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Provost Dr. Mary Papazian

Negotiating What You're Worth

March 25th 10am-12Noon, Faculty Lounge, Wayne Hall

Dr. Papazian will be available after the meeting if you would like to join her. Lunch is available for purchase or bring your own.

Dr. Mary A. Papazian, a distinguished educator and scholar in English literature, began serving as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lehman College in July 2007. Prior to joining Lehman's senior administrative team, Dr. Papazian was Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of English at Montclair State University in Montclair, N.J., a position she held since August 2004, and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., since January 1999, where she had been on the faculty of the English Department since 1988.

Since her arrival at Lehman as Provost, Dr. Papazian has launched a number of initiatives. These include creating the Office of Undergraduate Studies and Online Education, overseeing Lehman's successful Middle States reaccreditation evaluation, and developing increased admissions standards for freshmen and transfer students. In addition, under Dr. Papazian's leadership, Lehman has created an annual Scholarship Day to showcase student research and scholarship, a faculty-led Assessment Council to guide Lehman's initiatives in the area of student learning, a Research Advisory Board to oversee the College's advances in research, an annual Faculty Recognition Day to highlight accomplishments in the areas of teaching, scholarship, and service, and an annual Honors Convocation to celebrate all students graduating with honors.

As Dean at Montclair State, Dr. Papazian oversaw numerous initiatives, including transferring the doctoral program in audiology from Seton Hall University to Montclair State, creating the Center for Writing Excellence, strengthening the partnership between the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Education, elevating the Justice Studies program to department status, developing degree programs in Child Advocacy and Asian Studies, reviewing foreign language teaching at the University, and organizing a university Undergraduate Research Conference in partnership with Montclair's College of Science and Mathematics.

At Oakland University, Dr. Papazian served for five years as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and, from August 2003 through January 2004, concurrent with her tenure as Associate Dean, she also was Executive Director of the Oakland University Department of Music, Theater, and Dance.

Dr. Papazian's scholarly work focuses on the seventeenth-century English poet and clergyman John Donne and has been published in a wide range of academic venues. Her essay on Donne's Devotions won the 1991 John Donne Society Award for Distinguished Publication on Donne. Her book, *John Donne and the Protestant Reformation:* New Perspectives, was published by Wayne State University Press in August 2003. A second book, *The Sacred and Profane in English Renaissance Literature*, was published by the University of Delaware Press in June 2008. Dr. Papazian served the John Donne Society as Secretary/Treasurer from 1990-2005 and as President in 2006-2007.

A native Californian, Dr. Papazian received her graduate and undergraduate education at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where she received her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in English Literature. Upon graduation *summa cum laude* with her B.A. in English, she was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She lives in Woodcliff Lake, N.J., with her husband, Dr. Dennis R. Papazian, a long-time Professor of History and Founding Director of the Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan, Dearborn, and their two daughters,

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http://www.wpunj.edu/ace-net/

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Women of Color Conference

Date: Friday, February 25, 2011

Time: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Brookdale Community College

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Statewide Spring Conference

Date: Friday, April 15, 2011 **Time:** 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Middlesex County College (President *Kathleen Waldron* will be a

panelist—see more on next page)





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Is this you when you start thinking of your **Tenure** Folder?

Don't Stress. Our next Brown Bag lunch is March 30th at 12:30pm in the Wayne Hall Faculty Dining Room

Sue Tardi, President of AFT Local, will speak on "Tenure and How to Get There"

Save the Date!

President's Panel: The Leadership Edge

This year's conference will feature a Presidential Panel and the theme is "The Leadership Edge". Each of the following presidents will speak to this topic and will be considering questions such as: How did you cultivate the "Leadership Edge" in your career? What words of wisdom and advice would you offer women in higher education, some of whom may not want to move up the career ladder, some of whom do?

Panelists include:

Caldwell College: Nancy Blattner

College of New Jersey: R. Barbara Gittenstein

Middlesex County College: Joann La Perla-Morales

Montclair State University: Susan A. Cole

William Paterson University: Kathleen M. Waldron

April 15th, 2011 Middlesex County College

Women of Color Annual Conference

Moving from Aspirations to Actions: Achieving Your Fullest Potential

Featuring Dr. Narcisa A. Polonio

Friday, February 25, 2011
9 am-1 pm
Brookdale Community College
Lincroft Campus
Student Life Center, Twin Lights I & II
\$50 per person

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is February 18th. Registration and continental breakfast at 9 am. Program begins promptly at 9:30 am. Lunch follows morning program.

Dr. Polonio requests that attendees bring three copies of their resume to the conference.



Dr. Narcisa A. Polonio

Vice President for Education, Research and Board Leadership Services at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). Recognized as one of the leading authorities on community college govern- ance and presidential leadership, Dr. Polonio has facilitated over 300 board retreats and presidential searches. She provides leadership for the ACCT's Annual Leadership Congress, publications, research projects and leadership services including Retreat Service; Interim President Service; the Governance Leadership Institutes; and the Governance Institute for Student Success. Dr. Polonio previously served as the president of Harcum College (PA) and Hudson County Community College (NJ). Other previous positions include Director of the Office of Community Colleges, New Jersey Department of Higher Education. Dr. Polonio served for seven years as a faculty member for the Institute for Educational Management, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University.

Dr. Polonio served on the Board of Trustees at the College of St. Elizabeth and other advisory boards including, the HERS national board. She has an extensive list of publications and speaks throughout the country on issues related to governance, leadership, and diversity. Dr. Polonio attended Foothill Community College, CA and holds a B.A. in History from San Jose State University (CA), an M.A. from Stanford University (CA), an Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.