

Women's Leadership Center Newsletter

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the Women's Leadership Center. We are here to provide high quality, personalized and practical leadership education for women students to promote confidence, efficacy and effectiveness.

All students, Men, Women, Undergraduate, Graduate, Queer, Straight, traditional, non-traditional, International, Domestic, Christian, Muslim, and other identity groups are all encouraged to participate.

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Staff Spotlight:

Sarah Rozard

She is the Women's Leadership Center Graduate Assistant and a Mental Health Counseling student.

"I believe that **feminism** is life affirming of all people, gendered, sexed, and the entire spectrum. I seek to have integrity, faith, prayer, love, and simplicity guide my life. When I am **open** to my faith and prayer, I know that peaceful relations is what I need as a human, and what we need as communities and states. I have found that treating people lovingly and with respect builds trust, and that trust leads to cooperation. To fully **affirm life** I am also called to **openly oppose patriarchy**, war, redemptive violence, and other life threatening systems or behaviors."

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Staff Spotlight: Meredith Laubert

"To be a feminist means to advocate for women's equality by taking any action possible whether it be in school, town or the world."

Our intern **Meredith Laubert** is a sophomore materials engineering student. She coordinates the **Gary Horowitz Leadership Program** and other special projects.

"I absolutely **love** the Judson Leadership Center! I started off getting involved with the **ELEAD** program my first year here. From there I joined the **Gary Horowitz Leadership Development Program**. I **enjoyed** what the Center offered so much that I now go to workshops just for **fun**. These are some reasons why I wanted to work here. Now that I do, I spread the word of what a **wonderful** place this is while **learning and growing as a leader** and person.





Taryn during her Alfred University days...

Authentic Alumni: Taryn McCabe, Artist

Taryn O. McCabe graduated from Alfred University in 2002 with her BA in Fine Arts and her MFA from San Francisco State University in 2010.

Are you a feminist? YES! Absolutely.

What does feminism mean to you? I understand Feminism to have come about because of the inequalities that existed between men and women. I don't believe that those inequalities are gone. Being a feminist means that I **support women** and women's rights. I think it is important to point out that by supporting equal rights for women, I also **support men**. Equal rights does not mean better, it means **equal**.

What work are you doing now? I am a designer and a maker for an online company called Beaducation.com. I am **in charge** of the DIY Projects on the site. I heard on NPR a while back that we are finally at a place where men and women are being offered equal pay (really?) but that stereotypically men will negotiate pay, and women hardly ever do. This discrepancy equates to hundreds of thousands of dollars over a person's lifetime because your raises are based on a percentage of your pay, every year or term. I think that, if indeed we are all being offered the same pay, then we are getting somewhere, but now **we have to work in new ways, to train women to be more discerning about their worth**. Women do not have to

take whatever is given, we should be confident asking what we know we are worth. Unless of course, we believe we are worth less, and then that's what we should be working on.

Are there benefits in your work to being a woman? It's hard to say. I love the company I work for. It is comprised of 14 women and 2 men. I guess it is a benefit to be part of the majority. I like that.

Do you face any challenges with work because you are a woman? Not at all, our CEO is a woman, general manager is a woman, and head of marketing is a woman. I found a great working environment. I was looking for it for a while and I am happy that I finally found it.

Taryn today...



Her leather jewelry

Upcoming Events

October 19 AAUW NYS District 2 **conference**

October 23 6:30—7:30 Conversation about *The Act of Killing*, at JLC

October 30 6:30—7:30 Don't Vomit: Tips for a Good Public Speech with AU student Jalyn Jones

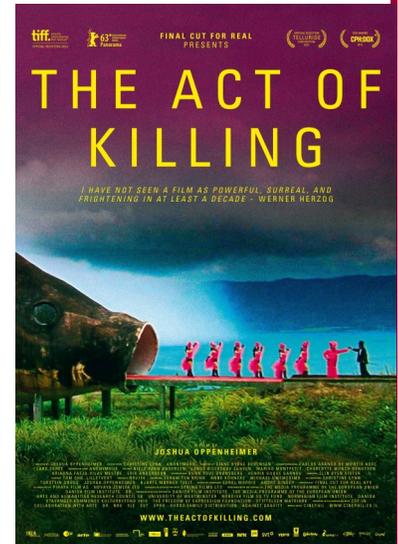
October 31 7:00 **Costume Contest** and **Halloween Party** in Ade Lobby (see below)

