

# Community Coalition for Social Justice



WVU Native American Studies Presents:

## Mr. John Echohawk (Pawnee)

2007 WVU Native American Elder-in-Residence

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Mr. John Echohawk, Esq.

April 10, 2007—John Echohawk, a Pawnee, is the Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund. He will serve as WVU's 2007 Native American Elder-in-Residence April 9 - 12. His public lecture is set for Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room of the Mountainlair.

He was the first graduate of the University of New Mexico's special program to train Indian lawyers, and was a founding member of the American Indian Law Students Association while in law school. John has been with NARF since its inception, having served continuously as Executive Director since 1977.

He has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America by the National Law Journal since 1988 and has received numerous service awards and other recognition for his leadership in the Indian law field. He serves on the Boards of the American Indian Resources Institute, the Association on American Indian Affairs, the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, Natural Resources Defense Council, and the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. B.A., University of New Mexico; J.D., University of New Mexico; Reginald Heber Smith Fellow; Native American Rights Fund.

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## Steering Committee Meeting and Membership

Our next Steering Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm in training room of the Morgantown Public Safety Building.

Please contact our president, Tim Hairston, at [questz1@adelphia.net](mailto:questz1@adelphia.net) if you have issues for the steering committee to consider or if you would like to be on the CCSJ steering committee.

## Please send your dues, ideas, and updates to us!

Please send your dues if you have not done so already so that we have the resources to continue our work. We use your money to purchase books for local schools, for instance. Dues are \$5 for individuals and \$25 for organizations. Youth under the age of 18 are free. Please send your checks, payable to:

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PO Box 160, Morgantown, WV  
26507-0160.

Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at [attfield@labyrinth.net](mailto:attfield@labyrinth.net). Please contact any of the steering committee members to volunteer to help and to share your suggestions for our work or e-mail us at [ccsjwv@hotmail.com](mailto:ccsjwv@hotmail.com).

Please send newsletter items to share with our membership to [Phil.Hancock@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Phil.Hancock@mail.wvu.edu).

If we can support your event or your issues in some way, please let us know, especially if you represent a member organization. We want to be a true coalition that unites groups and individuals interested in social justice, so please let us know how we can help and please send us information about your group to publicize to our membership.

## CCSJ Member Organizations

- Caritas House, Inc.
- Equality for All Americans
- Franklin D. Cleckley Foundation
- Methodist Campus Ministry/Wesley Foundation
- Monongalia-Preston Labor Council/AFL-CIO
- National Organization of Women-Morgantown Chapter
- Northern West Virginia Center for Independent Living
- Presbyterian Campus Ministry
- Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Morgantown
- Tree of Life Congregation
- WVU-Association of Concerned Employees
- WV Center for Dispute Resolution
- WVU Center for Women's Studies

## CCSJ Steering Committee

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It has been almost ten years since  
Lawmakers passed the  
1998 Equal Pay Bill for the  
State of West Virginia.  
Are there now equal salaries for  
Mountain State men and women  
In the same line of work?

# WVU College of Law

in Conjunction with the Women's Law Caucus

Presents a  
Panel Discussion Addressing

# PAY EQUITY

Monday, April 9, 2007

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

WVU Law Center, Gladys G. Davis Gallery

Reception Follows in Law Center Lobby

Featuring

National Perspectives

Christine M. Griffin  
Commissioner  
U.S. Equal Employment  
Opportunity Commission  
Washington, D.C.

Equal Pay in West Virginia

Barbara Evans Fleischauer  
Delegate  
44th District  
Monongalia County  
West Virginia Legislature

Beyond Glass Ceilings & Walls

Mohamad G. Alkadry, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of  
Public Administration  
West Virginia University

## WVU Women's Studies Presents:

For More Information - <http://www.wvu.edu/~wmst/calendar.htm>

### Take Back the Night Rally

For More Information, Contact Lauren Wallace — [lewvuw@yahoo.com](mailto:lewvuw@yahoo.com)

April 5, 2007— Take Back the Night Rally, cosponsored with FMLA. The annual Take Back the Night rally and march brings together organizations and individuals from the West Virginia University campus and the Morgantown community to protest violence against women and to promote awareness of the factors which perpetuate this specific type of violence. *Join us at 7 p.m. on the Mountainlair Green.*



