Gifts to the Library Work Scholar Fund make it possible for students needing financial support to attend Brandeis by providing part-time jobs in the Libraries. Student employment offsets the increasing costs of education, while giving the Libraries much-needed support. Approximately 150 students work a total of 1100 hours per week. A gift of $500 provides the salary for one student for one semester. In the past five years alone, members and friends of the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee have donated more than $1 million to the Library Work Scholar Fund.

David Hackett Fischer Wins Pulitzer Prize in History

Brandeis University Professor David Hackett Fischer has won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in History for his book, *Washington’s Crossing*.

Fischer has been at Brandeis since 1962. After 85 semesters at the University, he declared in one newspaper interview that he loved the 85th semester as much as he loved the first. *American Heritage* has called him “one of the most imaginative historians in contemporary America.” He is also the author of such acclaimed volumes as *Albion’s Seed*, *The Great Wave*, *Paul Revere’s Ride*, and *Liberty and Freedom: A Visual History of America’s Founding Ideas*. He is the co-editor, with James M. McPherson, of the *Pivotal Moments in American History* series published by Oxford University Press.


*Washington’s Crossing* chronicles a major turning point in the American Revolution, when, on Christmas night in December 1776, George Washington led a weary band
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To provide financial support for Brandeis University and its Libraries. It connects Brandeis, a non-sectarian university founded by the American Jewish community, to its members and their communities through programs that reflect the ideals of social justice and academic excellence.

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PRESIDENTIAL
Perspective
BY JOYCE KRASNOW

“For the times, they are a changin’,
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Bob Dylan told us in 1963. Today, those words ring true for the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee, for we are entering a period of change unlike any other in our 57-year history.

The University and BUNWC are now operating in an altered environment. Like corporate America, the non-profit sector is coming under closer scrutiny by regulators. Massachusetts non-profit organizations, including colleges and universities, are currently awaiting the filing of state legislation that will almost certainly establish tighter controls on the financial management of non-profits. Because BUNWC is a part of Brandeis University, all state and federal laws apply to BUNWC, its volunteers, and the University.

In order to strengthen our ranks and improve our operations, BUNWC will work more closely with the University to be sure we are conforming to its rules and regulations. By working in partnership with University administrators, we will share an even stronger bond and become a more dynamic organization.

I am aware that change can be difficult and that there is a sense of comfort in doing things as we did in the past, but if we continue to look back, we will be distracted from the “now.” Meeting the challenges of today will shape our future.

I brought with me to this office almost one year ago the desire to create a stronger and more vital Brandeis University National Women’s Committee and I do not plan to leave without truly strengthening our core. Working together, we can make the changes necessary to adopt a process that will move us forward.

Please join me in this effort by coming to our National Conference, June 1-5, and “experience the excellence.” Meet our fabulous faculty, see our excellent libraries, tour the Brandeis campus, and join other leaders from across the country in planning a great future for BUNWC.

Brandeis Alumna Named Executive Director of BUNWC

Shari Langenthal Meehan ’76 has been named executive director of the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee. An attorney with an MBA, she has considerable experience in nonprofit management. In addition to consulting for a number of organizations, she has served as vice president of American Student Assistance, the nation’s oldest student loan guarantor in the Federal Family Education Loan Program.
Amanda McNeil ’08

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International Business School–MBA Program

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MAJOR Musicology
MINOR Education
Reference Desk
Goldfarb Library

A graduate of the University of California Davis with a BA in English and music, de Graaf worked in all parts of the Library over the last five years before taking her current job. Only graduate students work on the Reference Desk. “I love the Library,” she declares. “It has a great music collection and Darwin Scott is the best music librarian ever!”

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MAJOR Creative Writing
Circulation/Reserves Assistant, Goldfarb Library

A Presidential Scholar, Fortmeyer came from Raleigh, North Carolina, to study creative writing at Brandeis. “I’ve been writing since I was a little kid,” she reports. “I love working in the Library. It’s a good job. I think what BUNWC is doing for students and library workers is amazing.”

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In 75 years, one-quarter of the world will be more than 65 years of age. Many of them will be afflicted with conditions that “catch up” with us as we age—Alzheimers, Parkinson’s Disease, and cancer—diseases that Brandeis researchers are racing to conquer.

