



CSW update

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GENDER & SCIENCE CONFERENCE

LUNCHTIME PANEL will feature Rosina M. Becerra, Elma Gonzalez, and Arpi Siyahian



At the Gender and Science conference on February 23, a lunchtime panel will feature Rosina Becerra (*left top*), UCLA Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Diversity; Elma Gonzalez, UCLA Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (*left middle*); and Arpi Siyahian (*left bottom*), UCLA Doctoral Student, Biological Chemistry with a concentration in Women's Studies. They will provide an institutional perspective on the challenges and efforts to increase the number of women in the sciences at UCLA and perhaps in academia overall. In addition, Becerra will discuss the issues that universities face in developing a pipeline of talented girls and women who want an education or career in the sciences. What prevents girls from entering the sciences? What helps support the women in graduate science programs? Elma Gonzalez will speak about her personal and professional experience as a woman of color scientist at UCLA. Arpi Siyahian will discuss her experiences as a current female graduate student in the sciences.



STUDYING HUMAN MATING BEHAVIOR FROM AN EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVE

Martie Haselton



RECIPIENT OF CSW FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PRESENTS RESEARCH ON HOW OVULATORY CYCLES AFFECT BEHAVIOR

ON APRIL 10, Martie Haselton, Associate Professor in the Departments of Communications Studies and Psychology, will present her research on “The Hidden Side of Female Desire: What Ovulatory Cycle Research Reveals.” Her research addresses communication, social inference, courtship, and human mating from an evolutionary perspective. Much of the work conducted at her Evolutionary Psychology Lab is dedicated to testing and refining error management theory: “natural selection will often design judgment and decision making adaptations that are systematically biased. These adaptations are not designed to be maximally accurate; rather, they are designed to err in the direction of lower survival or reproductive cost.” Current areas of study at the lab include adaptive biases in social

judgment, ovulatory shifts in women's preferences, thoughts, and behaviors, evolved relationship defenses, and flirtation, sexual signaling, and cross-sex communication. Haselton's research has been featured on NPR and in magazines and newspapers around the world. Haselton is also Co-Editor-in-chief of the journal *Evolution and Human Behavior*.

