Anne Evans Estabrook Endows Fund for IWL Leadership Scholars

Speaking from her experiences as a business owner, corporate board member, New Jersey philanthropist, former candidate for the US Senate, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Anne Evans Estabrook gave the 2008 graduating class of IWL Leadership Scholars a wealth of insight and wisdom from a life in leadership. Her advice to “persevere, persevere, persevere” was a valuable lesson for the Leadership Scholars.

As the special guest at the Leadership Scholars graduation, Mrs. Estabrook was celebrated for her many leadership contributions to our state and for her generous support for the IWL Leadership Scholars Program. With an endowment gift of $250,000 to the Institute for Women’s Leadership, Mrs. Estabrook has established the Anne Evans Estabrook Fund for Young Women’s Leadership. This fund is providing annual support for outstanding learning opportunities offered through the Institute, including internships, conferences, mentoring, advising, and skills workshops.

“We are delighted that this endowment will provide annual funding to benefit students,” commented Mary K. Trigg, director of the IWL Leadership Scholars Program.

“This gift helps ensure the continuation of the kinds of experiences that help students turn knowledge into action and prepare them for achievement beyond Rutgers.”

Mrs. Estabrook first learned about the Institute for Women’s Leadership (IWL) when she met our director Mary S. Hartman. At the time, they were both serving on the boards of New Jersey banks. When Estabrook’s daughter Anne Marie Lejnieks joined the Leadership Scholars program, her involvement gave her mother a closer link to the transformative benefits of the program. In Mrs. Estabrook’s words: “IWL is very important to me. It gave Anne Marie the confidence and ability to question and analyze before making a judgment.” Anne Marie is a 2007 Seton Hall Law School graduate and is currently clerking for an Essex County judge.

Mrs. Estabrook is well known throughout the state for her many leadership contributions. She is the chief executive of Elberon Development Co., a family-owned real estate holding company, and is also president of David O. Evans Inc., a property management and construction management company. She has served in numerous leadership roles in the New Jersey business community, including as chair of the N.J. State Chamber of Commerce, the first woman to serve in that role. She has, in addition, chaired the board of E’town Corporation, whose subsidiaries included Elizabethtown Water Company, E’town Properties, and Applied Wastewater Management.

A strong advocate for education, Mrs. Estabrook has served in leadership roles with various institutions including Delbarton School, Cornell University, Rutgers, and Kean University.

The Institute for Women’s Leadership is fortunate to be among the beneficiaries of Mrs. Estabrook’s generosity and proud to administer the new Anne Evans Estabrook Fund for Young Women’s Leadership to benefit IWL Rutgers Leadership Scholars.
Samantha Power Shares Lessons for US Foreign Policy

Addressing a crowd of students, faculty, and diverse community members, Samantha Power, the 2008 Susan and Michael J. Angelides Lecturer, shared her perspectives on world issues and the leadership skills needed in today's global political contexts.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author and journalist spoke about her latest book, *Chasing the Flame: Sergio Vieira de Mello and the Fight to Save the World*. Her passionate and informative talk focused on Vieira de Mello’s great humanitarian work as a United Nations Special Envoy working in the world’s most challenging crisis areas, from Bosnia, Rwanda, and East Timor to Iraq, where he was killed in a suicide bombing.

Power is the Anna Lindh Professor of Practice of Global Leadership and Public Policy at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, and she is a foreign policy columnist at *Time* Magazine. Her previous book, *A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide* was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction in 2003.

Rutgers student and IWL Leadership Scholar Jennifer Kanyamibwa introduced Samantha Power to a full-house at the Busch Campus Center. Kanyamibwa, whose family suffered in the Rwandan genocide, gave special thanks to Power for her inspiring work to inform the world about this tragedy.

In 2004, Michael J. Angelides, a 1974 graduate of Rutgers College, and his wife Susan, established the Susan and Michael J. Angelides Lecture at the Institute for Women’s Leadership with a generous endowment gift to Rutgers. The purpose of the endowment is to bring to campus pathbreaking women leaders from many areas of achievement. The inaugural Angelides lecture was presented by Anne Mulcahy, the Chief Executive Officer of Xerox Corporation. The Angelides and two of their children, Nikki and Nicholas, attended the Samantha Power lecture.