“We’re pushing past the boundary of what nature programmed our bodies to do,” explains Brandeis scientist Greg Petsko, director of the Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center. “Although Alzheimer’s Disease rarely affects people under 60, evidence for it shows up in nearly all of the post-mortems done on people over 90.”

ALZHEIMER’S AND PARKINSON’S
A primary focus of Petsko’s research is tau, a protein which is implicated in nerve cell death in more than 20 brain diseases, including Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s. Although tau is an essential component of normal neuron function, it can build up in older patients, forming aggregates and killing brain cells. He is searching for a way to clear the aggregates or stop them from forming.

This research got a major boost recently when Petsko and fellow scientist Dagmar Ringe won a prestigious McKnight Endowment for Neuroscience Award. With this funding, they hope to move their basic laboratory discoveries closer to treatments for patients. Brandeis researchers, who have co-discovered some of the ten genes involved in Parkinson’s Disease, won two of the six awards made nationally by the McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience.

“There is not a single major pharmaceutical firm working on Parkinson’s,” Petsko reports. “At this point, it is up to academic researchers like us to find a solution to this horrible disease that affects 1.5 million in the United States and costs us $5.6 billion a year.”

INFECTIOUS DISEASE: A MAJOR KILLER
Most elderly people die of infectious disease, including pneumonia. Drug-resistant tuberculosis is also a growing threat, which is expected to cause 30 percent of deaths worldwide by 2020. “The concern with drug-resistant TB,” Greg Petsko explains, “is that we now live in a global village and it is spread through casual contact. In 1989, for example, a man boarded a plane in Ghana and had infected 11 people before he got off the plane in the United States.”

Petsko and Ringe’s lab is working on a drug that would control infectious diseases such as diphtheria by locking down onto the bacterial DNA a protein that inhibits expression of the toxin. “Diphtheria epidemics used to have an 80 percent mortality rate,” he reports. “This drug should also work on tuberculosis, cholera, tetanus, anthrax, tularemia, and the bacteria that causes syphilis, and could be somewhat of a general antibiotic.”

BLOCKING METASTASIS
Dagmar Ringe is also making advances in cancer research. She has identified proteins involved in metastasis, including one that seems to be important in the migration of solid tumors. “It is the metastasis that usually kills us,” Petsko points out. “Our cells can often tolerate a first mutation and our immune systems can often get rid of cells that harbor a second and maybe a third. We can also frequently eliminate the primary tumor with surgery, radiation or chemotherapy, but if the tumor cell evolves the ability to escape from its immediate

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**Campaign Update as of March 31, 2005**

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Is Life an Incurable Disease?

Campaign Supports Aging Research at Brandeis
environment and migrates to the liver or brain, these secondary sites of cancer are usually the cause of fatalities. Blocking metastasis would buy time for the immune system or other treatments to eliminate the tumor cells before that happened.”

THE POWER OF SCIENCE AT BRANDEIS
The research prowess of Brandeis is reflected in its ranking as number two out of 3,000 colleges in the United States (normalized for size) in the percentage of faculty who are members of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and are fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. During the last decade, the 58 faculty members who have laboratories devoted to the life sciences have won more than 30 extremely competitive awards from the most prestigious sources.

The University has a greater concentration of National Institutes of Health special awards and higher funding per scientist than almost any other research university in the country. The average support per life science faculty member was $456,896 in FY 04, not including the very significant Howard Hughes Medical Institute support, an exceptional amount for a university without a medical school.

Rosenstiel: An International Center of Excellence

For more than 30 years, the Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center has brought together biochemists, biologists, physicists, and chemists in a uniquely interdisciplinary approach to combating disease. In recent years, its scientists have pinpointed an on/off switch in diphtheria that holds the promise of antibiotics that won’t induce bacterial resistance; rendered mammography machines much more effective by replacing traditional photographic film with a new digital mammography camera; and greatly expanded the scope of leukemia research by inducing a form of the disease in mice that’s strikingly similar to one seen in humans.

BUNWC’s Alliance with Science

Chapters and individual members are rising to the challenge of advancing medical research at Brandeis on Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, cancer, and other diseases through the support of scholarly journals. For decades, BUNWC has played a key role in supporting cutting-edge research at Brandeis by providing funds for the research journals that are the lifeblood of scientific research and communication throughout the world.

