

Jean Widetch Women's Center

To Educate, Support, Motivate, and Empower Lives



Fall 2009 JNWC Newsletter

Happy autumn 2009! I hope that the past few months have been as productive and fruitful as ours have been. With the return of our students for the fall semester, there is always a noticeable, almost palpable renewed energy in the air. The enthusiasm of the new school year brings new students to campus, new and exciting opportunities to engage and educate our wonderful UNLV community, and a continual renewal of our focus and mission to serve our campus.

This year we have new and innovative programming opportunities to offer, new staff interns that have been hard at work and a monumental announcement. To start, we are trying some new (and bringing back some older) programs such as Women's Discussion groups, a Women's Health Series, Movie Series and a new Lactation Room along with Breast Feeding education and awareness. Take a look in this newsletter for more information. We also have some outstanding new interns that are assisting and putting on programs – please see them in the following pages. Lastly, we are going to be receiving the Office of Violence Against Women Grant to Reduce Violence Against Women on Campus from the United States Department of Justice!!! This grant will help us to establish and implement a campus wide protocol and services that will effectively identify and respond to violence within UNLV. It will help us to train our constituents on issues of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence and stalking, support us to create and disseminate information to UNLV survivors for resources and enhance response services for students by developing and coordinating our opportunities to utilize on and off campus support systems. This is a major multi-year grant (@\$300,000 over 3 years) that will help us to forever change UNLV's ability to educate and provide resources for our campus community in regards to sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. You can certainly look forward to some exciting information about this in the upcoming months!

Please join us and let us know how we can help you!

Keep dreaming!

Jay Souza, Director

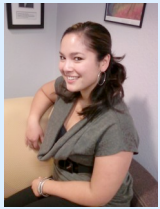
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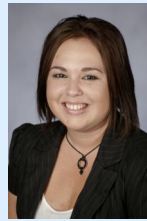
Meet the JNWC Staff!



Name: Jay Souza
Title: Director, JNWC & Wellness Promotion
Strengths: Futuristic, Relator, Competition, Analytical, Command
One thing you want the world to know about you: You can achieve it if you believe it



Name: Treasure Watanabe
Title: Administrative Assistant
Strengths: Restorative, Empathy, Harmony, Adaptability, Relator
One thing you want the world to know about you: Dancing and singing in the office makes me sane.



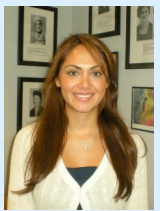
Name: Christina Hernandez
Title: Outreach & Awareness Coordinator
Strengths: Arranger, Relator, Input, Responsibility
One thing you want the world to know about you: I believe advocacy is the key to peace



Name: Amanda Weinbrecht
Title: Breast Cancer Awareness Intern
Strengths: Harmony, Consistency, Adaptability, Achiever, Relator
One thing you want the world to know about you: Skittles brighten my day!



Name: Karoline Khamis
Title: Violence Prevention Coordinator
Strengths: Empathy, Futuristic, Context, Intellection, Connectedness
One thing you want the world to know about you: I'm a 10!!!



Name: Christie Robles
Title: Domestic Violence Intern
Strengths: Positivity, Empathy, Adaptability, Harmony, Restorative
One thing you want the world to know about you: My sisters are my best friends. Thanks mom for having 8 kids!



Name: Katie Eubanks
Title: Reproductive Justice Outreach Intern
Strengths: Adaptability, Harmony, Input, Positivity, Consistency
One thing you want the world to know about you: I love being around progressive people!!



Name: Krista Godfrey
Title: Parent Program
Strengths: Relator, Empathy, Adaptability, Significance, Futuristic
One thing you want the world to know about you: I'm a big kid at heart!



Name: Felicia Bliatout
Title: Sexual Assault Intern
Strengths: Achiever, Learner, Discipline, Includer, Positivity
One thing you want to the world to know about you: I'm proud of my Hmong heritage.

Gina Joy Chong - SBI High School Summer Intern

Hello! My name is Gina Joy Chong and I'm the high school intern at the Jean Nidetch Women's Center for Clark County's Summer Business Institute (SBI) Program. I am full Korean and I was born and raised in Las Vegas. I'm an up-and-coming senior at Sierra Vista High School. I try to take an active role in my school and my community. At school, I am the prospective 2nd VP of the student body, VP of DECA, VP of College Club, and historian of Mu Alpha Theta. For the community, I am a member of service clubs such as Key Club and National Honor Society. My current hobbies are hanging out with my friends, playing the guitar, and shopping. In the future, I wish to attend UCLA and major in either business management or dentistry. I am so grateful for this opportunity to work at the Women's Center, because I wish to learn more about activism and community service.



UNLV Donates School Supplies To Boys and Girls Club

THANK YOU to everyone for all the school supply donations that was sent to the John D. "Jackie" Gaughan Boys and Girls Club here on the UNLV campus. We appreciate everyone who supported this drive and look forward to continuing this worthy cause for many years to come.





Interview with Dr. Juanita Fain

Could you please briefly share with us what your job responsibilities are? My current role is Vice President for Student Affairs.

I have responsibilities for Enrollment Services and Campus Life, which include Student Activities, Diversity, the Student Union, Student Affairs Facilities, and Student Wellness: Counseling and Psychological Services, JNWC, Police Services, and Student Recreation and Wellness Center. I also have responsibility for student conduct and resident halls, all things related to students services and programs for students. I also serve as the EEO: Affirmative Action Office of Institution. I deal with all discrimination complaints whether it be students or faculty/staff.

What was the greatest strength that you possess that helped you achieve your success?

