on issues of foreign aid for women’s health. Her most recent youth program, Young Global Leaders, has trained over 100 young people and taken them to Washington DC for direct lobbying experience. She also has experience as an artist, graphic designer and installation designer for Dale Chihuly Studio; as an urban designer for Pomegranate Center for Community Innovation and for the City of Kobe, Japan; and as a filmmaker and photographer for One By One. To view some films made for One By One please visit: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC37- h2bhzo-4vVQtIMMMy7lA or search for: 1x1OneByOne on YouTube
Pat Dawson

Pat Dawson is a breast surgeon in the True Family Women’s Cancer Center (True Center) at the Swedish Cancer Institute. She also serves as the Medical Director of the Swedish Cancer Institute Breast Program, the Chief of the Swedish Cancer Institute Breast Surgeons, and the Medical Director of The True Family Women’s Cancer Center.

Pat shares a belief in the importance of women-centered interdisciplinary health care. Those values have carried forward into the True Center. The True Center is made up of health care professionals in many specialties who join together to work as a team to provide women with cancer up to date, compassionate and coordinated care in a supportive setting. In 2004, Pat was named Physician of the Year for the Swedish Hospital system. In 2010 she was selected as “A Woman of Influence” by the Puget Sound Business Journal and one of “100 Pioneering Women in Washington State” by the UW Women’s Center.

Pat, earned a BA in sociology at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania, and received a medical degree from the New Jersey Medical School in Newark. She also holds a doctorate in human and organizational systems from the Fielding Institute in Santa Barbara, CA. Her dissertation topic was the residency experience of Black female general surgeons and has been published in book form by Open Hand Press, entitled: Forged By the Knife – The Experience of Surgical Residency from the Perspective of a Woman of Color. She has completed a three-year training program at the Gestalt Institute of Seattle, and holds a certificate in Diversity Management from NTL.

Pat lives in Seattle with her family. She has two adult children and two grandchildren. Her other interests include social justice, clinical cultural competency, reading, writing, travel, and walking.

Mary Pugh

Mary Pugh is CEO and Chief Investment Officer of Pugh Capital, a company she co-founded in 1991. Pugh Capital specializes in managing fixed income portfolios for institutional clients and currently has $2.9 billion in assets under management. Ms. Pugh chairs the Investment Policy Committee which is responsible for establishing asset allocation and investment strategy for the firm’s products. In her capacity as CIO, she regularly interacts with some of the largest corporate and public pension and endowment funds in the United States.

Ms. Pugh’s vision in founding Pugh Capital was to create a diverse Seattle based asset management firm that clients would view as a trusted partner. She is proud of the clients that the firm has been able to attract and build relationships with and that her vision for ethnic and gender diversity is reflected in Pugh Capital’s talented team of professionals.

Ms. Pugh has a long history of community service. She is a Board member of the Seattle Foundation, where she serves on the Executive Committee and chairs the Investment Committee. She is President
of the Scholarship Fund for Rainier Scholars, chairs the University of Washington’s Presidents’ Minority Community Advisory Committee and is an active member of the Greater Seattle Chapter of the Links.

Past board positions include the Seattle Branch of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, Seattle Academy, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, Washington Mutual Bank, the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA of Greater Seattle and the University of Washington Medical Center.

Ms. Pugh graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in Economics.

**Arden Clise**
*President of Clise Etiquette*

Arden Clise, President of Clise Etiquette, is an expert in the field of etiquette. As a business etiquette speaker, trainer and coach, Arden helps professionals confidently and comfortably navigate business situations.

A popular columnist, Arden has written a regular business etiquette column for the *Puget Sound Business Journal* as well as an award winning newsletter. She has been quoted in several national and international publications including Real Simple Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, China Daily News and The European Weekly.

Arden’s love for business etiquette began when she advised executives and board members in previous jobs on client etiquette, business attire and speaking protocol.

**Deepa Bhandaru**
*Youth Development, Refugee Women’s Alliance*

Deepa Bhandaru is a writer and educator in Seattle. Currently she teaches in a youth development program at the Refugee Women’s Alliance (ReWA) in South Seattle. She holds a PhD in political theory from the University of Washington and has taught courses on freedom, justice, and human rights throughout the Seattle area. Her writing has appeared in The Stranger and The Monarch Review. She is currently working on a collection of short stories.

