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## → Events from Our Members

**April 16**

**Jennifer Baumgardner and the Rape Awareness Project, Madison**  
6:30 PM, Ebling Symposium (Microbial Sciences Building). Former Ms. magazine editor, and author of *Abortion and Life*, *Look Both Ways: Bisexual Politics*, and *Grassroots: A field guide for feminist activism*, Jennifer Baumgardner will be speaking about her Rape Awareness Project and sexual assault in the United States. A reception & meet and greet with snacks and beverages to follow. Part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. For more info: [Wisconsin Union](#).

**April 22**

**League of Women Voters Legislative Day, Madison**  
8:00 AM-1:30 PM, Inn on the Park. Cost: \$45. RSVP by April 11. For more info and to register: [LWV](#).

**April 28**

**Women's Health Day of Action, Madison**  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Inn on the Park, 22 S. Carroll St. Cost: \$25/\$10 students or limited income. Some scholarships available. The Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health is joining with Planned Parenthood Advocates of WI and the Raising Women's Voices campaign to host the Women's Health Day of Action. Plan to attend and learn about current women's health policy issues and opportunities to speak out for women's health. The Day of Action will also include advocacy training and a morning keynote from Esha Pandit from the Raising Women's Voices campaign. To



Please consider giving to the Wisconsin Women's Network through Community Shares of Wisconsin's Workplace Giving Campaign. For more information, visit [Community Shares](#) or contact the [WWN office](#).

register: [PPAWI](#).

April 30

#### **Pastoral Counseling for Reproductive Loss, West Allis**

9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Calvary United Methodist Church, 3177 W. 107th Street. The Wisconsin Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (WI-RCRC) invites clergy to participate in a training in "Pastoral Counseling for Reproductive Loss." This seminar provides clergy with the information and skills they need to be an effective pastoral presence for people coming to terms with pregnancy losses, including miscarriage, stillbirth, infertility, adoption, and abortion. Covering medical, emotional, and spiritual issues, the curriculum also includes scriptural references, rituals and an extensive bibliography of both print and on-line resources. Facilitated by Rabbi Bonnie Margulis, WI-RCRC Board Member and former Director of Clergy Programming for RCRC - National. Registration due by April 15. For more info: [WI RCRC](#).

[For a complete events calendar, click here.](#)

## [News](#)

### [Women's Health and Reproductive Rights](#)

#### [Action: Submit Comments Against HHS Regulation by April 9](#)

Submit comments against the HHS regulation today and support the Obama administration's move to rescind a policy that would drastically hinder women's ability to get reproductive health services-including basic care such as contraception, counseling, and information necessary to make decisions about their own health. Under the rule, people only marginally related to providing healthcare, like a receptionist or health insurance claim officer, would be allowed to refuse a woman care based on religious or moral beliefs. For sample comments, visit [Center for Reproductive Rights](#).

#### [Abortion Reform Campaign Launched in Spain](#)

Reforming Spain's abortion laws is part of the social change program undertaken by Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez

Zapatero, whose Socialist government has removed religion from the public education curriculum, reformed divorce laws, and legalized gay marriage since assuming power in 2004.

### Women in the Military

#### [Test Your Knowledge of Women in the Military!](#)

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America produced a short quiz on women in the military in honor of Women's History Month in March. Some of the answers might surprise you!

#### [Female Troops Still Lack Access to Plan B Despite Its Legality](#)

Emergency contraception is still difficult to access for many groups of women, including the more than 200,000 women serving in the Armed Services. It's excluded from the list of what military facilities, including the primary stores where families shop, are required to stock. That can be particularly challenging for women and families who are based overseas and rely solely on those facilities to buy over-the-counter drugs. More than 160,500 American female soldiers have served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Middle East since the war began in 2003.

#### [Opinion: Stop Rape and Assault: That's an Order!](#)

Here are the words I want to hear from our new commander in chief: "Our servicewomen deserve dignity and respect, and that's an order!" With plans to launch more U.S. troops into Afghanistan, it is urgent that the new administration address head-on the shocking treatment of the women who make up a critical portion of our military troops.

### Economic Equity

#### [Opinion: Women Need to Know Their New Jobless Benefits](#)

After years of facing discrimination by the nation's unemployment insurance program, women stand to disproportionately benefit from three new rules in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed by President Barack Obama on Feb. 17.

### [Senate Bill Could Help Women Keep Homes](#)

Financial advocacy groups say that the Helping Families Save Their Homes in Bankruptcy Act would be a lifeline for women who obtained subprime loans, which carry higher interest rates than traditional mortgages. Many of these women now face foreclosure because higher interest rates, which may readjust every few months, have added hundreds of additional dollars in monthly payments.

### [Martyr or heretic? Bishop Morlino fires church employee over feminist beliefs](#)

The termination came after Ruth Kolpack said she refused the bishop's request to renounce a 2003 college thesis in which she argued for more gender-inclusive language at Masses and harshly criticized the Catholic Church's doctrine that only males can be ordained.

### [LGBT Rights](#)

#### [Iowa Legalizes Same-Sex Marriage](#)

Iowa became the first state in the Midwest to legalize same-sex marriage when its Supreme Court yesterday unanimously struck down the state's decade-long ban. Gay advocacy groups also said the emphatic ruling probably will sway other courts, including California's Supreme Court, which must decide by early June whether their November referendum ending gay marriage in California was constitutional.