CLASP Project Offers Service and Leadership Learning

From the thrill of Bomba dancing to the sobering testimony of domestic violence survivors, the thirteen undergraduate students participating in the Community Leadership, Action and Service Project (CLASP) this summer explored many facets of what it means to work for social change.

The CLASP experiential learning program was designed and directed by Cynthia Gorman, a PhD student in the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies. The Program offers women students from various majors and colleges at Rutgers University the opportunity to learn about the dynamics of social, economic and political inequality through hands-on work with a community-based organization in New Brunswick. For five weeks, the selected students immerse themselves in the work of an organization and attend a weekly daylong seminar focusing on issues such as leadership, immigration, social justice, and poverty. Internships culminate in the design and presentation of a workshop at the organization based on the students’ research.

This summer CLASP students worked at one of five sites: The Eric B. Chandler Health Center; the Arts Mentoring Against Drugs, Racism and Violence (AMARD) summer camp; Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Community Health Promotions on domestic violence prevention; Young Audiences New Jersey, and the New Jersey Women and Aids Network. Throughout the internship and companion seminar, students reflected on and analyzed their experiences and the work of their host organizations to explore definitions of social change and how individuals and communities become catalysts for change.

Students experienced a mixture of both excitement and discouragement, as they realized that “things are more complex than they seem.” This was keenly felt as they grappled with the “vicious cycle” of poverty. In the internships, learning moments occurred not only with the many successes, but also as students faced difficulties and obstacles presented by collaborative action and community involvement. Students discussed how “you won’t always be able to do exactly what you want,” as well as the need for patience and to “create a space for dialogue” in building community.

CLASP addresses a key educational goal of the Institute for Women’s Leadership by enabling young women to learn by doing and to gain exposure to leadership in all levels of society. Reflecting on key aspects of the program, several students noted that it fostered a deeper connection to New Brunswick and the local residents. Dismantling the campus-community divide, a student added, was “something that the Rutgers University student population should think more about.” Indeed, such substantive, hands-on experiences are in high demand among students.

The Institute is grateful to the generous support of the J. Seward Johnson Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust in providing seed funding for CLASP and for their investment in young women’s leadership development.
Rutgers Delegation Attends Women’s Worlds Conference in Madrid

In July, eleven Rutgers University students attended the 2008 Women’s Worlds Conference at the Complutense University of Madrid, Spain. This international, interdisciplinary event was organized around the theme La Igualdad no es una Utopia—Equality is not a Utopia. According to conference organizers, “One of the main challenges of the new century is, without a doubt, that of attaining equality between men and women in all walks of life while at the same time acknowledging the many diversities that distinguish us.”

The Rutgers delegation joined 3,000 participants from 100 countries to explore, analyze, and debate a wide range of issues concerning gender equality. The conference began with opening ceremonies on July 3 at the Palacio de Congresos in the heart of Madrid. Featured speakers included Egyptian feminist activist Dr. Nawal El Saadawi who gave a stirring talk to the enthusiastic crowd. As part of the six-day conference, Rutgers students led two roundtable discussions at the conference: Feminist Activism: New Generations, New Issues, New Strategies, featuring presentations by Sara Afayee, Corinne Kleinman, Samantha Liu, Christie Irizarry, and Julia Moon; and Young Women’s Political Activism: Local Empowerment, with presentations by Ayana April, Desiree Ficula, Candace Irabli, Kaylin Padovano, Sophonie Joseph and Arwa Ibrahim. Mary K. Trigg and Lisa Hetfield served as the panel moderators and Institute director Mary S. Hartman joined the delegation at the conference.

This outstanding opportunity for student participation in the Women’s World Conference was made possible by Professor Mary Hawkesworth, chair of the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, who recruited the Institute for Women’s Leadership, Office of Undergraduate Education, Douglass Residential College, and Department of Spanish and Portuguese to partner with the Women’s and Gender Studies department to make the experience possible. Students who were selected for the opportunity took a special seminar on comparative feminisms taught by visiting professor Anna Sampiao. Carolina Nunez Puente, a Rutgers visiting scholar from Spain and conference presenter, welcomed the Rutgers delegation, providing a two-day tour of Madrid to launch their visit.

