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International Mountain Partnership

Utah Valley State College (USA)

National Center for Development of Mountain Regions (Kyrgyzstan)

International Conference

Women of the Mountains

Orem, Utah, March 8-9, 2007

WOMEN OF THE MOUNTAINS

International Conference
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
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Dates: Thursday, March 8 – Friday, March 9, 2007

Place: Utah Valley State College (UVSC)
800 W. University Parkway
Orem, UT 84058-5999
Parking Lot L

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Free & Open to the Public

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The Butler Institute for International Understanding, Utah Valley State College
The Kyrgyz National Center for Development of Mountain Regions
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Thursday, March 8 - International Women's Day

7.20-7.50 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast (**for participants only**) - *outside of Ragan Theater*

7.50-8.00 a.m. Group Photo for the Conference participants – *Ragan Theater*

8.00-8.30 a.m. Welcoming Ceremony - *Ragan Theater*

Moderator: Dr. Danielle Butler, Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Conference

Opening remarks and greetings – President William A. Sederburg, UVSC

Greetings from Dr. Danielle Butler, Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Conference & Honorary Consul General of the Kyrgyz Republic

Greetings – Elena Bonner, Honorary Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, Chairperson, Andrey Sakharov Foundation

Greetings – Lt. Governor of Utah, Gary Herbert

8.30-9.10 a.m. Keynote address - *Ragan Theater*

Address by Her Excellency Ana Vilma de Escobar, Vice President of El Salvador

Address by H.E. Joe Shirley, President of Navajo Nation

9.10-10.10 a.m. Plenary Session: *Gender Initiative of the Mountain Partnership and Rocky Mountain States – Ragan Theater*

Speakers have 20 min ea including Q&A.

Moderator: Dr. Rusty Butler, Principal Co-Organizer of the Conference, Associate Vice President for International Affairs, UVSC

“The Mountain Partnership and Gender Equality in Mountain Areas” Dr. Douglas McGuire, Coordinator of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, UN-FAO, Rome

“Mountain Women: Sustainability and Livelihoods” Dr. Jane Pratt, Deputy-Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, President and CEO of the Mountain Institute (1994 – 2002), USA

“A Utah Vision for Cooperation with Gender Initiative of the Mountain Partnership” Dr. Rusty Butler, Principal Co-Organizer of the Conference, Associate Vice President for International Affairs, UVSC

10.10-10.20 a.m. Coffee-break

10.20-11.05 a.m. Plenary Session: *International and Federal Institutions and Initiative of the Rocky Mountain States on Women’s Issues – Ragan Theater*

Moderator: Dr. Jane Pratt, Deputy-Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, President and CEO of the Mountain Institute

“Intersectoral Governance and Public Program Implementation: The Role of Women’s Organisations” Dr. Alexey Tikhomirov, Chief of Transition Economies Unit, DPEPA/DESA, United Nations.

“Women in Mountainous Areas in Eastern Europe and Central Asia” Dr. Sattar Sarosh, Senior Economist, Lead PRSP Advisor/ECA Gender Coordinator, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank

“Transforming the Future in All Communities” Dr. David Gehrenbeck, Country Desk Officer, Kyrgyz Republic, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

11.05-11.25 a.m. Feature Presentation: **“The Pivot of Nations: Establishing New Ways to Explore How Variations in Women’s Status Affect State Behavior and Security”** Mr. Matt Steamer, Dr. Valerie Hudson, The Women Stats Project Lead Research Assistant, Women’s Research Institute, Brigham Young University

11.30-12.00 noon Movie presentation: **“Learning Through International Service”** Joel Bradford, Assistant Professor, Environmental Management, UVSC – [SC 206 A](#)

11.30-12 noon Meeting of panel co-chairs headed by Dr. McGuire – [SC 214](#)

12.00-1.30 p.m. Lunch with keynote address of the Governor of Montana Judy Martz – [SC 206 B & C](#)
Attendance for this event is by invitation ONLY.