The spectacular book and author events held in the Phoenix and North Shore, IL Chapters have raised almost $50,000 total toward Journals to Advance Medical Research. Funds from “Book Marks,” in Phoenix, individuals who make gifts of $200 or more, and “Front Runners” in North Shore, who give $250 or more, were designated for journals.

In addition, the Simons Foundation made a generous gift of $10,000. Marcia Simons, a member of the Boston Chapter for 30 years, says of her gift: “I believe in scientific research and the research they are doing on the brain at Brandeis. I have a strong feeling they will come up with something that will help a lot of people.”

“Access to journals provided by the Brandeis Libraries and funded by BUNWC is a key part of modern scientific research, especially given the exponential growth of journals today,” Dr. Gregory Petsko, director of the Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center explains. “It is the principle way we keep abreast of the work going on in the scientific community.”

Almost 40% of students entering Brandeis have a strong interest in studying science or medicine.
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JOSH From the beginning, Brandeis students have been trailblazers and I’ve felt in my four years here that we’re still given the opportunity to make history. This is a place where you’re listened to and respected by the administration, where you’re not just a number. Coming to Brandeis is certainly the best decision I’ve ever made. Besides its great academics and super location, I felt it was a place where I would be able to develop relationships with faculty and administrators, and I was right.

Even though I had been active in high school—varsity baseball, Honor Society, my temple youth group—I came to Brandeis and did all new things. I got involved in student government and Hillel my first year. I joined a theatre production, something I never dreamed I would do. My out-of-classroom experiences have provided me with some of my most important lessons—problem solving, program planning, working with people.

Of course, my academic experience has been great, too. This year I am doing an independent study on the economics of higher education with Professor Michael Coiner. We meet weekly. I know a lot of students who do independent studies; it’s like having a class of one.

MEL I was in the fourth graduating class at Brandeis, so we felt like we were in on the ground floor. I’m really intrigued that you’re still stamped with that pioneer experience, Josh, that willingness to take chances and make things happen. I’m so glad that’s still in place 50 years later.

I remember once when I was here at Brandeis, a student got into trouble who, in my judgment, needed a second chance. Based on my strong feelings, I went to bat for him with the administration. Unfortunately, within the year, this student really messed up and was expelled. When I saw the dean several years later, the dean reminded me of the incident. I reminded him of how I had been snookered by the student. It surprised me when he said, “I would hope, Mel, that if you had the opportunity, you would do the same thing again!” I replied to the dean, “I guess that you are more wise than I.” That’s the kind of place Brandeis was and I’m very glad to hear it still is.

JOSH I’ve done some research on Brandeis history. But, what was it like from your perspective?

MEL I came to Brandeis from a very, very secure Jewish community in Western Massachusetts. I expected Brandeis to be an extension of that community, and in some ways it was. In other ways, it wasn’t. Even though most students were Jewish, there was a lot of diversity.

I was very interested in finding out who I was. I was legally blind and therefore I needed readers for everything. It was tough. I had to put it together for myself. I had to remember it the first time I heard it from the books which were read to me. The cassette tape recorder was commercially 15 years down the road! I plodded along. I had no idea of what I would major in or how I would make a living.

The first summer I worked at a camp for the blind. That was a
I have been very fortunate to have maintained many friendships from Brandeis. Many of my classmates have done the same. I’ve been involved in the last three class reunions. You know, the further you get away from the Brandeis experience, the more you realize what it’s done for you and you want to give back.

I didn’t realize how much Brandeis had done for me until I put some distance between those years and my life now. Now I can see how so many things that happened here affected me in positive ways.

70% of Brandeis students who applied to medical school in 2004 were accepted, compared to a national average of 49%.

JOSH What did you think Brandeis would be like in 50 years?

MEL We couldn’t have imagined what it’s become. I walk around here now. It’s huge. When I was here, we had seven buildings, including the information booth.

In our time, we felt we made a difference with the administration. We were able to get their ear. There were many hot political issues—whether to invite a blacklisted artist to campus, whether to show the movie, “The Birth of a Nation,” which negatively stereotyped Blacks. Everything came to a halt for one week while the students decided that issue.

