

National Council for Research on Women Announces 2012 *Lifetime and Diversity & Inclusion Awards*

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New York (March 30, 2012) - The National Council for Research on Women (NCRW) announced the recipients who will receive the **2012 Member Center Awards**. The two member centers will be honored formally in June during NCRW's annual conference: *Agenda-Setting 2012 Nationally and Globally: Leveraging Women's Voices* (Georgetown University Conference Center, Washington D.C., June 20-22).

The 2012 NCRW Member Center Awardees include:

- **The Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women at Brown University** - *Lifetime Achievement Award*
- **Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership at Saint Mary's College** - *Diversity and Inclusion Award*

"We are very proud of the *Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women at Brown University* for their thirty-year commitment to cutting-edge research on women and gender and the *Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership at Saint Mary's College* for outstanding efforts to promote an expanded view of diversity," said **Linda Basch**, President of the National Council for Research on Women.

"The two centers selected for awards this year really distinguished themselves in a pool of highly qualified member centers," said NCRW Board Member and Member Center Awards Committee Chair, **Lynda Sagrestano** who is a professor of psychology and Director of the Center for Research on Women at the University of Memphis. "The committee was especially impressed with how each of the awardees demonstrated their commitment to research and advocacy at many levels."

The **2012 NCRW Lifetime Achievement Award** went to the *Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women* at Brown University because of its important impact – not only at the campus level, but local, state, regional, and global levels as well. Throughout its thirty year history, the Pembroke Center has made enormous impact through its innovative research initiatives, and student and postdoctoral fellowships. Pembroke is renowned for its transnational and intersectional view of gender, and its commitment to developing the next generation of feminist scholars.

“The Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women at Brown University is elated to receive the 2012 NCRW *Lifetime Achievement Award* recognizing the Center’s efforts to advance feminist and critical theory. We have a deep commitment to supporting the next generation of scholars through our postdoctoral fellowships, graduate student seminar fellowships, and with our Gender and Sexuality Studies concentration for undergraduates,” said Center Director **Kay Warren**. “This award provides us with a unique opportunity to celebrate our thirty-year history with our fellow member centers and share our accomplishments with wider audiences.”

The Council will present its **2012 Diversity and Inclusion Award** to the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) at Saint Mary’s College. CWIL has made significant efforts to promote diversity on campus through its educational programs such as the Intercultural Leadership Certificate, the Global Education program, its conference on intercultural leadership, and an English language school that serves women from the local community. CWIL has worked to expand the study abroad opportunities offered at Saint Mary’s to include countries in Africa and Asia. Also, the center recently partnered with the Business Administration and Economics Department to develop “SPARK,” an entrepreneurship program for underrepresented and underserved women from the local community. The program provides business education, training, and mentoring.

“It is a great honor that such an esteemed organization as NCRW has recognized the Saint Mary’s College Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) for our creative, passionate, and sustained work towards inclusive excellence. This award affirms Saint Mary’s national leadership role in improving the lives of women and girls, and highlights our success and commitment to the challenging issues of diversity,” said CWIL Director **Elaine Meyer-Lee**.

At NCRW’s annual conference in Washington, D.C., NCRW Board Chair **Lucie Lapovsky** will present the awards consisting of a commemorative plaque with a print from the *Wise Women* series by noted photographer Joyce Tennyson.

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