



**RI Women in Higher Education (RIWHE)
5th Annual Conference**

Friday, April 20, 2007

12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Alger Hall

Rhode Island College

Providence, Rhode Island

Agenda

- 12:00-1:00 Welcome and Luncheon
- 1:00-1:15 Induction of Deborah Smith, director of Municipal and External Affairs, Governor Carcieri's Office, as Honorary Member of RIWHE
- 1:15-1:45 *The Most Valuable Leadership Lessons That I've Learned in Life*
Deborah Smith, director of Municipal and External Affairs, Governor Carcieri's Office
- 1:45-2:30 RIWHE Annual Business Meeting
- Selection of new coordinator and co-coordinator
 - Approval of mission, strategic plan, and implementation plan
 - Next steps
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-3:15 Table-Top Discussions (*see attached bios of table-top leaders*)
- ~ *Budget, Balance, and the Ripple Effects of Executive Decisions*, Ivy Locke, vice president for administration and finance, RIC
 - ~ *Health and Wellness*, Dr. Sheila Frodermann, Providence Wholistic Healthcare
 - ~ *Creating a Family-Friendly Campus*, Helen Mederer, professor and department chair, Sociology/Anthropology, URI
- 3:15-3:45 Table-Top Discussions (*same as above*)
- 3:45-4:00 Recognition of a Philanthropic Organization that has Supported the Advancement of Women in Higher Education
- 4:00 Adjournment

Dr. Sheila M. Frodermann is an honors graduate of National College of Naturopathic Medicine, an accredited four-year resident medical school. She completed her post-doctoral residency in Integrative Family Medicine in Portland, Oregon. She is board certified and holds licenses to practice naturopathic medicine in Connecticut and Oregon. Dr. Frodermann practices integrative clinically-based medicine, utilizing the benefits of Western medical diagnostics complimented by the naturopathic modalities of diet and nutritional counseling, herbal therapies, homeopathy, lifestyle counseling, and the original Bowen Technique body therapy. Practicing with compassion, dedication, and spirit, Dr. Frodermann is committed to improving the health and quality of life of her clients and the community. She offers public lectures about natural healing; topics include home remedies, anxiety & depression, ADHD, allergies, spring cleansing, PMS, menopause options, and more. Dr. Frodermann is the president of the Rhode Island Association of Naturopathic Physicians (RIANP) and a member of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP - www.naturopathic.org). She served as secretary for the board of the Hope Center for Cancer Support for five years. Dr. Frodermann maintains a private practice at Providence Wholistic Healthcare in Providence.

Dr. Ivy Locke joined the Rhode Island College family in January 2006 when she was appointed Vice President for Administration and Finance. She previously served as chief financial officer for Southeast Missouri State University and for Stillman College. She has also worked as a professor of Finance at the Florida State University. She is a certified public accountant and holds an undergraduate degree in accounting from Emory University, an M.B.A. in finance from Washington University and a Ph. D. in finance from the University of Florida. She also attended the Institute of Educational Management at Harvard University. As a newcomer to Rhode Island, Dr. Locke has enjoyed getting acquainted with the diverse communities surrounding Providence. In her spare time, she visits the ocean that surrounds our beautiful state.

Dr. Helen Mederer is currently the chairperson of the Sociology and Anthropology Department at URI. She graduated with a B.A. in sociology from Muhlenberg College in 1976 and subsequently received a Ph.D. in sociology from University of Minnesota in 1982. Her dissertation was on the topic of caring for elderly parents. Professor Mederer arrived at URI in 1984, and her research interests have focused on connections between work and family life. She has done studies of Navy submarine officers' marriages, of division of housework between employed married couples, and a study of marriages where husbands are employed as commercial fishermen. Currently, she is involved in a National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant aimed at recruiting and retaining women in the sciences. In all of these studies, her interest has been on the influence that the structure of employed work has on how people feel about gender and family work.

Deborah Smith is an influential and effective advisor in Governor Carcieri's Administration as his director of External Affairs. She has an extensive background and history of successes in community leadership positions throughout Rhode Island. She is most noted for her outstanding contributions in community relations as a senior vice president in the Corporate Services Group for Old Stone Bank in Providence. She was appointed by former Governor Bruce Sundlun to the Board of Governors for Higher Education, the RI Human Services Investment Council, RI Partnership for Science and Technology, the RI Commission on Criminal Justice and the Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline. Deborah was appointed by Bishops Gelineau and Mulvee to the Stewardship and Development Advisory Board for the Diocese of Providence. She is a graduate and past director of Leadership RI and a past president of the Urban League of RI, to name a few of her accomplishments. She is also a recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Rhode Island and the New England Institute of Technology.