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Moms Who Work: Myth & Reality

Thurs., June 28, 2007
Program from 12:15-1:45 pm
at Demos
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New York, NY [directions]

Co-sponsored by:
The Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University
Women's Media Center
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Join Demos and co-sponsors for a discussion with E.J. Graff on the realities faced by working mothers (and their families) in the U.S. today. Drawing upon her article "The Opt Out Myth," published in the March/April 2007 edition of the Columbia Journalism Review, Graff will dispel myths perpetuated by misleading reporting and media hype, such as the "opt-out revolution" and the "mommy wars"-- and will discuss how those storylines can harm public policy.

The following panelists will respond to Graff with research, analysis, and discussion about the real issues facing various groups of working women; how advocates are creating policies to support women and their families; and what more still needs to be done: Carol Jenkins, Women’s Media Center; Linda Lisi Juergens, National Association of Mothers’ Centers (NAMC); and Lois K. Backon, Families and Work Institute. This event will be moderated by Linda Tarr-Whelan, Distinguished Senior Fellow at Demos.

Featured Speaker:

E.J. Graff is the Senior Researcher directing the Gender & Justice Project at Brandeis University’s Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, and a resident scholar at the Brandeis Women's Studies Research Center. She collaborated on former Massachusetts Lt. Governor Evelyn Murphy's book Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid Like Men--and What To Do About It. Her work has appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers and she is regularly interviewed by public and commercial media outlets.

Moderating the discussion will be:
Hon. Linda Tarr-Whelan is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Demos, where she is currently writing a book entitled, *Want a Better Future? Bet on Women!*. She was Ambassador to the UN Commission on the Status of Women during the Clinton Administration.

Responders include:

Carol Jenkins is President of the Women's Media Center, an organization committed to correcting the lingering imbalance of women's full representation in U.S. and global media. Jenkins is an Emmy-winning journalist, and the author of *Black Titan: A.G. Gaston and the Making of a Black American Millionaire*, as well as executive producer of the PBS documentary, *What I Want My Words To Do To You*.

Linda Lisi Juergens is Executive Director of the National Association of Mothers' Centers (NAMC), representing a grassroots network of mom-to-mom programs, a workplace program called The New Neighborhood, a Maternal Depression Project and an advocacy initiative called MOTHERS, focusing on the economic impact of being a caregiver.

Lois K. Backon is Vice President of Families and Work Institute, where she manages projects in the work life, community and youth program areas. She is also co-director of the *When Work Works* initiative and the *Supporting Work Project*. Backon has directed the Institute's highly successful *9/11 As History* and *Salute to Educators* initiatives, and organizes the *Work Life Legacy Award*, documenting the history of the work life movement and recognizing those whose contributions have been extraordinary.

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