1.30 -2.35 p.m. Plenary Session: *Implementation of the Goals of Gender Initiative: Diversity of Views – Ragan Theater*

Moderator: Dr. Frederick F. Starr, Chairman, Central Asia and Caucasus Institute, John's Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.

Ambassadorial Round Table:

His Excellency, Dr. Alexander Sallabanda, Ambassador of **Albania** to the USA;
Her Excellency, Mrs. Zamira Sydykova, Ambassador of **Kyrgyzstan** to the USA,
Member of the Organizing Committee of the Conference;
His Excellency, Mr. Madhu Raman Acharya, Ambassador /Permanent Representative of **Nepal** to the United Nations;
His Excellency, Dr. Meret Orazov, Ambassador of **Turkmenistan** to the USA;
Mr. Gonchig Ganbold, Consul General and Counselor of the **Mongolian** Embassy in Washington DC

"Women in the Mountain Societies of Central Asia" Dr. Frederick F. Starr, Chairman, Central Asia and Caucasus Institute, John's Hopkins University, Washington, DC

2.40-3.00 p.m. Presentation **"Modern Legislative and Executive Branch Responses to Human Trafficking"** Brett Tolman, United States Attorney for Utah - [SC 206 B](#)

3.00-4.50 p.m. Panel Sessions

Each speaker has 12 minutes; Q&A are held at the end of the panel

Panel#1: *Transmitting Family Values, Heritage & Culture*, - [SC 206 A](#)

Co-Chair: **Dr. Bonnie Ballif-Spanvill**, Director, Women's Research Institute, Brigham Young University

Co-Chair: **Dr. Sarah Halvorson**, Associate Professor of Geography University of Montana

1. **"Socio-Economic, Political and Gender Situation of Tribal Areas: Women of Sulaiman Range –PAKISTAN"** Rana Riaz Saeed, Chief Coordinator, Development Advocates and Lobbyists, Karachi, Pakistan

2. **"Men, Work and Parenting in Kenya"** Lenah Boyani Kebaso, Intern at Winrock International Nairobi Office with African Women in Leadership, Agriculture and Environment (AWLAE-NET) Programme

3. **"Impact of Pukhtunwali on the Lives of Women in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan"** Samina Rehman, Visiting lecturer in Logic & Philosophy of Science, Institute of Biotechnology, University of Peshawar, Pakistan

4. **"Mormon Samplers: Teaching Traditional Values"** Dr. Jessie Louise Embry, Associate Director, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University

5. **"Gender Analysis of Women's Position in Enlarged Many-Generation Families of Tyan-Shyan Mountain: Districts of the Fergana Valley in Republic of Uzbekistan"** Gulnora Ganieva, PhD, Senior research fellow, Institute of History of Republic Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences

6. **"What are the Effects on Tribal College Student Attitudes and Performance of a New Mastery Based Instructional System: A Case Study of the Northern Cheyenne Women"** Dr. Carol Ward, Associate Professor, Sachiko Jensen and Raechel Lizon, Master's program, Sociology Department, Brigham Young University.

7. **“Transmitting Culture by Preserving Women’s History”** Lamb Connie, Women’s Studies Librarian and Adjunct Curator of Women’s Manuscript Collections, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

8. **“A Comparison of Women’s Rights Brought About by War and by More Peaceful Means in the Mountainous Countries of the Middle East and Central Asia”** Dr. Robert F. Norton, Adjunct Faculty of Psychology, Utah Valley State College

9. **“Individualist Trends in Collectivist Societies”** Dr. Lia Tsuladze, Assistant Professor of Sociology at I. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Currently Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP) Fellow at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

10. **“Jiddu Krishnamurti and a Social Theory of Violence”** Dr. Jon Moore, Assistant Professor of Geography, UVSC

3.00-4.50 p.m. Panel#2: Health of Women & Children - SC 206B

Co-Chair: **Dr. Becky Christian**, Associate Professor and Division Chair, Health Systems and Community-Based Care, University of Utah College of Nursing