#### [Vermont Legalizes Gay Marriage](#)

Vermont has become the fourth state to legalize gay marriage - and the first to do so with a legislature's vote. The Legislature voted Tuesday to override Gov. Jim Douglas' veto of a bill allowing gays and lesbians to marry. The vote was 23-5 to override in the state Senate and 100-49 to override in the House. Under Vermont law, two-thirds of each chamber had to vote for override.

#### [A Push Is On for Same-Sex Marriage Rights Across New England](#)

The Iowa Supreme Court's approval of same-sex marriage gave advocates an important first victory in the nation's heartland,

thwarting the notion that only the Northeast will accept it. But for now, New England remains the nucleus of the same-sex marriage movement, with a campaign under way to extend marriage rights to gay men and lesbians in all six of the region's states by 2012.

### International Women

#### [Clinton Speaks on Women's Rights and Foreign Policy](#)

The Secretary of State recently spoke on the integral role of women's rights in foreign policy and security at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America national conference. Clinton explained, "A society that denies and demeans women's rights and roles is a society that is more likely to engage in behavior that is negative, anti-democratic and leads to violence and extremism."

#### [Gazan Women Face Rise in Abuse](#)

The United Nations Development Fund for Women says there is anecdotal evidence that domestic violence - verbal, physical, sexual and psychological - has increased noticeably since Israel's recent attack on Gaza and in general since Hamas took over sole control of the Gaza Strip almost two years ago.

#### [In Afghanistan, Storm Brewing Over Law Legalizing Rape](#)

A law recently signed by Afghan President Hamid Karzai eliminates the need for sexual consent between husband and wife, tacitly approves child marriage and restricts a woman's right to leave the family home. Some NATO countries have threatened to withdraw troops and withhold aid unless the law is repealed.



## Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities

### Job Opportunities

Org: Planned Parenthood of WI

Location: Milwaukee

Position: President and CEO

Description: The President & CEO must establish a strong, effective partnership with Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin's voluntary Board of Directors to foster an ethos of collaboration, consultation and accountability throughout the organization. Working with the Board, the President & CEO will develop a shared vision of the organization and strengthen internal and external support of the mission across many communities by developing operational goals/strategies to advance the mission. Qualifications include Bachelor's degree in business, public health, public administration or social sciences required and 10 years of senior management experience in not-for-profit healthcare environment, managing complex funding sources, required; Master's degree, with equivalent years of management experience mentioned above preferred; depth of experience working with Boards of Directors and their committees, most specifically, working with finance and fund development committees is required; Planned Parenthood experience preferred. For complete job description, [click here](#). To apply: For full consideration, all materials listed must be received by April 13, 2009.

1. A letter describing your interest;
2. Salary parameters;
3. Detailed resume; and
4. Names and contact information for three professional references.

Please send the above listed information to:

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Org: Hope House

Location: Baraboo

Position: Legal Advocate/Case Manager

Description: The Legal Advocate provides services to increase safety, explore options and resources and encourage self-sufficiency among program participants. This position focuses on legal options and remedies available to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and accompanies victims through civil

and criminal proceedings. The Legal Advocate is not an attorney and does not provide legal advice. This position provides shelter coverage as needed and participates in the on-call rotation every 4-6 weeks. The position is based in Baraboo; travel throughout a five-county area is required. A valid WI driver's license, access to vehicle and proof of insurance coverage is required. Qualified candidates will have a combination of education, knowledge, skills and abilities equivalent to a bachelor's degree and two years experience related to the position. A candidate with bilingual skills (English-Spanish) is preferred. Dependable, organized, self-directed individuals with a commitment to ending violence are encouraged to apply. To Apply: Send cover letter with salary requirements, current resume and a one page statement of your understanding of domestic violence and sexual assault to: Hope House of South Central Wisconsin, 910 8th Ave, Baraboo, WI 53913

### Volunteer Opportunities

Posted: 3/26/09

Org: Friends of the Madison Public Library (FMPL)

Activity: coordination of the Friends' 3 annual booksales

Location: Madison Public Library, 201 W. Mifflin Street, Madison

When: Preceding, during and following the 3 book sales which are scheduled in the months of February, April and September

Description: Planning and preparing for each booksale, including scheduling volunteers, coordination with volunteer book sorters and library staff, money collection, arranging for disposition of leftover books and other materials, and reporting results of sale to the FMPL Board

More info/sign up: Email Carol at [cchap38@aol.com](mailto:cchap38@aol.com)

Posted: 7/9/08

Org: Madison SOS (Speak Out, Sister!)

Activity: event-planning, outreach, facilitation, research, design, and more!

Location: various (in Madison)

When: opportunities available weekdays (daytime and evening) and weekend afternoons

Description: Assist this grassroots, teen-led organization in creating a status report on social justice issues affecting Madison high school young women. Volunteers are needed to help plan and facilitate

focus groups with teens across the city on these issues; interview girls on issues affecting their lives; distribute and collect surveys; compile and analyze qualitative and quantitative data; and assist with the design and editing of the report. A wide variety of opportunities available!  
More info/sign up: Email [madisonsos@yahoo.com](mailto:madisonsos@yahoo.com)

### For Equality,

Johanna Hatch, Administrator  
Wisconsin Women's Network

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