**Martinelle Cole**
*Director of Professional Development, Davis Wright Tremaine*

Martinelle B. Cole has worked in law firms for over twenty years and she has focused on Attorney Professional Development since 2006. Martinelle has been the Director of Professional Development at Davis Wright Tremaine since 2013. She currently is responsible for firmwide attorney career development, substantive and core skills training, diversity & inclusion, pro bono and staff substantive and core training. She also oversees the firm’s mentoring program, lateral integration, annual associate evaluation process, and conducts other needs assessments for the firm, as needed. Martinelle is an active member of the firm’s Associate Evaluation Committee, Diversity & Inclusion Committee and Pro Bono Committee.

Prior to joining Davis Wright Tremaine, Martinelle held similar positions within Professional Development at WilmerHale’s Boston and West Coast offices where she also administered the upward evaluation process for partners, managed large-scale milestone training programs and oversaw the West Coast Women’s Leadership Initiative. Prior to attending Roger Williams Law School in Rhode
Island, Martinelle worked as a paralegal/office manager at a boutique firm in Washington State and earned her B.A. at the University of Washington, Bothell.

Martinelle is on the Advisory Board of the UW Women’s Center and she is actively involved in the Junior League of Seattle.

**Judith Lonnquist**  
*Keynote*

**Attorney, Law Offices of Judith Lonnquist**

Judith Lonnquist specializes in plaintiffs’ employment and civil rights law, with an occasional foray into traditional labor law and campaign finance law. She is a founder of the Northwest Women’s Law Center and served as National Legal Vice President to the National Organization for Women, and as a member of Washington State’s Gender & Justice Taskforce. Judith is a member of various Bar and legal associations and she served as President of the Washington Employment Lawyers Association, on the WSTLA Board of Governors and on the Executive Committee for the WSBA Litigation Section. She is a graduate of the Trial Lawyers College founded by Gerry Spence. She is a frequent speaker on plaintiff’s employment law and trial and appellate procedure and strategies, and is listed in America’s Best Lawyers, Seattle’s Best Lawyers, and as a “Super Lawyer” by Washington Law and Politics. Judith is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and the University of Chicago Law School.
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**Teresa Mosqueda**  
*Political and Strategic Campaign Director*

Teresa Mosqueda was named WSLC Political and Strategic Campaign Director in May 2015. In this position she advances the council's work developing shared agendas, strategic organizing campaigns (raising wages, naturalization, revenue reform, etc.), and recruiting, training and electing political champions for working people.

Teresa first joined the WSLC as a member of the lobbying team in January 2011, and in May 2013, she began serving as the Government Affairs Director. Teresa has been the council's lead on health care policy and serves as Chair of the Healthy Washington Coalition, the state's largest health care advocacy group. Teresa was appointed by the Governor to represent workers in Washington and the Healthy Washington Coalition on the Health Insurance Exchange Board, where she is former chair of the Exchange Public Policy Committee and a sitting member of the Policy and Audit committees.

Teresa represents the labor council on the Washington State Unemployment Insurance Advisory Committee, the Human Trafficking Task Force, and works with affiliates and community partners on the Stop Wage Theft Coalition and the Farmworker Coalition, and many other policy issues that affect working families.

She grew up in Olympia, received her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington, and a Master of Public Administration degree with a focus in health policy from The Evergreen State College. Her professional experience in advancing health and social justice policies began at Sea Mar Community Health Centers where she served as Latino Senior Program Manager. She went on to work for the Washington State Department of Health as the Legislative and Policy Coordinator for the Community and Family Health Division. She continued her work on health and nutrition policies at the Children’s Alliance as the Health Policy Director, and then as the lobbyist advancing policies to protect children’s health, access to education and food, and against the consequences of poverty. Soon after the passage of federal health care reform law, Teresa went onto work at the Community Health Plan and Community Health Network of Washington as the Health Care Reform Specialist.

**Cindy Domingo**  
*Chief of Staff, King County Councilmember Larry Gossett*

Cindy Domingo has served as Chief of Staff to King County Councilmember Larry Gossett for the last 21 years working on issues dealing with immigration, criminal justice and equity and social justice. She has been a political activist for 40 years serving on a number of local, national and international boards and organizations including National Asian Pacific Women’s Forum, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, International Examiner Newspaper and LELO (Legacy of Leadership, Equality and Organizing).

Cindy began her activism in the 1970's as a student at the University of Washington and in the midst of the struggle to restore democracy in the Philippines then under the rule of dictators Ferdinand and
Imelda Marcos. As a member of the radical organization, KDP, Cindy participated in organizing in the Filipino community.