Co-Chair: **Dr. Carolyn E., McCarroll** Professor, School of Nursing, Director, Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, University of Nevada Las-Vegas

1. **“Hidden Discomfort: The Right to a Denied Pleasure, Traditional Expectations and Current Needs”** Michela Zucca, Centro di Ecologia Alpina, Italy

2. **“Beyond Statistics to Stories”** Donna L. Greenwood, RN,MSN, Associate Professor, Department of Nursing, Carroll College, Helena, Montana

3. **“Pregnancy, Child Birth and the Newborn: Neglected Issues in Mountain Communities”** Ranju Pandey, Director, MSP Era (Pvt.) Ltd, Nepal

4. **“Trailers, Pickups, and the Northern Pacific Railroad: Constructing Homes in Yellowstone National Park”** Armstrong Melanie, Department of American Studies, University of New Mexico

5. **“We are family... The Global Orphan Crisis”** Jini L. Roby, Associated Professor, School of Social Work, Brigham Young University

6. **“Women in Bolivia and Healthy Housing”** Consuelo Fernandez Manchego, President-Founder, Asociacion Vamos Bolivia

7. **“Mitochondrial DNA and Incidence of Low Birth Weight at Elevation”** Dr. Scott R. Woodward, Dr. Joel E. Myres, Dr. Michael Malan, BS, Joseph B. Shumway, MD, MPH, Mark J. Rowe, PhD and Erol Amon, MD, Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation, Salt Lake City, Utah

8. **“Socioeconomic Environment of Women’s Life in Altay Region and Utah: Prospects for Cooperation Under the Umbrella of Sustainable Mountain Development”** Irina Kratzer, Independent expert, Orem, Utah

3.00-4.50 p.m. Panel#3: Economic Issues of Women & Children - SC 206 C

Co-Chair: **Dr. Sandra Reineke**, Assistant Professor, University of Idaho

Co-Chair: Dr. **John Shilling**, Member, Organizing Committee of the Conference,
Founding Partner, EcoLogica LLC

1. “**Empowering Rural Women for Sustainable Livelihoods Through Natural Resource Management in Garhwal Himalaya, Uttaranchal, India**” Bhagwati Uniyal, V.P. Uniyal and Vinod K. Bhatt; Wildlife Institute of India

2. “**Improving the Livelihoods of Women in Mountain Areas in Ghana**” Rose Ackah,
Executive Director, Women and Youth Forum for Sustainable Development (WYFSD)

3. “**Women and Community-Building in an Energy Boomtown**” Dr. David R. Wilson,
Assistant Professor of History and American Indian Studies, Utah Valley State College

4. “**Empowering Grass Roots’ Women in the Management of Agro-Enterprises: Reflections from Indian Central Himalaya (ICHR) Region**” Dr. Anjali Bahuguna, Dr. M.C. Sati, Professor
Economics, H.N.Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal, Uttaranchal, India

5. “**Earthquakes and Social Vulnerability: Toward a Perspective on Women and Their Families in Mountain Communities of Central Asia**” Jennifer Hamilton, Department of Geography,
University of Montana; Sarah Halvorson, Department of Geography, University of Montana

6. “**Wage Disparity and Other Women’s Issues in Wyoming**” Teresa de Groh, Wyoming
Council for Women’s Issues

7. “**Impacts of Tourism on the Lives of Mountain Women from the Himalayas**” Yankila
Sherpa, President of the Federation of Women Entrepreneurs Association of Nepal

8. “**Women and Modernization in the Lake Titicaca Basin**” David Clark Knowlton, Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Anthropology, Utah Valley State College

5.00-5.20 p.m. Presentation of the Kyrgyz Yurt – *Courtyard of UVSC*

Her Excellency, Mrs. Zamira Sydykova, Ambassador of **Kyrgyzstan** to the USA,
Member of the Organizing Committee of the Conference

Dr. Danielle Butler, Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, Honorary
Consul General of the Kyrgyz Republic to Utah

5.25-6.15 p.m. Plenary Session: Summary of the panel Co-Chairs about results of paper presentations –
SC 206 A

