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This event is supported by the **Christobel Kotelawela Weerasinghe Fund of CEW+**. CEW+ Leadership Council Member Emerita Menakka Bailey created the fund in honor of her mother, Christobel Kotelawela Weerasinghe, a lifelong advocate of cross-cultural dialogue and advancement for women. Ms. Weerasinghe passed away on March 29, 2018, leaving a long legacy of creating change.

CEW+ empowers women and underserved individuals in the University of Michigan and surrounding communities by serving as an advocate and providing resources to help them reach their academic, financial, and professional potential.



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CEW+ ADVOCACY: CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE

OCTOBER 10 | 5:30PM | MICHIGAN THEATER

SCHEDULE

5:30	Student Fellowship Poster Session Michigan Theater Lobby
6:00	Welcome & Mindfulness Exercise Theater
6:10	Christobel Kotelawela Weerasinghe Tribute and the Presentation of the 2018 Carol Hollenshead Award Carol Hollenshead 2018 Award Recipient: Rada Mihalcea, Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering
6:20	CEW+Inspire Awards and Lightning Talks Pamela Aronson, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, UM-Dearborn <i>Gender Revolution in the Trump Era</i> Jacqueline Kaufman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Medical School <i>Creating access: Inclusion of disability in the natural diversity of our communities</i> Achyuta Adhvaryu, Ph.D., Mphil, M.A., Assistant Professor of Business Economics, Ross School of Business; and Faculty Associate, Population Studies Center, Institute for Social Research <i>Unlocking Economic Opportunities for Women in India</i> Cindy Leung, ScD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences, School of Public Health <i>It's a feeling that one is not worth food: the experience of hunger among low-income children, families and college students</i>
7:00	Introduction of the 2018 Christobel Kotelawela Weerasinghe Keynote Lecture
7:10	Keynote Lecture WAI WAI NU International Award-winning Human Rights Activist
7:45	Q&A with all presenters

THE CAROL HOLLENSHEAD AWARD

The Carol Hollenshead Award for Excellence in Promoting Equity and Social Change was created in recognition of the accomplishments and institutional change realized through the efforts of former director Carol Hollenshead during her 20-year tenure at CEW+. Honorees are staff and faculty who, like Carol, have proven that social change is possible through persistent hard work and belief that one person can make a lasting difference.

This award is given to U-M staff and faculty members – regardless of gender – whose sustained efforts have resulted in greater equity based on gender, race, class, age, disability, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Criteria for the award includes sustained effort and demonstrated outcomes in achieving greater equity; creativity in devising strategic approaches to advocacy and problem solving; demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion; and effective coalition building.



2018 Carol Hollenshead Award Recipient: Rada Mihalcea, Professor of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, College of Engineering



Rada Mihalcea is a professor of computer science and engineering at the University of Michigan. Her research focuses on natural language processing, multimodal processing, and computational social science. Mihalcea has published 220 articles since 1998 on topics ranging from semantic analysis of text to creating software that can detect lying. President Barack Obama granted her the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in 2008. Mihalcea leads Girls Encoded, a program that addresses the challenges and issues faced by women in computer science. Her goal is to increase the pipeline of women in engineering and to retain those who have entered into the field.

THE CEW+INSPIRE AWARD

The newly launched **CEW+Inspire** initiative is a multifaceted program that aims to expand the vision of what is possible and teach lifelong skills to underserved students, empowering each to make bold and confident choices about their futures.

Through programming offered under the **CEW+Inspire** initiative, U-M students, staff, and faculty converge to build coping and resilience skills through mindfulness, the celebration of diverse scholarship, and recognizing the value underserved students bring to the university community.

Honoring the diverse scholarship of faculty members serves an integral role in this program as it both recognizes their unique contributions, while serving as inspiration to students and offering real-life representations of authentic journeys to success.

2018 Christobel Kotelawela Weerasinghe Lecture

WAI WAI NU International Award-Winning Human Rights Activist



Wai Wai Nu is the director and founder of Women Peace Network. Nu was a political prisoner for seven years under the Burmese military government and emerged to serve as a national – and international – voice for Burma's human rights and democracy movement.

In 2012, she was released under a presidential amnesty. Nu was deeply moved by the escalated violence she encountered upon her release from prison. As a result, she formed the Women's Peace Network, as a platform to build peace and mutual understanding between Myanmar's different ethnicities and to empower and advocate for the rights

of marginalized women in Arakan and Myanmar. Through the Women's Peace Network she has been campaigning for women's rights. Nu has been working to reduce discrimination and hatred among Buddhist and Muslim communities and improve human rights situation of her people, Rohingya. Nu has conducted women's empowerment training, offered legal education seminars, and organized human rights and peacebuilding activities.