As a result of the KDP’s work, Cindy’s brother, Silme, was murdered along with KDP activist Gene Viernes in Seattle in 1981. As Chair of the Committee for Justice for Domingo and Viernes, Cindy spent the following ten years leading a successful movement to bring to justice those that were responsible for the murders, including the Marcoses. In a landmark federal civil suit, the Marcoses were held liable for the murders and ordered to pay $15 million to the families of Domingo and Viernes.

Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Washington State Senator

Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles has served in the Washington State Senate since 1995. In addition to her current position as ranking member (former chair) of the Senate Higher Education Committee, Jeanne sits on the Senate Ways & Means and Law & Justice committees, and on the Joint Higher Education Committee, the Washington State Institute for Public Policy Board, and the Committee on Advanced Tuition Payment, and the University of Washington Women’s Center Anti-Trafficking Task Force, and the Education Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. She is a co-chair of NCSL’s Annual Summit to be held in Seattle in August.

Sen. Kohl-Welles holds a Ph.D. in Sociology of Education and M.A. in Sociology from UCLA and a B.A. and M.A. in Education from CSUN. She’s been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Washington since 1985, and was the principal investigator with two U.S. Department of Education-funded research studies on women and girls in school athletics and school-based sexual abuse prevention programs. She serves as an expert witness in Title IX lawsuits.

Jeanne served as Assistant Dean/Coordinator of Women’s Programs at UC Irvine, Educational Equity Specialist for the U. S. Department of Education Region IX assisting school districts in implementing Title IX, and as a consultant for the U.S. Office for Civil Rights in assessing Title IX compliance of high schools. She was co-founder of the California Network of Women in Education, taught sociology and women’s studies courses at CSULB and was a public school teacher.

Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos

Washington State Representative

A community activist for more than 30 years, Sharon Tomiko Santos was first elected to the Washington State House of Representatives in 1998.


Her legislative proposals reflect her strong advocacy for providing quality early learning programs for young kids, ensuring a well-trained educator workforce, and closing the opportunity gap. Rep. Santos believes Washington state must strive for providing education excellence and opportunities for all students to learn.
Outside of education, her key policy interests include civil rights, women’s rights, economic and environmental justice, affordable housing, and quality public education. She believes in providing level playing fields that allow those who work hard to succeed.

Rep. Santos has served on dozens of boards and foundations including the Boys and Girls Clubs of King County, National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum, and the University of Washington Business and Economic Development Program Board of Ambassadors.

She has received numerous awards for her legislative and community work including the Kip Tokuda Community Leadership Award from the Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation and the Leadership and Vision Award from Junior Achievement of Washington.

A graduate of the Evergreen State College and of Northeastern University, Santos has worked in the banking industry, on staff to local public elected officials, and in senior management positions for non-profit organizations.

She resides with her husband, Bob, in the Rainier Beach neighborhood (Seattle) located in one of the nation’s most diverse zip code areas.

**Deputy Mayor Hyeok Kim**

*Political Day*

*Deputy Mayor, City of Seattle*

Hyeok Kim is Deputy Mayor for the City of Seattle, appointed to this position by Mayor Ed Murray in January 2014. As Deputy Mayor she is responsible for helping to promote Mayor Murray’s vision of a just, inclusive and vibrant city through external and community relations.

Before joining the Murray Administration, she was Executive Director for five and a half years of InterIm Community Development Association (InterIm CDA), a nonprofit affordable housing and community development corporation based in Seattle’s Chinatown/International District. Prior to that, she was a senior policy analyst for Speaker of the House Frank Chopp and the House Democratic Caucus in the Washington State Legislature, where she staffed affordable housing, human services, foster care, welfare and workforce development, and early learning issues.

Over the past decade and a half, Deputy Mayor Kim has volunteered extensively in the community and in electoral politics. She is a former Commissioner on President Barack Obama’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (2010-2013), and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Area Foundation. She is also a Marshall Memorial Fellow (2010) and a Casey Fellow through the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Children and Family Fellowship Program (2010-2011).

Deputy Mayor Kim is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York. She was born in Seoul, South Korea, and immigrated with her family to the United States at the age of five. She grew up in the Pacific Northwest where she and her family lived for a number of years in publicly-subsidized housing.