According to Mary Hawkesworth, “This conference provided an exceptional opportunity for Rutgers students to become a part of global feminist activist and academic networks, while deepening their understanding of the challenges women face in the 21st century. The students have documented their experience on film and through the creative use of new media will be able to share highlights of the global gathering with the larger Rutgers community.”

Christie Irizarry, a May graduate of Rutgers, Douglass College, and IWL Leadership Scholar, captured the students’ excitement: “The opportunity to attend and present at the Women’s World Conference in Madrid was a blessing! Our group was a wonderful representation of the diverse community at Rutgers….Together we enjoyed the cultural events of the conference, the local cuisine, and the nightlife in Madrid. I was also able to meet people from different parts of the world—Taiwan, Mexico, Venezuela, Puerto Rico—and hear about their research and/or activism. We shared stories and marveled at the ways we were all affected by the same things even though we lived in different places. I returned with many email addresses and even some books by one of the presenters.”

The next Women’s Worlds Conference will be held in 2011 in Montreal, Canada, and we hope will include another outstanding Rutgers delegation.
Cynthia Gorman Named Mary S. Hartman Doctoral Fellow

It is with great pleasure that the Institute for Women’s Leadership welcomes Cynthia Gorman as the 2008-09 Mary S. Hartman Doctoral Fellow in Women’s and Gender Studies. Cynthia, who received her Bachelors Degree in Political Science from Bates College in Maine and earned her M.A. in Women’s and Gender Studies at Rutgers in 2006, is continuing her education in the Rutgers Women’s and Gender Studies Doctoral Program. Her research interests include immigration and welfare policy as well as feminist approaches to social change and to experiential learning. She has a special interest in linking students to organizations that are working to address political, social, and economic inequalities at the local or state level.

According to Cynthia, her experience as an undergraduate student helped to spark her passion for educating students about social change. “Service learning had a profound impact on my understanding of what social justice means and the possibilities and challenges of working across difference to create change,” she noted.

Cynthia’s commitment to women’s studies and service learning are reflected in her involvement at the Institute for Women’s Leadership. As part of completing her M.A. degree, she worked with Institute staff members, Dr. Mary Trigg and Lisa Hetfield, to study successful service learning program models and to design a summer service learning program which she launched at the Institute. CLASP, the Community, Leadership and Service Project, is now in its third summer under Cynthia’s leadership.

As the new Hartman Fellow, this fall Cynthia is teaching the Social Action Project Seminar for the IWL Leadership Scholars Program. She is also assisting in expanding the global emphasis in the Leadership Scholars curriculum. During the spring semester and next summer, she will continue her leadership of CLASP.

The Mary S. Hartman Doctoral Fellowship in Women’s and Gender Studies was created in 2002 when an anonymous donor planned a bequest of $350,000 to support women’s education and celebrate a remarkable educator—Dr. Mary S. Hartman. This visionary gift inspired a group of donors to contribute funds to enable the Institute and Department of Women’s and Gender Studies to offer the first Mary S. Hartman Doctorate Fellowship in 2005. This year, generous donors have stepped forward to honor Hartman and provide this outstanding opportunity for a Women’s and Gender Studies Ph.D. student. The Institute for Women’s Leadership is especially grateful to contributors whose gifts are supporting the 2008-09 fellowship. To find out about donating to the Mary S. Hartman Doctoral Fellowship in Women’s and Gender Studies or to make a bequest to benefit the Institute, contact Lisa Hetfield at the Institute for Women’s Leadership, 732-932-1463, ext. 649.

The Institute is grateful to the following supporters for generous contributions to the 2008 Mary S. Hartman Doctoral Fellowship in Women’s and Gender Studies:

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Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building - a Decade Later

“Ten years ago, when we officially opened the Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building, we believed that the beautiful new facilities would spark a surge of growth for our fledgling Institute for Women’s Leadership consortium. But we had no idea what an enormous difference the new building would make,” reflected Mary S. Hartman, Institute director.

“By physically bringing together the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, the Center for Women and Work, and the Institute itself in the new building located across the patio from the Institute for Research on Women and the Center for Women’s Global Leadership and within short walking distance to the Center for American Women and Politics, we stimulated a new level of collaboration and excitement for women’s leadership education and research on the Douglass campus,” said Hartman.