Being able to deal with stress and balance. I had to really learn that. It's a balancing act. I have a realistic perspective on situations and an understanding on what I have control over and what I don't have control over. That comes with living and experiencing life. I try not to exert energy on things I can't control. That's a waste of energy. You have to make a conscious effort. People say you never seem stressed out. My motto is, "Fake it till you make it." I try not to show my emotions on my shoulders. When I have issues, the first question I ask myself is, "Is it life threatening?" If it's not life threatening, then it's not all that serious. Keeping your eye on the prize. If you fall down you get back up, and sometimes you have to change your path. The real measure is how you deal with failure if things aren't going the right way.

How did your career lead you to where you are today?

What I really wanted to do is be a clinical psychologist. I have an interest in human behavior, human dynamics and how we interact with each other. That fascinates me and I use that in all of the jobs I've had. I wanted to pay off some loans so I took a job in Tennessee and worked as an academic advisor. My plan was to go back and get my terminal degree in psychology. I ended up going to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and getting a job in financial aid. I worked full time and worked on my masters in Higher Ed Administration. I wanted to move up, but there weren't any opportunities at UT. I was offered Director of Financial Aid at Ohio University. Each place that I've been, I didn't plan on it, the opportunity just presented itself. I worked full time while raising a five year old and got my PHD in Higher Ed Administration at Ohio University. I came to UNLV to help an old friend, Dr. Harter with their financial aid department. Dr. Harter offered me a job as Dean of Enrollment Management. When I left Ohio I was the Associate Vice President of Administration. After a year and a half at UNLV I was offered the position of Vice President of Administration and now hold the position of Vice President of Student Affairs.

What are your favorite aspects of your job?

These kinds of things (interviews). To assist people or watch people come in whether they are the traditional aged college student or an older, non-traditional student; To see them develop and watch them grow. Graduation is my favorite, to know that I could have had some small part of that. And in the fall it's a renewing feeling, to see fresh faces.

As an inspirational womyn leader at UNLV, what advice would you give students to help them achieve their goals?

Try to find something that you really enjoy, that you really really love, something that makes you excited about getting up in the morning or night. We spend more time at work than we do at home. There's no perfect job, there is probably going to be some things about your job that you don't like, but generally find something that you're passionate about then everything else will fall in its place. The more typical student doesn't know what they're going to do. Besides the few who already know what they want to major and what they want to become after they graduate, for the others it would be better not to select a major, but to take general core requirements and then you can pick and choose. I encourage to people explore your options.

Office of Violence Against Women

The Jean Nidetch Women's Center was recently awarded The Office of Violence Against Women Grant from The Department of Justice. This grant is active October 2009 through December of 2012, in the amount of \$299,960. The OVW grant will help us create education, awareness and training for the UNLV community with the focus of prevention of sexual assault, domestic/dating violence and stalking. This grant will provide the resources for training, marketing and dissemination of information throughout our campus. With the coordination of a variety of on and off campus departments and organizations, we have formed a team of professionals known as Advocacy Support Educate & Response Team Against Violence (ASERTAV). Through this team's efforts we will provide the leadership and guidance to reduce these crimes on our campus.

The JNWC would like to thank the following organizations for their ongoing contributions to this cause. Through their collaboration they have made this opportunity a reality! Special thanks to our community colleagues: The Rape Crisis Center (RCC), Family and Child Treatment (FACT), Stop Abuse in the Family Environment (SAFE) House, Safe Nest and the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence (NCASV). Special thanks to our on-campus colleagues: UNLV Police Services, Student Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Student Health Center (SHC), Residential Life, Greek Life, Office of Orientation and Parent Programs, Student Conduct and the Office of Diversity.



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16th Annual Take Back the Night

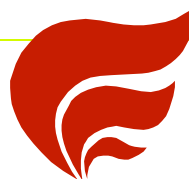
We would like to thank the following individuals and their departments/agencies/student orgs for their participation on the planning committee. Thank you for all of your support in making TBTN 09 a huge success!

On Campus

Carrie Sampson & Jordan Fishette, Office of Civic Engagement & Diversity
Nick Kehrwald, Student Conduct
Starr Wharton, Wellness Zone
Julio Espinoza, CAPS
Eileen Wells, Police Services
Erika Bowles, Residential Life
Karoline Khamis & Melissa Harvey, PAAVE
Treasure Watanabe, JNWC
Reina Cruz & Matt Kimball, Spectrum
Vagina Warriors
Raquel Smith, Scheduling and Conferences
SURJ

Off Campus

Genese Jones & Elena Espinoza, The Rape Crisis Center
Andrea Sundberg, Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence (NCASV)
Annette Magnus, Planned Parenthood
Amy Buchanan & Sam Willey, S.A.F.E. House
Miranda Smith, FACT
Teri Weathers & Melissa Stoner, Safe Nest
Sybrina Bernabei
Raising Canes, Jimmy Johns, Coffee Bean, Dining Commons
Speakers: Nevada Attorney General-Catherine Cortez Masto, Dr. Juanita Fain, Dr. Christine Clark, Judge Frank Sullivan, the Domestic Violence Task Force and all the performers of KFABS!!!!



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Everyone is Welcome!

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Upcoming Events

- Every Wednesday Women's Discussion Group on topics you choose
- October 27: Real Womyn Have Curves
- October 28: SURJ- Sex-Ed Workshop
- November 19: Womyn's Health Series- Ovarian/Cervical Cancer
- November 24: Film Series- Miss Navajo
- November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- December 1-17: Adopt a Family for S.A.F.E House