6.30-8.00 p.m. Dinner, keynote of the Governor of Utah Olene Walker and entertainment (UVSC
Polynesian Legacy). Presentation of the exhibition “Women of the Mountains” by
Hermine Dreyfuss (Washington, D.C.). – *Center Stage. Attendance for this event is by
invitation ONLY.*

Friday, March 9

7.30-8.00 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast (*for participants only*) - *outside of Ragan Theater*

8.00-8.50 a.m. Plenary Session: *Role of education and creativity in implementation of
Gender Initiative Goals - Ragan Theater*

Moderator: Dr. Loretta Palmer, Associate Vice-President, Undergraduate Research and
International Programs, UVSC

“New Technologies of Education in Mountain Regions” Dr. Asylbek Aidaraliev,* Dr. Efim Malitkov,** Karpenko M.P.***, *Co-Organizer of the Conference, Director, Kyrgyz National Center for Development of Mountain Regions; **President, International Association “Knowledge”, Moscow, ***Rector, Contemporary Humanitarian Academy, Moscow

"Access to Higher Education for Female and Male Students from the Mountainous Regions: Case study of the Impact of the Kyrgyz National Scholarship Examination." Michael Curtis, Director of Program Development and Regional Director for Central Asia, American Councils for International Education (ACCELS)

“CREATIVITY: Unleashing the Talents of Mountain Women” Ms. Candra Day, Member, Organizing Committee of the Conference, President, Vista 360, Jackson, Wyoming

8.50-9.00 a.m. Coffee-Break

9.00-10.00 a.m. Plenary Session: **Mountain Forum & Mountain Partnership: Facilitating Community, Collaboration, and Change** - *Ragan Theater*

Moderator: Dr. Keith Snedegar, Head, Department of History and Political Sciences, Utah Valley State College

“Mountain Forum: Information-sharing, Networking and Advocacy in Support of Sustainable and Equitable Mountain Development” Amy Krauze, Mountain Forum Officer, The Banff Centre, Mountain Culture, Canada

“Promoting Sustainable Mountain Development in Africa: The Role of Mountain Forum and African Mountain Forum” Moses H. Duku, Elected Representative, African Mountain Forum on Mountain Forum Board, and Focal Point, Mountain Partnership, Ghana

“Women's Role in Andean Biodiversity Conservation” Dr. Sonia Salas, Mountain Forum Latin America at the MF Board

10.05-12.30 p.m. Panel Sessions

Panel#4: Education of Women & Children - SC 206A

Co-Chair: **Dr. Elaine Englehardt**, Distinguished Professor of Ethics, UVSC

Co-Chair: **Mr. Rick Bridwell**, Member, Organizing Committee of the Conference, The Montana National Guard State Partnership Coordinator (1998-2004)

1. **“Mountains and Connectivity: Challenges and Prospects for Education and Development”**
Garth Willis, PhD Student, Department of Education Policy, University of Minnesota

2. **“Environmental Literacy and Awareness among the Women of Mountain Region of Uttarakhand, India: A Situational Analysis”** Dr. Basant Kumar Tewari, Academic Counselor on Environmental Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University, Almora, India

3. **“How College Students Can Change the World through Microcredit”** Dr. Warner P. Woodworth, Social Entrepreneur/Professor, Marriott School / BYU, Utah

4. **“Women of Kyrgyzstan in Transition Period and Media”** Dr. Kuban Taabaldiev,* Cholpon Akmatalieva**, * Fulbright Scholar, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana, **Visiting Scholar, Women’s Research Institute, Brigham Young University

5. **“The Woman of the XXI Century and Information Technologies”** Dr. Iskhakova Sarvar, Department of Economics, Samarkand State University, Uzbekistan

6. **“Women’s Ways of Knowing, Learning, and Understanding: Educative Issues in the Classroom”** Dr. Ellen Powley, Women’s Research Institute, Brigham Young University

7. **“Dilemma of Education Reform”** Baktykan Myrzakmatova, Ministry of Education of Kyrgyzstan