**Jessyn Farrell**

*State Representative, Washington*

Elected in 2012, Representative Jessyn Farrell represents the citizens of the 46th district, which includes Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, and parts of North Seattle. Previously, Jessyn worked as the Executive Director of Transportation Choices Coalition, an organization dedicated to expanding bus, rail, bicycle and pedestrian transportation options. Her biggest accomplishment – bringing together transit and road advocates in support of transportation initiatives that secured billions in transit
funding – is also her top priority in Olympia. An attorney by trade, Jessyn focuses on mediation and most recently worked on youth civic engagement with Seattle City Club.

Jessyn grew up in the Seattle’s Lake City neighborhood and Lake Forest Park, attending local public schools and the University of Washington. As a mother of three young children, she is passionate about Washington’s education system and will advocate strongly for fully funding our kids’ education system, from early learning through higher education. Jessyn is Vice Chair of the House Transportation Committee, and sits on the Environment and Rules Committees.

**Velma Veloria**

*Former Washington State Representative, Co-chair of the UW Women’s Center Human Trafficking Task Force*

Velma Veloria, born in the Philippines, is the first Filipina American to be elected to the Washington State Legislature, serving from 1992 until 2004. Among her many accomplishments in office include the passage of HB1175, which made the State of Washington the first state in the nation to criminalize human trafficking. Linking her concerns of human trafficking to international trade agreements, she authored legislation that created a Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on International Trade Policy in the State Legislature. As a former labor organizer, Ms. Veloria has demonstrated a track record of successfully lobbying for and educating the broader community on important working family issues and in motivating and mentoring a multicultural workforce. In 2009, she launched the Political Empowerment Initiative (PEI) and solicited the help of a friend, Alice Coil, to develop and facilitate political empowerment training sessions. In 2010, she joined the rank of faculty advisers recruiting women to run for office with The 2012 Project housed at Rutgers University’s Center for American Women and Politics. In 2011, Ms. Veloria was recognized by the National Women’s Political Caucus (NWPC) with the Women of Courage Award, which is presented to women from diverse backgrounds that have demonstrated courage by taking a stand to further civil rights and equality and who exemplify women’s leadership. Currently, she serves as co-chair of the University of Washington Women’s Center Human Trafficking Task Force.
THURSDAY, June 25

Norma Timbang  
*Lecturer, University of Washington*

Norma Timbang is one of the co-founders of Asian & Pacific Islander Women’s Center (recently merged into API Chaya) and a community activist. She has served on the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum's national governing board, National Queer Asian & Pacific Islander Alliance steering and conference committees, Violence Against Women Online Resources' board, the Washington State Task Force on Human Trafficking, and the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence's board of directors. She was a co-awardee with the Northwest Network of Solid Ground's Tony Lee Social Justice award, was a 2012 honoree at Seattle's International Women's Day, and was a co-recipient with Velma Veloria and Emma Catague of a City of Seattle proclamation honoring their work against intimate partner violence and human trafficking. Currently, Norma is a lecturer at the University of Washington School of Social Work and has a private mental health therapy practice focusing on impacts of oppression and healing from intimate partner and sexual violence; and exploration of historical trauma. Norma also facilitates workshops and processes on how to identify and address microaggressions and internalized oppression; organizational healing; integration of social justice principles into practice for health, human services, and grassroots community organizations; Motivational Interviewing; and use of psychometric assessments with high risk youth.

Linda Mitchell  
*Being Ready to Run*

After spending 13 years in marketing at Microsoft, Linda Mitchell started her on company leading strategy, fundraising, communication and social media efforts, primarily for women’s campaigns. She has led several political training workshops locally and internationally, worked on many campaigns serving in several capacities. She has recently turned her attention to building relationships between developers and communities on density and land use issues.

Her passion is helping great women candidates get elected to public office and she is the past President of the National Women’s Political Caucus of Washington State and currently serves as the Endorsements Co-chair. She is the past chair of the Seattle Women’s Commission, an advisory group to the Mayor and City Council on issues facing women in Seattle, past chair of the Women’s Funding Alliance, and is a founding member of the board of the Center for Women & Democracy.

Paula Houston  
*Setting the Tone*

CEO, Senior Services

Paula has 20 years as a leader in the non-profit and government health and human services fields. She is committed to improving the health and well-being of communities by ensuring resources are available and by championing philanthropic, advocacy, and volunteer efforts, to advance equity and social justice in policies and systems. Paula has served in many leadership positions for different organizations, including working as the Executive Director for the Meredith Matthews East Madison YMCA and the Client Manager of Carolyn Downs Family Medical Center. In addition to her non-profit
and health work, Paula is a world-class powerlifter. She has won five world championships and 11 national titles in powerlifting.