November 5 2:20 Listening and **Feedback Skills** with Dr. Stanley Tam, at JLC

November 5 6:00 This IS about you: **Working in your Community** with AU student Lesley Nolasco at JLC

November 6 6:30 All Women's Leadership Academy Pizza Party at JLC

November 16 Trip to Seneca Falls NY **Women's Rights History Museum**



“that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted, **deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.** Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, **it is the right of those who suffer**

from it to refuse allegiance to it, and to insist upon the institution of a new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, **it is their duty to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.”**



Celebrating Elizabeth Ann “Beth” Judson

Elizabeth was born in New York and graduated with two degrees from Alfred University, a B.S. in **Ceramic Engineering** and a B.A. in Mathematics. Beth spent 30 years making her home in Roswell, staying home with her two children during their formative years. She then returned to school at the Georgia Institute of Technology, earning a PhD. in **ceramic engineering**. Beth went on to use her degree to help several small technology companies get their start. She also was a board member of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). In this capacity, she was part of a team that traveled to many universities to review engineering departments for continuing accreditation.

Beth’s personal interests in her **church** and higher education led her to participate in the founding of Southern Catholic University, where she also was a trustee. She enjoyed **snow skiing** and **golf**, as well as entertaining in the family home, where she was a **gourmet cook**. Beth also sang in her church choir and served as executive director for the Georgia Regional Girls Choir for several years.



Elizabeth with her family

Beth was a **founding donor and member of the Women’s Leadership Center Advisory Board**, and continued her service to the WLC by serving on the Board until her death in 2010. The building which houses the WLC has been renamed the Beth Robinson Judson Leadership Center in her honor and memory.

How to contact the Women’s Leadership Center...

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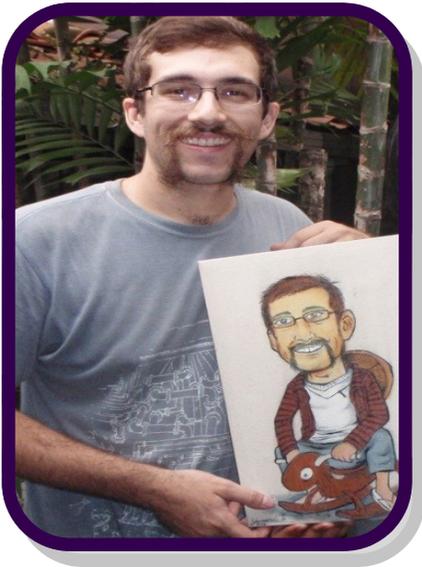
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Authentic Alumni: Nick Rozard, Engineer

Nick Rozard graduated from Alfred University in 2009 with his BS in Ceramic Engineering. We asked him a few questions:

Are you a feminist? I am a feminist.

What does it mean to you to be a feminist: To be a feminist means to seek out sexism and **work towards fairness**. As a graduating 23-year-old student sexism seemed dead to me. It **seemed unfair** that women at Alfred had a special leadership program, when no such program existed (at the time) for men.

My sheltered experience growing up in a university town **didn't help me see sexism**. My mother is a professor and has steadily been climbing the ranks since she started, currently she is a dean and powerful player at her university. To me it seemed like whatever position she wanted, she could attain. After graduating I got a job working for a ceramics company that supplies the steel industry.

During the interview process I noticed my Alfred classmate and friend Abby also interviewed, but I got the job. I wondered why I got the job over her, **she had better grades, equal work experience** and was a very appealing candidate. After working there a few months I began to ask my new co-workers (white men) how they made their decision. The consensus was clear, and one coworker summed it up like this: "we thought you would be better suited to the dirty work environment." Maybe my suit had a stain when I interviewed, but I think that **it's more likely sexism**.