JOSH There’s still a big emphasis on social justice at Brandeis. Brandeis may not be unique in this regard, but it is certainly special. What it boils down to is that when we’re faced with an issue, you have to decide whether to speak up or let someone else do it. Brandeis has taught me to speak up, not to leave it to someone else to do. Social justice is not a project or some kind of community service you do once a week. It’s a way of life here.

JOSH From Admissions to Alumni Relations, the University supports you and you’re part of it. They make you feel like the University couldn’t survive without you. I feel very fortunate to be here at this time.

MEL I’m glad to hear that the Brandeis spirit is alive and well.
Let’s talk about books! “Brandeis Book Talk” will give our readers an opportunity to share favorites of their chapter book groups and the broader Brandeis community. For this year’s National Study Group Month, October, 2005, chapter study groups all across the country will join students and faculty at Brandeis on an exploration of Yellow by Don Lee, a book of short stories on contemporary Asian American life. Chosen by Brandeis University for the 2005 Helen and Phillip Brecher New Student Forum, the award-winning work will bring the entire freshman class together with faculty members to give students a sense of belonging to this special University dedicated to humanistic studies. The author will visit the campus in late August.

Faculty Picks

We asked some of the Brandeis faculty who are Study Group authors and University Outreach speakers to let us know what’s on their night tables.

JEFFREY ABRAMSON
Politics
Will in the World by Steven Greenblatt, a fascinating if speculative account of “how Shakespeare became Shakespeare.”

The Chronicles, vol I, the first volume of Bob Dylan’s autobiography, which I read just for the fun of it.

JACQUELINE JONES
History
The Known World by Edward P. Jones, a big prize-winner this year, and a brilliant evocation of antebellum slavery in the U.S.

The Dante Club by Matthew Pearl, a clever mystery set in nineteenth-century Cambridge, MA, and featuring as its cast of characters scholars of the Italian poet Dante.

Also, for my new class in American labor history, I revisited a classic American autobiography, Frederick Douglass’s Narrative, and I became acquainted with a much more recent autobiography, Cheri Register’s Packinghouse Daughter, the coming-of-age story of the daughter of a meatpacking worker in 1950s Minnesota.

ANN OLGA KOLOSKI-OSTROW
Classical Studies
Pompeii by Robert Harris is a wonderfully fast-paced, historically accurate thriller of THE LAST day in the life of the city of Pompeii.

MICHAEL SOCOLOW
American Studies
Nixon at the Movies by Mark Feeney reveals that America’s most paranoid president was a movie buff. Feeney, who writes for the Boston Globe and teaches in our American Studies Department, is a stylistic and engaging writer. He nicely captures the essence of a man who loved to sit in a dark room and lose himself in a celluloid reality.

STEPHEN J. WHITFIELD
American Studies
Chain of Command: The Road from 9/11 to Abu Ghraib by Seymour M. Hersh (2004) is a blistering, if scattershot, account of how badly the Bush administration waged two rather distinct wars: the war against terror and the invasion of Iraq.
A Fresh Look at Jewish Women

Brandeis University National Women’s Committee is expanding its study group offerings with the addition of several books and study guides on Jewish women’s historical and contemporary experiences, made available through its new partnership with the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute (HBI). HBI is the world’s only academic research center on Jewish women.

“Founded in 1997 by Hadassah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America, Inc., the HBI develops fresh ways of thinking about Jewish women and gender issues worldwide by producing and promoting scholarly research and artistic projects,” explains HBI Founding Director Shulamit Reinharz, Ph.D. “We look forward to this new partnership with the Brandeis University National Women’s Committee through which we will be able to share our study materials with the 43,000 women who belong to BUNWC. We’ll start with these three fabulous books and see where we go from there! The books we will be sharing are published by the HBI through Brandeis University Press. BUNWC members will learn a great deal about the work of its faculty through these materials.”

