Advancing Women in Academia

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The impacts of prejudice and bias on leadership advancement in academic institutions will be the focus of Dr. Molly Carnes' talk at the 2009 Women's Health Research Day on Friday (Nov. 13) co-sponsored by the Tulane-Xavier National Center of Excellence in Women's Health.



Dr. Molly Carnes, director of the University of Wisconsin's Center for Women's Health Research, will lead a faculty workshop and give a public talk examining bias in academic leadership. (Photo by Chris Frazee, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

The keynote speech, "Forewarned is Forearmed: An Evidence-Based Approach to Advancing Women in Academia," will be delivered by Carnes, professor of medicine, psychiatry and industrial and systems engineering at the University of Wisconsinâ? "Madison. She is director of the University of Wisconsin's Center for Women's Health Research.

Carnes' presentation, from 9:30â?"10:30 a.m., which is open to the public, will be held in the J. Bennett Johnston Health and Environmental Research Building, 1324 Tulane Ave. She also will present a workshop for faculty on "Breaking the Prejudice Habit through Bias Literacy" from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., also in the J. Bennett Johnston Building. Preregistration is required.

"Carnes is committed to transforming the academic culture to be more welcoming of minorities and women and supportive of their career advancement, and increasing the development of a diverse cadre of future leaders in academic medicine, science and engineering," says Dr. Jeanette H. Magnus, Cecile Usdin Professor in Women's Health and chair of the Department of Community Health Sciences.

From 8:30â?"9:30 a.m. there will be a poster presentation by Tulane faculty working in the fields of sex, gender and women's health.

The research day is sponsored by the Tulane-Xavier National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and the Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health program, funded by the National Institutes of Health. Additional support comes from the Maternal and Child Public Health Leadership Training Program, the Tulane Department of Community Health Sciences and the Mary Amelia Douglas-Whited Community Women's Health Education Center.

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