8. **“Role of ICT in Enforcing Women’s Potential in the Mountainous Regions: Case Study of Kyrgyzstan”** Dr. Kent Millington,* Zamira Djusupova,** Dr. Ulan Brimkulov,*** Alexey Semyonov,**** Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev.***** , *Entrepreneur-in-Residence, School of Business, UVSC, ** ICT Component Coordinator, UNDP Democratic Governance Program, Kyrgyzstan , ***Fulbright Scholar, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, ****CEO&CFO, Advanced Language Systems International, *****Distinguished Visiting Professor, UVSC

9. **“Descendants from the Inca Empire Regaining Their Heritage through Education”** Sara Ulloa, Spanish Professor, Languages Department, UVSC

10. **“My Experience as a Journalist in Afghanistan”** Mrs. Safia Abdul Raziq, Bureau of RFE/RL in Afghanistan

10.05-12.30 p.m. Panel#5: *Human Trafficking and Exploitation - SC 206 B*

Co-Chair: **Dr. Colleen Mack-Canty**, Director of the MPA Program, University of Idaho

Co-Chair: **H.E. Zamira Sydykova**, Member, Organizing Committee of the Conference, Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United States and Canada

1. **“New Vulnerabilities for Mountain Women: A Different Light of the Greater Himalaya”** Dechenla Sherpa, Gender Specialist, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu, NEPAL

2. **“Bride Kidnapping in Kyrgyzstan”** Dinara Ismailova, IREX student from Kyrgyzstan at Carroll College, Montana

3. **“Migration in Mountains: Problems of Women”** Jatinder Kishtwaria, Sonia Thakur and Aruna Rana. College of Home Science, CSK HPKV Palampur, India

4. **“Post-Soviet Gender Transformations in Mountainous Karabagh”** Dr. Nona Shahnazarian, Kuban Socio-Economic Institute, Krasnodar, Russia

5. **“A Historical Context for the Trafficking of Women and Young Girls for Prostitution in Modern Europe: 1950-2006”** Dr. Kristine W. Frederickson,* Amanda Solomon,** *Women’s Research Institute, Brigham Young University, **Student, Brigham Young University

6. **“Challenges for Women’s Life in the Mountain Regions of the Kyrgyz Republic”** Pierre Padiukov, Olga Padiukova, International Mountain Institute under the National Center for Development Mountain regions of the Kyrgyz Republic

7. **“Urban Poverty Among Mountain Raramuri Women: Fiesta y Familia”** Lynn England*, Tim Heaton, ** Myrna Garcia Bencomo,*** Gerardo Reyes Lopez,**** Brigham Young University, * Brigham Young University, ** Universidad Autonoma de Chihuahau, Mexico*** Universidad Autonoma de Chihuahau, Mexico****

8. **“Empowering Utah Women: UVSC’s Turning Point Provides Life-Transforming Tools for At-Risk Women”** Carol Verbecky*, Peggy Pasi**, * Director, Turning Point, Utah Valley State College and, * Program Coordinator, Turning Point Women’s Resource Center, Utah Valley State College

10.05-12.30 p.m. Panel #6: Leadership for Women - SC 206 C

Co-Chair: **Ms. Horton Terry Margaret**, Consultant, The Foraker Group/Anchorage Community Land Trust, Anchorage

Co-Chair: **Dr. Susan R. Madsen**, Associate Professor of Management, IRB Chair and Administrator, Utah Valley State College, Leadership and Change Consultant

1. **“Mountain Sisters, Gaining Local Legitimacy through International Partnerships”** Gilles Rudaz, Department of Geography, University of California-Berkeley

2. **“Capacity Building of Women in Kyrgyzstan: an Example of International Cooperation”** Jarkyn Samanchina, Bashat (Community and Business Forum), Kyrgyzstan

3. **“One Step Forward, Two Steps Back of Gender Equality Achievement Process (sample of Kyrgyzstan)”** Dr. Sairagul Matikeeva, International University of Kyrgyzstan, Department of International Relations, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