I've known Abby since we were kids, and we've been on backpacking trips for weeks together, and I'll tell you **she conquers any environment**. When you hike for weeks you endure discomforts such as huge physical pain, profuse sweating, and uncomfortable sleeping on hard ground. There isn't a shower or toilet within a day's walking distance and it's a pretty dirty way to live. **They got her wrong**, and I think that sexism

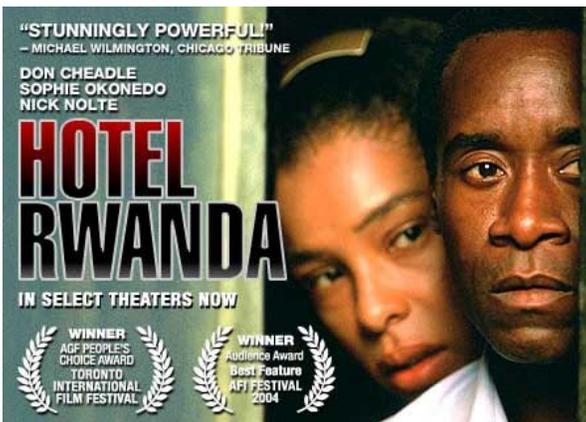


led them to their conclusion. I had the opportunity to run this by Abby, and she said "oh all the job interviews that I've had go like that." We need trailblazers like Abby, and we need to support them in the ways we can, and **the Women's Leadership Center is a great way to do it**.

Staff Spotlight: Tess Hannafin

Tess Hannafin is the coordinator for the Saxon Sidekicks program and a junior in Clinical Counseling Psych and iArt.

“The Judson Leadership Center has been a **great resource** for helping me **grow** into my professional self and giving me great experience working with people in a leadership role. I feel extremely lucky to be living in a society where equality for women is very prominent. I am honored to be a woman in this day and age because of the many people who have worked so hard before me, and I can only hope that my future work will do the same for others.”



Rwanda Here and Aguilera There:

In October the Umoja club watched and discussed Hotel Rwanda, learning about the Hutu and Tutsis.

And in the news

“Africa. Helping westerners who're a wee bit down-in-the-dumps feel better about themselves since 1884.”

(a blog piece by Natacha Nsabimana, a Phd candidate in anthropology at Columbia University in NY, from the Guardian website)

Recently **Christina Aguilera**, ambassador for World Food Program, went to "war-torn Rwanda". Well, thankfully she made it back home safely. War is not an easy thing. Although, I'm **not sure exactly which war** *People Magazine* is referring to – last I checked, the civil war and genocide in Rwanda **ended 20 years ago**. Well, Rwanda has other problems and its government is implicated in violence in neighboring DRC, but **it is not war-torn**.

Her song *Light Up The Sky* forms the background to the video about Aguilera's trip. We hear her sing "When skies are grey, I'll light your way, I'll be your shoulder, You can lean on me" while seeing her feed 'starved African children'. “The people of Rwanda touched me in a way I cannot express or put into words. They are in a place that needs our help and I am so proud of the work that we are doing there,” Aguilera says. "This trip came at a time when I needed to step away and connect with bigger issues in the world," she continues.





Rwanda's scenic view

(Rwanda continued...) Even if we were to accept this blatant lie that Rwanda is a "war-torn" place where "refugee camps" abound, what kind of superpowers do Aguilera and the WFP have to make them think they alone could change such situation?

War and poverty are the result of larger structural inequalities, part of larger historical, political circumstances that no individual can resolve. And certainly not Hollywood style celebrities: Aguilera, Invisible Children's Jason Russell or even Bono. Enough of these

celebrities scrolling out of nowhere wanting to save African lives. Keep to your various professions thank you very much.

Also, the participating "restaurants" to help end world hunger, partners with the WFP, are KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell. Really? Junk food providers helping end world hunger. Given all the information available to indicate the disastrous effects (heart diseases, diabetes) of eating junk food this partnership couldn't be more ironic.

The video ends with Aguilera singing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" to a group of children. One among them is singing along and she seems a bit surprised by this. Too unfathomable that children of "war-torn poor Rwanda" might know an English/American nursery rhyme? Welcome to the 21st century.

Other leadership opportunities at the Beth Robinson Judson Leadership Center.



Gary Horowitz Leadership Development Certificate—essential leadership skills for **any AU student**

Saxon Sidekicks—a **first-year mentoring program** that enriches the first semester experience

E-LEAD—scholarships and leadership training for students in the Inamori School of Engineering

Omicron Delta Kappa—the national leadership **honor society**

Graduate Students are encouraged to participate.