Double or Nothing: Jewish Families and Mixed Marriage
By Sylvia Barack Fishman, Professor of Contemporary Jewish Life, Brandeis University
A lively and accessible look at Jewish intermarriage and its familial and cultural effects.
The Double or Nothing Guidebook provides program ideas and suggestions for meetings, community events, study groups and book clubs. (HBI-1)

Wedding Song
By Farideh Goldin
A riveting personal account of growing up in the shadow of religious fundamentalism in pre-Revolutionary Iran.
Wedding Song Readers Guide (HBI-2)

Jewish Women from Muslim Societies Speak
Jewish women from Morocco, Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon and Iran share their personal stories of growing up in the shadow of religious fundamentalism and social repression.
The program guide provides extensive resources for personal enrichment, community events, meetings and study groups. (HBI-3)

For more information on study groups, contact your study group chair or Beth Bernstein at 781-736-4190 (berstein@brandeis.edu)

American Judaism: A New History

THE BOOK
American Judaism: A New History, winner of the 2004 National Jewish Book Award’s Everett Family Foundation Book of the Year, the Pulitzer Prize of the Jewish literary community. The first comprehensive history of American Judaism in more than 50 years, it chronicles the 350-year history of the Jewish religion in America (1654-2004).

THE AUTHOR
Jonathan Sarna, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History. Author or editor of more than 20 books on American Jewish history and life, Sarna is also the chief historian of the National Museum of American Jewish History and of the 350th commemoration of Jewish life in America, 1654-2004.

WHY HE WROTE IT
“Astonishingly, the history of American Judaism has never adequately been told. Few people understand when and why the major movements in American Judaism developed, how Judaism relates to American religion as a whole, and why Judaism in America has become so different from Judaism as practiced everywhere else in the world.”

HOW LONG IT TOOK
“All my life!”

FAVORITE BOOK
The Chosen by Chaim Potok.

WHAT HE’S READING NOW
Who She Was: My Search for My Mother’s Life by Samuel G. Freedman.

WHERE HE LIKES TO READ
“At home, in my study.”

Let’s Hear from You!

What is your Brandeis group reading? If any book has really struck a chord with your Brandeis book group in the last year, send us a very brief synopsis of the book, why your group liked it, and what some of the key points of discussion were. Mail to: Imprint, Brandeis University National Women’s Committee, MS 132, Waltham, MA 02454-9110. Include your name, phone and/or email address and the name of your chapter.
CONCORDIA, NJ Hoisting their Brandeis mugs after a chapter luncheon and fashion show are (L-R): Renee Schiller, Joan Neuwirth, Elaine Pepperman, and Paula Simon. Shirley Cameron chaired the event, which raised $1400 for journals to advance medical research at Brandeis. Concordia is just one of the many chapters across the country holding events to raise funds for Brandeis.

LAGUNA HILLS, CA Helen Ibeerall leads the fun for this Yiddish Conversation group. Pictured (rear, L-R) are: Julia Ross, Ibeerall, Rhoda Harris, Rita Berlin, and Edith Goodman. Seated (L-R) are: Madeline Steinberg, Florence Cohn, Gladys Slavitz, Sylvia Deutch, and Rhoda Marlin.

KUDOS

LAS VEGAS and PHOENIX have both welcomed author, historian, Holocaust survivor, and Sachar Award winner Gerda Klein to speak about her latest book, A Boring Evening at Home. Klein’s account of surviving the Holocaust is documented in her autobiography, All But My Life, which has been in print for 46 years.

NASSAU NORTH, NY’s interesting programs have included members Madelon Avallone and Marilyn Welsher reading a one-act play and Robin Hirsch, author of Last Dance at the Hotel Kempinkski: Creating a Life in the Shadow of History. Hirsch is co-owner of Cornelia Street Café in Greenwich Village where he has created a showcase for artists since 1977.

PALM BEACH EAST featured author Binnie Kirshenbaum (An Almost Perfect Day) at their recent book and author luncheon. The chapter prepared for her visit with a lively study group on her novel, Hester Among the Ruins, the tale of an American Jewish woman’s stay in Germany and her emotional journey through past and present.

SAN ANTONIO and CORPUS CHRISTI got a little bit of Brandeis in March when Politics Professor Dan Kryder spoke on “War and Presidential Politics in Modern American History” as part of BUNWC’s University Outreach program.

SOUTH DADE, FL’s Book and Author Event featured author Marcia Zervitz whose guidebook Florida Jewish Heritage Trail retraces the steps of Florida’s Jewish pioneers.
Sociologist David Cunningham is one of more than a dozen Brandeis professors who fanned out across the country this year to take the University to BUNWC chapters through the University Outreach program. Sixty chapters participated in the program this year, generating lively discussions on everything from forensic science to the consequences of the 2004 election. Here we explore with Dr. Cunningham his lecture topic and his recent book, *There’s Something Happening Here: The New Left, the Klan, and FBI Counterintelligence*.