4. **“Politics and Women in Central Asia and Kyrgyzstan: Perspective of Cooperation”** Umetalieva Toktaim, President, Association of NGOs&NCOs of Kyrgyzstan

5. **“Developing Leadership During Adolescence: The Experiences of Women University Presidents”** Susan R. Madsen, Associate Professor of Management, IRB Chair and Administrator, Utah Valley State College, Leadership and Change Consultant

6. **“The role of Kyrgyz Government in the Promotion of Women’s Rights”** Aitkulova Elmira, * Umetalieva Toktaim, ** *Senior expert, Department of Social and Cultural Development, office of the Prime-minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, ** President, Association of NGOs&NCOs of Kyrgyzstan

7. **“Women’s Leadership for Sustainable Mountain Development: Experiences From Women’s Networks”** Corinne Wacker, Bernard Debarbieux, Institute of Geography, University of Geneva, Switzerland

8. **“Women, Leaders Up the Development Trail”** Dr. John Shilling, Member, Organizing Committee of the Conference, Founding Partner, EcoLogica LLC

9. **“Women in Leadership: Prospects and Challenges”** Nilofar Sakhi, Fulbright Scholar, Founder, Women Activities and Social Services Association (WASSA), Afghanistan

10. **“The Women Leaders of Alaska Native Corporations: A Brief Introduction to the Female CEOs of Multi-Million and Billion Dollar Organizations”** Ms. Horton Terry Margaret, Consultant, The Foraker Group/Anchorage Community Land Trust, Anchorage

10.05-12.30 p.m. Panel #7: Students Presentations on Women’s Issues - LC 243

Co-Chair: **Dr. Alex Stecker**, History and Political Sciences Department, UVSC

Co-Chair: **Dr. Kathren Brown**, History and Political Sciences Department, UVSC

1. **“Women’s Rights in Somalia”** David W. Graney, Student in Cross-Cultural Psychology (PSY475R-002), Utah Valley State College
 2. **“The Evolution of Women’s Rights/Civil Liberties in Afghanistan”** Ethan Davis, Student of Cross-Cultural Psychology (PSY475R-002), Utah Valley State College
 3. **“The Rights of Women from the Mountains of Iraq”** Tyler Nay, Student of Cross-Cultural Psychology (PSY475R-002), Utah Valley State College
 4. **“The Role of Women in Two Diverse Arab Cultures: a Widening or Closing Gap?”** Jeni Anderson, Student of Cross-Cultural Psychology (PSY475R-002), Utah Valley State College
 5. **“The Rights and Treatment of Palestinian Women in Palestinian, Israeli, and Non-Palestinian Arab Cultures will be Compared and Contrasted”** Julie Wilkerson, Student of Cross-Cultural Psychology (PSY475R-002), Utah Valley State College
 6. **“Intranational, International, and Interpersonal Conflict: The Link between Divorce and Conflicts of Nation-states”** Carl Brinton,, Brigham Young University.
- 12.30-2.00 p.m.** Lunch with keynote address by David Saedi, CEO, Certiport – *Ballroom*. Attendance for this event is by invitation ONLY.
- 2.00-2.50 p.m.** Plenary Session: Summary of the Panel Co-Chairs about results of discussions - *SC 206 A,,B &C*
- 2.50- 3.10 p.m.** Coffee-Break
- 3.10-4.00 p.m.** Final Plenary Session: discussions and approval of the final document of the Conference – *Orem Declaration of Mountain Women - SC 206 A,B&C*
- Moderator: Dr. Douglas McGuire, Coordinator of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, UN-FAO, Rome
- 4.30 p.m.** Tour of UVSC
- 6.30-8.00 p.m.** Grand Finale reception, keynote by Dr. Baktybek Abdrysaev, Executive Secretary of the Conference and Distinguished International Professor, UVSC. Entertainment by Synergy Dance Company (UVSC) – *Ballroom*. Attendance for this event is by invitation ONLY.