Pamela Eakes  
*Keynote*  
*Communications and Marketing Strategist*

Pamela Eakes has enjoyed a 20 year career in advertising, worked for EMILY’s List in the founding years, served as Tipper Gore’s Chief of Staff, founded the national nonprofit Mothers Against Violence in America (MAVIA), served as a Senior Advisor to the Clinton-Gore Administration, was elected as a Delegate or Committee member to three National Democratic Conventions for Al Gore, Howard Dean and Hillary Clinton, and now serves on the National Finance Committee to Re-elect President Obama.

The foundation for Pamela’s career in business, as well as, public and civic service, was her decade of experience at Leo Burnett Advertising in Chicago. The fourth largest global consumer package goods agency, Leo Burnett Advertising was considered the foremost training ground in advertising, branding and marketing in the 1970’s. She worked on the multi-million dollars advertising accounts including Keebler, Butterball, Peter Pan, Allstate and new product development. She is proud to say she helped put a small crack in the famous business ‘glass ceiling’ when she became the first executive to have a baby in 1976.

In response to the epidemic of gun violence among children, in 1993, Pamela founded MAVIA, a national nonprofit dedicated to preventing violence by and against children. She became a national spokesperson for the cause in the media, testified before Congress, speaker at the White House Leadership Conference on Youth, Drug Use, and Violence, and worked with elected and business leaders across the country to reduce youth violence.

For her public service efforts she was the recipient of the 2009 Person of the Year award from WA Ceasefire; 2008 PRSA “People’s Choice” Award for Seeds of Compassion; 2004 WA State PTA Friend of Children Award; 2000 President’s Award from the Nat’l Association of School Psychologists; 1999 Woman of Achievement Award from Women in Communications; the 1995 YWCA Isabel Coleman Pierce Community Service Award and other public acknowledgements.

Pamela currently serves on the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America Board, the Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle Children’s Government Relations Committee and was a founding board member of the Northwest African American Museum.

Pamela and her husband, Kenneth, have lived in Seattle for 29 years and have two grown sons.
FRIDAY, June 26

Suzanne Keel-Eckmann
Executive Coach, CEO & Founder, 7 Wise Women Leadership Coaching

Suzanne is an executive coach who works with women leaders in financial and professional service firms as well as in non-profit and higher education organizations. She helps accomplished women set personal goals and navigate career transitions such as promotions, new careers and retirement. She attributes her coaching success to her training, her own leadership experience in professional service firms and her role as a mentor/coach to hundreds of aspiring women.

Suzanne is an “intrapreneur” who found success by boldly going where no man (or woman) had gone before. During her 15 years at Deloitte, she moved from local to regional to national leadership roles by seeking out and taking on new challenges facing the Firm. Among her many roles and accomplishments, she led the national women’s initiative for Deloitte Services and served as national director of corporate responsibility. Suzanne believes if you take responsibility, listen to your heart, and master the art of balance, anything is possible. Since retiring from Deloitte, she has launched her next career as a leadership coach for executive-level women.

Suzanne attended the University of Alabama and Golden Gate University and most recently graduated from the Hudson Institute of Coaching. She is also certified as a Green Belt in Process Excellence and LEED Accredited Professional. She currently serves on the board of a sustainability software company and was a founding board member of a renewable energy heating company. A frequent speaker at national and regional conferences, Suzanne is also a guest lecturer at the University of Washington where she serves on the UW Women’s Center Advisory Board as chair of the NEW Leadership Institute and serves as a mentor to second-year MBA students through Foster School of Business.

Kimberly McKenna
Lead Where You Stand
Executive Director, Center for Family and Community Leadership, The Oceanside Institute

Kimberly McKenna began her career in sales and sales management with AT&T, Sandoz Pharmaceuticals, and Baxter Healthcare. She went on to work for the high tech start up now known as WebMD. Kimberly earned her MS in organization development from Pepperdine University, and moved to Seattle to join Microsoft as an internal OD consultant the month after graduation.

At Microsoft, Kimberly was responsible for executive development and leadership coaching in several large organizations. As execs’ jobs got bigger and their context got more complex, she helped them find ways to scale up their skills and achieve their goals. During this time Kimberly learned--and eventually taught--the leadership model we’ll be working on together.