In 2014, after completion of her law degree, she founded Justice for Women, which operates as a network of female lawyers providing legal consultation and education for the women of Burma. She also organized a campaign called the My Friend Campaign with youth from different communities to promote tolerance and to reduce discrimination among diverse groups. In 2016, Nu has founded a Yangon Youth Leadership Center where young people can learn and explore their ideas and promote leadership in social, political and peace-building.

She was awarded the N-Peace award (peace generation) and selected as one of the 100 Top Women by the *BBC* in 2014. She was named a Democracy Courage Tribute in 2015 by World Movement for Democracy. Nu was also recognized as one of the 100 inspiring women by *Salt Magazine* and one of the 100 Global Thinkers in 2015 by *Foreign Policy Magazine* respectively. She was listed as one of the Next Generation Leaders in the world by *Time Magazine* in March 2017. Nu was most recently awarded the 2017 Hillary Rodham Clinton Award for Advancing Women in Peace and Security by Georgetown University Institute of Women Peace and Security.

CEW+INSPIRE WORKSHOPS BY AWARD RECIPIENTS

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Pamela Aronson, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, Department of Behavioral Sciences, UM-Dearborn

Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 1:00-2:30pm
Followed by a networking reception. Location TBA.

**Gender Revolution in the Trump Era:
Transformations in Consciousness & Gender Relations**

Explore the rapid transformation in gender consciousness and gender relations during this workshop with Dr. Pamela Aronson. Attendees will discuss changes stemming from three primary sources: the rise of women running for political office in 2018, the emergence of new social movement activism, and the creation of the “#MeToo” movement, which has sparked a new public discourse on sexual assault and harassment. While exploring the ways that this new consciousness has also faced backlash and opposition, this workshop will shed light on the emerging gender revolution by examining how rapid transformations are influencing everyday relationships between men and women. A hands-on wellness activity will be presented by the CEW+Inspire team to complement this workshop.



Jacqueline Kaufman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Medical School

Thursday, February 14, 2019 from 1:00-2:30pm
Followed by a networking reception. Location TBA.

Inclusion of Individuals with Disabilities: Using Your Skills and Gifts to Create Access in Your Community

This workshop encourages attendees to consider how they can work to be deliberately more inclusive of individuals with disabilities in their local and world communities. While exploring the unique journey of Dr. Jacqueline Kaufman as she shifted from hard sciences to clinical psychology, attendees will examine how to pull from their full range of experiences to forge their own path. After discussing the complexity of defining disability, attendees will consider the experiences of individuals living with disabilities and the debates and conversations about disability that are taking place in our communities. To wrap up the session, a hands-on activity will promote problem-solving, encourage the generation of realistic strategies for optimizing access for individuals with disabilities, and encourage participants to take first steps in their lives to create a more universally accessible community.

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Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 2:30-4:00pm
Followed by a networking reception. Location TBA.

**You Can Shake the World: My Ongoing Journey
as a Development Economist**

This workshop focuses on the work and research of development economist Dr. Achyuta Adhvaryu. While exploring what forces trap people in poverty, attendees will discuss the role the private sector can play in improving the welfare of low-income individuals. Learning about the ways women are marginalized socially and institutionally, participants will consider methods for intervention to unlock economic opportunity for women. Diving deeper, attendees will explore the impacts these interventions have on women and their families. While discussing Dr. Achyuta Adhvaryu's inspiration for choosing his career path, attendees will learn methods to "shake the world" as Gandhi once said. A hands-on wellness activity will be presented by the CEW+Inspire team to complement this workshop.



Cindy Leung, ScD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences, School of Public Health

Thursday, June 26, 2019 from 1:00-2:30pm
Followed by a networking reception. Location TBA.

**Understanding Nutrition and Community Health –
A Journey from Service to Research to Advocacy**

During this workshop, attendees will follow Dr. Cindy Leung's trajectory in public health. Exploring her early work in local food banks with food-insecure populations and her scientific research on the effectiveness of our federal food programs, attendees will then discuss her present-day qualitative research to better understand the lived experiences of food-insecure individuals. Participants will learn about populations affected by food insecurity, including low-income families and college students. To wrap up the session, attendees will learn how all of this information is being used to design programs and affect future policies to benefit food-insecure populations. A hands-on wellness activity will be presented by the CEW+ Inspire team to complement this workshop.

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