### Lecture by playwright Carolyn Gage

For More Information - <http://www.wvu.edu/~bigltm/prideweek.htm>

April 12, 2007—Lecture by playwright Carolyn Gage, along with a showing of the documentary, *Ugly Ducklings*, based on her play of the same name. *Ugly Ducklings* is an exploration of cultural processes (homophobia, bullying, harassment) that lead young people to mask their sexual identities, feelings, and questions. Ms. Gage is a noted lesbian feminist playwright and activist, as well as a theatrical director and actor. She is the author of four books on lesbian theater and fifty plays, musicals, and one-woman shows, she specializes in non-traditional roles for women, especially those reclaiming famous lesbians whose stories have been distorted or erased from history. Cosponsored with Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Mountaineers (BIGLTM), Morgantown NOW, and FMLA, this event is part of WVU's Pride Week. *G-24 Eiesland at 7 p.m..*

### Perspectives on a Changing World: Aging Women in China



April 16, 2007—"Perspectives on a Changing World: Aging Women in China," a Judith Gold Stitzel Endowment for Excellence in Women's Studies Teaching and Learning presentation, featuring 2005 Stitzel Endowment Teacher Dr. Bei Wu, assistant professor in the Department of Community Medicine and Center on Aging. China is undergoing rapid social, cultural and economic development. This presentation focuses on changing family structures, gender roles, and expectations of filial responsibility in relation to aging women's health and long-term care arrangements. The impact of key policies (such as China's one-child policy, pension reform and health care policy) and issues related to teaching these topics will be explored. *Hostler Auditorium, Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, 7:30 p.m.* A reception will follow.

# WV Campaign to Ban Landmines

Contribution By: Nora Sheets—noracat@yahoo.com

St. Francis School Students Against Landmines work on various projects throughout the school year including: poster making, letter writing, petition drives, awareness days and presentations. The goals of the group are three-fold:

1. To raise public awareness and educate others about this issue
2. To offer humanitarian assistance to victims of landmines
3. To encourage the U.S. to sign the treaty banning the production, use and stockpiling of this weapon.

Students Against Landmines have recently voted to take on the education of our school and community about cluster munitions. Because these weapons act like landmines, we will include them in our awareness campaigns.

Cluster munitions are weapons dropped from aircraft or shot out of artillery and ground rocket systems that can disperse hundreds of smaller submunitions. They pose unacceptable dangers to civilians at the time of attack because they spread indiscriminately over a wide area and cannot be precisely targeted. They also pose an unacceptable long term threat to civilians because many of the submunitions inevitably fail to detonate on impact, and remain scattered on the ground like landmines, ready to kill and maim when disturbed or handled. International humanitarian organizations recently met in Oslo to discuss cluster munitions.

Reports from humanitarian organizations have shown that civilians make up the vast majority of the victims of cluster bombs and children make up a high percentage in many countries!!!

Please take part and help make our dream of a mine-free world become a reality. Write to state and national leaders asking them to support the mine ban treaty. Support efforts such as "Adopt A Mine Dog" or "Adopt a Mine Field" programs.

Students Against Landmines recently sponsored a "Starfish" Day at school to raise funds for water wells in Cambodia.

We are working with "Landmines Blow, "a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the global landmine crisis. Cambodia is one of the world's worst mined areas. Children are especially at risk when going outside of their villages for clean water. Wells provide not only clean water, but also landmine injuries decrease. Our well project is called "The Starfish Project". The "Starfish" story is emblematic of the idea that each person we serve is a person who can genuinely benefit from our work. Seemingly taking the first step can only solve hopeless problems.

Phase I of the project consists of the construction of 10 wells in 6 villages in the Mong commune of Srey Snam district in Cambodia. The wells will provide clean safe water to 1,763 landmine survivors, internally displaced persons and refugees. The life of the well is projected to be 50 years!

For more information on what YOU can do to help, visit: [www.banminesusa.org](http://www.banminesusa.org), [www.icbl.org](http://www.icbl.org), [www.landminesblow.org](http://www.landminesblow.org) or [www.lsn.org](http://www.lsn.org)

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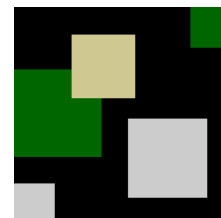
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*Working for Social  
Justice in our  
Community*

## Other Happenings:

PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is meeting every month on the 3rd Sunday at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship at 429 Warrick Street from 1-3 pm. The group has a library of information to share with those interested. For more information, people should contact Jack Pavone at 292-5257.

April 11, 2007 - There's also going to be a program on stalking at One Waterfront Place. For more information, contact Deb Strouse [dstrouse@wvu.edu](mailto:dstrouse@wvu.edu).



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We're on the Web!  
[www.geocities.com/ccsjwv/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/ccsjwv/index.html)