According to Hartman, in the decade following the building dedication, the Institute and member units have expanded in every way. As a consortium, the Institute has developed five model programs to examine and advance leadership development throughout women’s life stages. The IWL has also conducted several research initiatives focusing on race and gender equity as well as on professional women’s concepts of work and community.

“Last year we added a new member unit, the Institute for Women and Art, and each of our member units has developed in new directions over the last ten years. In fact, we have now outgrown our current facilities and have plans for expansion!” says Hartman.

In appreciation of our home at 162 Ryders Lane

It was a chilly day in May, 1998, when the Institute for Women’s Leadership joined members of the extended family of the late Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett to dedicate the new building named for Mrs. Crockett at Douglass College, Rutgers. Johnson family members from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, California and Florida came together to support the building and to honor a beloved family member. Many of those involved in IWL remember well the festive gathering, which included three of Mrs. Crockett’s children, Elaine J. Wold, J. Seward Johnson, Jr., and Diana Firestone, as well as Mrs. Crockett’s sister Diana Dill Douglas Darrid, several grandchildren, and her great grand daughter. The crowd of Rutgers faculty, students, staff and friends welcomed Governor Christine Todd Whitman as guest speaker and enthusiastically thanked the Johnson family.

Over the years, visitors to the Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building have included: countless students taking seminars; faculty, staff, community and political leaders attending conferences and meetings; and international scholars and human rights activists as well as a wide range of non-profit and business and professional leaders who attend programs, workshops and special events. Without fail, first-time visitors are impressed by the beautiful and welcoming facilities. Many pause in the lobby to admire the elegant oil painting of Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett which was a gift from Elaine J. Wold and her husband the late Dr. Keith C. Wold.

“With each passing year, we are reminded of what a great resource the building continues to be for our work,” says Hartman. “We are deeply grateful for the generosity of Johnson family members and for the leadership of Gretchen and Jim Johnson who understood from the very beginning the potential of the Institute to advance women’s leadership contributions.”

The Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building is the site for lectures, seminars, faculty and staff meetings, conferences, and countless informal gatherings.

About Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett

Ruth Dill was born in Bermuda in 1903, the first child of Ruth Neilson and Thomas Dill. She was later joined by three brothers and eventually by her sisters Frances and Diana, twelve and sixteen years her junior. According to Ruth’s memoir, “Three Lives in One,” the children thrived on their active, outdoor life in Bermuda. Her maternal grandparents had their roots in New Brunswick and Perth Amboy, New Jersey, so Ruth enjoyed a long connection to our state. Both Bayard Street and Neilson Street in New Brunswick are named for Ruth’s ancestors. When it was time for her to attend high school, she left Bermuda to enroll at St. Mary’s Hall, an Episcopal Boarding School in Burlington, N.J.

James Neilson, owner of Wool Lawn mansion, now home to the Rutgers Eagleton Institute of Politics, was among Ruth’s many American relatives, and she later recalled with great pleasure her visits in New Brunswick. In fact, it was through her cousin James that she met Seward Johnson of the Johnson & Johnson pharmaceutical company, whom she eventually married. Seward and Ruth had four children, spending their time both in New Jersey and Bermuda. After Ruth’s divorce and marriage to Philip Crockett, she attended Douglass College, then the New Jersey College for Women. She majored in Spanish and in 1946 was among the first non-traditional age women to graduate from the college.

Beloved by her family and friends, Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett was an active member of the New Brunswick community. At the dedication of the building named in her honor, her sister Diana commented, “Ruth had a genius for living life to the fullest. I know she’d be thrilled with this building and its potential for opening opportunities for women.”

All of us associated with the Institute for Women’s Leadership and our seven member units are proud to be part of Ruth’s legacy and look forward to the next decade of growth and deepening opportunities for women’s leadership education and research.
**Women Ready To Make a Difference!**

Thirteen women came together at the Institute for Women’s Leadership in June with a powerful mission: to begin planning the next stage of their lives.

They participated in a specially-designed five-day session, “Life\Work Design™ for Women Ready to Make a Difference,” primarily targeted to women leaders of the baby boomer generation who are approaching retirement or a major life change. These women realize that now is the time to start thinking about what comes next … and how to make the next stage of their lives – whether retirement, career move, or new life direction – both enjoyable and effective.