Kimberly left Microsoft to join the research team of renowned marriage and family researcher Dr. John Gottman at his UW “Love Lab,” and to complete a post-graduate program in family systems therapy at Georgetown. That’s also when she co-founded the Oceanside Institute and began teaching this model to leaders all over the world.
Today Kimberly edits the website evilstepmom.org—a resource for stepfamilies with young adult children. She is active in the Boys’ and Girls Clubs of America where she has trained young adult staff members to deliver a version of this leadership training to teens. Kimberly sits on the steering committee of the InfluenceHer initiative—a group of influential women working to expand the prospects and expectations of girls and young women in King County.

Kimberly has taught at Seattle Pacific University and the University of Washington, and continues to teach leadership worldwide.

Johnna White  
*Start Smart*  
*Program Manager and Administrator of Program Operations, UW Women’s Center*

Johnna White is the Anti-Human Trafficking Program Manager and Administrator of Program Operations at the University of Washington Women’s Center. Her area of interest includes gender equity, violence against women, and human trafficking locally and globally. Her current research project focuses on the interactions human trafficking victims have with health care providers in Washington State and how our health care community can be used to identify and respond to human trafficking. Additionally, Johnna recently traveled to Tunis, Tunisia on a State Department funded fellowship to gather information regarding the status of women pre-and-post revolution and share best practices with government and civil society leaders. Johnna is a certified $tart $mart facilitator and trains young women entering the work force the art of salary negotiation and is a member of the Yoga Behind Bars Board of Directors. Prior to her work with the Women’s Center, Johnna worked in Washington D.C. as a government relations specialist where she supported City and County client’s advocacy initiatives on health & human service, public safety, and transportation issues before Congress and the Executive Branch. She earned her Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the UW Evans School of Public Affairs.
SATURDAY, June 27

Jessica Cafferty  
_Alumnae Panel_

Jessica Cafferty is the Leadership Program Manager for Women’s Funding Alliance, and has a strong background in education and social policy and a history of community service. Jessica holds a BA in Sociology from the University of Washington, and a Master of Public Administration from the Evans School of Public Affairs. Before joining the nonprofit sector, she taught in an inclusive preschool for children of all abilities, which solidified her commitment to equity and social justice. Since leaving the classroom, she has worked in social service and advocacy organizations, focusing on women and families. Jessica serves on the Executive Board of the 32ndDistrict Democrats and NARAL Pro-Choice Washington’s Millennial Advisory Council, and is a former member of the Children’s Campaign Fund Board of Directors. She also co-chairs the 2013 Alene Moris NEW Leadership Institute cohort. Jessica is currently running for Shoreline City Council, Pos. 2. When she’s not working, Jessica enjoys cooking, photography, and exploring the beautiful Pacific Northwest with her husband and Boston Terrier.

Vhonda McElroy  
_Alumnae Panel_

Vhonda McElroy is co-chair for the 2014 Alene Moris Institute cohort. I am a single mother, a black feminist and a strong supporter of women, LGBTQ and POC achieving their dreams through education. I received my Bachelor’s degree from Washington State University in Comparative Ethnic Studies with an emphasis in Women’s Studies. My proudest achievement (besides having my son) was putting on a TEDx conference for my alma mater. I was a highly involved student, activist and community member at WSU. Currently I am a member of the Admissions, Outreach & Recruitment Team of Tacoma Community College where I run the Client Relationship Management System under the direction of my amazing supervisor, Meg Esteep Woolf. I am now involved as an advocate for higher education retention, specifically targeting parents with young children. My biggest piece of advice is to put yourself first and to surround yourself with people who love you for EXACTLY who you are. There is no time like the present to do you!

"Our desire to be free has got to manifest itself in everything we are and do." – Assata Shakur

Christina Xiao  
_Alumnae Panel_

Christina Xiao studied Informatics with a minor in Geography at the University of Washington. She participated in the 2013 NEW Leadership Institute. During the 2014-2015 academic year, served as the President of the Associated Students of the University of Washington. In that role she oversaw student lobbying efforts to local, state, and national levels of government, served as the CEO of the ASUW, and acted as a representative for the UW student body. For the previous two years I worked as the Assistant Director of the Experimental College where I recruited and trained new instructors and managed student staff members. In my college career, I have also been
involved in the UW Honors Program, undergraduate research, social justice organizing, and the technology field. I am originally from Seattle and outside of school, I have worked as a beach lifeguard for the past 5 years. I look forward to meeting everyone and hope you all are enjoying the NEW Leadership program so far!