Women in the Academy

The HerStory Project presents remarkable CWU women who share their unique stories, experiences, and expertise.

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Special thanks to the Faculty Senate for hosting the space.

Fridays at noon.
Bring a lunch.

Feb. 28 Dr. Cubilié
April 11 Joanne Hillemann
April 18 Lene Pedersen
May 9 Charlene Andrews

Hosted at: Faculty Center
(AKA Mary Grupe Center)

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Dr. Anne Cubilié

About Anne
Dr. Anne Cubilié came to Central from the United Nations, where she worked in humanitarian and development policy. A former assistant professor at Georgetown University, she has lived and worked in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Cairo, Egypt, most recently as a visiting scholar researching women’s relationships to government structures. At the UN, Dr. Cubilié worked to bridge the gap between academic research and the political and policy considerations of international aid. Dr. Cubilié authored Women Witness Terror: Testimony and the Cultural Politics of Human Rights, bringing testimony from women survivors of war and human rights abuses. Her collection of survivor’s testimonies has helped her inform policy for emergency response at the UN. Dr. Cubilié has lectured internationally and was recently awarded a Fulbright Research Fellowship. She joined the William O. Douglas Honors College at CWU as its new director in August 2013.

Joanne Hillemann

About Joanne
Over the past 16 years, Joanne Hillemann, has managed the design and construction of many projects at CWU, including the Music Building, the Barto and Wendell Hill Residential Halls, and the McConnell Auditorium and Nicholson Pavilion renovations. She is currently project manager on the exciting new Science Phase 2 project. Hillemann is a “green champion” for CWU’s first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified green building, Dean Hall, exceeding all expectations with Gold certification. She is a LEED accredited professional and the CWU manager of facilities for Planning and Construction Services and is a licensed architect in Washington and Florida.

Lene Pedersen

About Lene
Lene Pedersen, professor of anthropology at CWU, is a native of Denmark who spent much of her childhood in East Africa. For the last 15 years, she has conducted research in Bali, an island and the smallest province of Indonesia, on the evolving phenomenon of newly decentralized political systems emerging in the face of older, multi-level traditional systems—a trend happening in many parts of the world today. She is currently working on a National Science Foundation sponsored project on political change in Bali. Pedersen is the author of Ritual and World Change in a Balinese Princedom, and has written articles on gender, decentralization, and Hindu-Muslim relations.

Charlene Andrews

About Charlene
Charlene Andrews grew up in eastern Washington and works at CWU in faculty relations. With her teenage daughter, she runs a small cow-calf operation, keeping a permanent herd while producing calves for later sale. She also owns horses, some used for ranch work, others for dressage. (She boasts her loyal ranch dogs actually work for a living.) Much of Andrew’s spare time is spent volunteering with the Kittitas County 4-H program as a leader of a beef club, co-leader for the working ranch horse program, and vice president of the livestock committee. She and her daughter are both active in the Kittitas County Cattlemen’s Association.

Dr. Anne Cubilié

Re-integration: From Pakistan to Washington DC in September 2001
In the last days of August 2001, after a year of living and working for the United Nations in Pakistan and Afghanistan, I returned to resume my work at Georgetown University in Washington DC. Days later, on September 11, three boxes I had sent home from Pakistan were delivered. As I sat on the floor unpacking, a friend phoned to tell me to turn on the TV. Suddenly, the world I had inhabited and the world I returned to were brought horribly, immediately, together.

Joanne Hillemann

Women Can Build!
When Joanne Hillemann considered the field of architecture, less than 3 percent of architects in the US were women. Although women today make up over 46 percent of the total American workforce, they’re still under-represented in architecture, engineering, and construction at under 20 percent. Hillmann will talk about how women’s unique skills will continue to break through the construction glass ceiling and she’ll discuss green building and how we can all bring green living concepts into our own homes.

Lene Pedersen

A Third Culture Trajectory: From Global Nomad to Professional Anthropologist
Lene Pedersen, professor of Anthropology at CWU, shares how her childhood in East Africa and her years of international vagabonding led to a life in anthropology. Formative experiences with human diversity and the local impacts of global politics now stimulate her research in Bali, Indonesia. She will introduce some of her work on the role of traditional institutions in the modern world, and on the dynamics of Hindu-Muslim relations in plural communities.

Charlene Andrews

The Taylor Bridge Fire: Evacuating Animals in a Crisis
Charlene Andrews, in human resources at CWU, helped evacuate hundreds of animals during the Taylor Bridge Fire of August of 2012. Wild animals adapt to periodic wildfires. But farm animals and pets have no defense. That fire destroyed 23,500 acres around Cle Elum, and as it was battled from the air, volunteers like Andrews saved cows, horses, llamas, and other livestock, as well as beloved pets.