The program was led by Nella G. Barkley, co-founder and CEO of the Crystal-Barkley Corporation, a consultant to major organizations and coach to countless individuals. Crystal-Barkley Corporation enables people and the organizations they serve to discover and utilize the full range of their potential.

This specially-designed program “For Women Ready to Make a Difference” was the brainchild of Sandy Parker, Douglass College ’75, former VP and Treasurer of the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation, who is a two-time participant in Crystal-Barkley Life\Work Design™ Programs.

The IWL, Sandy and Nella share the belief that baby boomer women represent a powerful force for social change in the next stage of their lives. They believe that “Life\Work Design™ for Women Ready to Make a Difference” can prepare women leaders for that role by helping them rediscover their passions and learn to combine them with their unique skills to create a lifestyle that works for them while at the same time effecting positive social change.

With that goal in mind, this first “Life\Work Design™ for Women Ready to Make a Difference” was a huge success.

Nella, who led the group, was immediately struck by how incredibly overworked this group of women seemed to be. Each was accomplished in her own way but also seemed to work all the time. This meant that strategies to get “worklife” under control and “have a life” outside of work became the first order of business. That fact notwithstanding, they were able simultaneously to focus on long-term desires and even long-held, but perhaps buried, dreams. Virtually all have a desire to have led a meaningful life — to have left this earth better for having been here.

Life\Work Design™ is a process which, if followed step-by-step, dramatically increases the chances that desired scenarios will be achieved. On day one, these women delved into what were their unique skills, drawing from individual experiences and, with the help of everyone present, coming to appreciate the rich abundance of what they have to offer.

The program, which consists of an intensive five-day group experience followed by at least five hours of individual one-on-one coaching, will be offered again from June 1 through June 5, 2009, at the Institute for Women’s Leadership in New Brunswick. To register or for more information, call Crystal-Barkley at 800-333-9003 or contact Sandy Parker at sparker101@gmail.com.

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**Merck Joins WINGS Program**

Merck & Co., Inc. has joined in sponsorship of WINGS, a college-to-career mentoring program co-sponsored by the Rutgers Center for Women and Work and Institute for Women’s Leadership. The program, which features long-time WINGS corporate partners Deloitte, Wachovia Bank, and Johnson & Johnson, pairs Rutgers undergraduate women with successful executives from the participating corporations in a structured mentoring program.

“WINGS is a valuable experience for students to learn from experienced business women about making the transition from college to a successful career,” reported Connie Ellis, Corporate Programs Director for the Institute and Center for Women and Work.

“What makes this program exceptional is the commitment of senior women to give their time and talent to help the next generation of women leaders. We are delighted that Merck has come on board and will focus on mentoring women students in the sciences,” she said.

Jeanne Stahl, co-chair of the Women’s Global Constituency Group at Merck, is the company liaison to WINGS. She has identified a diverse group of enthusiastic Merck women who will be paired with eight Rutgers students for the nine-month mentoring initiative. In addition to getting guidance on resumes, job interviews, and scientific career paths, the students will benefit from a firsthand view of activities at Merck involving their mentors. Merck & Co., Inc. is a global research-driven pharmaceutical company with headquarters in Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, and a major manufacturing center in Rahway.

“We are pleased to join in this important program and look forward to playing a role in support of the success of future women scientists,” said Stahl.
The Institute welcomes new staff…

Sasha Taner, joined the IWL in the Spring of 2008 as an Institute Associate, working specifically on the Leadership Scholars Certificate Program. She graduated from Rutgers with honors and a degree in Middle Eastern Studies in 2001. Sasha then went on to receive her M.S from the Rutgers Graduate School in Global Affairs focusing on human rights and global issues that pertain to women. She has worked for over six years in the field of education, in the community over seven years advocating for survivors of domestic violence, and as the Program Assistant for the IWL High School Leadership Program for two years. Sasha is also an alumna of the IWL Leadership Scholars Program.

Gail Kubicke, joined the IWL as the Department Administrator, replacing Pat Dooley who retired in January. Prior to coming to the Institute, Gail enjoyed sixteen years working with the students and staff at Douglass College. She began her Douglass career working at the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College, followed by several years working with the Douglass Scholars Program, before moving to College Hall where she worked for the Office of Global Programs and Mission Programs. A life-long advocate for women’s leadership, Gail is delighted to now be an integral part of the IWL team.