**CUNNINGHAM** An incredibly wide range of people seem to be concerned about abuses and express the fear that it is only a matter of time before any dissenting opinions will be investigated as “potential terrorist threats.” The history of FBI counterintelligence activities weighs heavily on government efforts to expand their intelligence-gathering capabilities today.

Currently, 364 communities and four states have passed resolutions against the Patriot Act, and the Brandeis faculty have recently discussed the possibility of doing so as well. I think what we know now about what many consider the FBI’s excesses during the Red scare of the 1950s and during the Vietnam era colors what we think now.

**IMPRINT** What were those excesses?

**CUNNINGHAM** In 1971 it was revealed that the FBI was targeting thousands of anti-war and civil rights activists and black power advocates. By lessening controls on the intelligence community and the accountability that was put in place at that time, the Patriot Act threatens to take us back to an era when the FBI infiltrated groups and used infamous counterintelligence programs (COINTELPROs) to disrupt the groups’ activities and sometimes ruin reputations. Frankly, the threat of abuse is much bigger now because of advances in technology.

**CUNNINGHAM** Actually, they don’t get at the essential problem of making America more secure. These changes are about giving intelligence agents more power to investigate, to gather information. Gathering information has not been our problem. Looking back, we haven’t been very good at analyzing the information we had. That has been the case in every major intelligence failure, including 9/11.

There are several reasons for this. First, intelligence gathering trumps analysis in the FBI and CIA cultures. Analysts are looked down upon as “the guys who couldn’t make it in the field.” Secondly, the lack of communication across FBI field offices makes it difficult to “connect the dots.” Furthermore, the FBI recently abandoned an upgrade of its computer system that had been in the works for years and would have improved communication and analysis.

I believe the Patriot Act is just wrong-headed because it puts the emphasis on the intelligence-gathering side and deflects attention from the analysis problem. If they’re going to expand powers in this way, there has to be a serious demonstration that it will make us safer.

**IMPRINT** But, are these new laws needed in a post-9/11 world?

**CUNNINGHAM** Even before the Patriot Act, the USA Patriot Act, the Homeland Security Act, and new government guidelines for intelligence-gathering will create an invasion of their privacy. Do you think this is a serious issue?

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OBJECTIVE
To create a new generation of leaders by:
- Immersing Academy members in Brandeis University culture, academics, and research, and the BUNWC organization and mission.
- Instilling pride of affiliation, sense of commitment, and a full understanding of BUNWC’s goals.
- Developing personal leadership skills

PROGRAM
Two-day intensive experience:
- UNIVERSITY IMMERSION: library and campus tours and meetings with students and faculty.
- BUNWC IMMERSION: history, membership, fundraising, programming, community service, governance, and staff interaction.
- Professional leadership workshop.
- ONGOING OPPORTUNITY to share experiences and ideas with a select, accomplished group of BUNWC members from across the country.

APPLICATION & ELIGIBILITY
- All members of BUNWC are eligible for the Academy. All applications will be reviewed confidentially by the National Leadership Team, in consultation with the national president and executive director. Excluded from participation are current national and region officers and Board members.
- All applicants accepted into the Academy will be required to sign a Contract of Participation in order to attend. Participants are expected to attend Conference 2006.

EXPENSES
There is no tuition charge for participation in the Academy. BUNWC will provide transportation from the Westin Waltham-Boston Hotel to campus and all meals. All other expenses, including airfare and hotel, are the responsibility of the participant.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2005
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BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
NATIONAL WOMEN’S COMMITTEE
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2005
Sunday, October 30 – Tuesday, November 1, 2005

It’s Your Turn to Lead

APPLICATION

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NUMBER OF YEARS IN BUNWC                  CHAPTER

Please provide the following information on a separate sheet of paper. You may also enclose a resume, if you wish.

1. Current chapter activities.

2. Reasons for interest in attending the Academy.

3. Strengths, skills, experience you can bring to BUNWC.

4. Previous volunteer experience.

5. Education or related background.

6. Professional work experience.

MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR ANSWERS TO:
BUNWC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
PO BOX 549110, MS 132
WALTHAM, MA 02454-9110

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GAYLE J. WISE
FORMER NATIONAL PRESIDENT
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