Special congratulations to . . .

Mary K. Trigg has accepted a new role at Rutgers as Associate Professor in the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies with half time in administration at the Institute for Women’s Leadership. Dr. Trigg has served as Director of Leadership Programs and Research at the Institute and previously at both the IWL and the Center for Women and Work, for the past ten years. The promotion to faculty builds on Mary’s extraordinary contributions to students as teacher, advisor, and the co-founder and director of the IWL Leadership Scholars Program. Mary holds a PhD from Brown University in American Civilization and has a teaching and research focus on twentieth century American women’s history. She has published several articles in the field as well as on her programmatic work on women’s leadership. The new position provides Mary with an exciting opportunity to combine her interests in scholarly research as a faculty member and her love for administration and program development.

In the spotlight . . .

Mary S. Hartman was the keynote speaker at the Canadian Committee on Women’s History on June 3, at the annual meeting of the Canadian Historical Association in Vancouver. At that meeting there was also a roundtable session devoted to Hartman’s book, The Household and the Making of History: A Subversive View of the Western Past (Cambridge University Press, 2004), and she commented on the four papers presented. In addition, Mary Hartman and her former Douglass College colleague, Lois Banner, now at the University of Southern California, were honored at the Berkshire Conference on Women’s History at the University of Minnesota for their leadership in co-founding the Conference 35 years ago at Douglass College of Rutgers. In addition, in July, 2008, Hartman assumed the Presidency of the Executive Women of New Jersey, an organization founded in 1980 to advance women in business, the professions, and government that has given over $875,000 in scholarships to New Jersey women enrolled in graduate programs in the state.

IWL Consortium Member News

Charlotte Bunch was awarded an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of Connecticut for her work on human rights and social justice. As Executive Director of the Rutgers Center for Women’s Global Leadership, Charlotte has long been a leader in the struggle for women’s rights as human rights. She is Board of Governors Distinguished Professor and Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies at Rutgers. In awarding her an honorary degree, the University of Connecticut has singled her out as a “true citizen of the international community” whose work with the United Nations and many public and private organizations around the world has furthered the cause of equity and justice.

Ferris Olin, co-director, Institute for Women and Art, received the The Art to Life Award given by A.I.R. Gallery and “Art and living Magazine” last March for her career-long passion for and commitment to advancing the status of women artists. The following month Olin was also a recipient of the 2008 Alice Paul Equality Award, given to five outstanding individuals representing different fields of endeavor, who have contributed significantly to the advancement of equality for women in New Jersey and the Delaware Valley. In May, Ferris was awarded the 2008 Douglass Medal from the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College and Douglass College for outstanding service to the Douglass College community.

Judith K. Brodsky, professor emerita and co-director, Institute for Women and Art, received The Art to Life Award in recognition of her tremendous efforts in advancing the careers of women artists through curated exhibitions, publications, and her leadership in a number of significant women’s and arts organizations. In May, Judy was awarded an honorary degree from Monmouth University for her outstanding contributions to women in the arts.

Dorothy Hodgson has completed her first year as Director of the Institute for Research on Women (IRW). Under her direction the IRW has received $40,000 from the Academic Excellence Fund as seed money for its Global Scholars program. Her long term goals as the IRW Director are to expand the Institute’s interdisciplinary partnerships and to develop more programs that involve a range of multinational perspectives. Professor Hodgson is the first social scientist to lead the IRW. She teaches for the departments of Anthropology, Women’s and Gender Studies, and for the Center for African Studies. Her
field work experiences include working as an historical anthropologist in Tanzania and East Africa, examining issues such as cultural politics, gender, ethnicity, and transnational organizing. Hodgson received her B.A. in English with Distinction from the University of Virginia and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Michigan.

Harriet Davidson, has been named the Interim Dean of Douglass Residential College and the Douglass campus. Dean Davidson is a Professor in the Women's and Gender Studies Department, the English Department, and in the Program in Comparative Literature. She started her career at Rutgers as an Assistant Professor in 1984 and has been an active member of the Douglass community throughout the years. She chaired the Women's and Gender Studies Department leading its transition from a program to a department with a Ph.D. program. Professor Davidson received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and continued her education by earning her M.A. and Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in English.

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