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Yvonne Boice to present at first Women's Leadership Institute



(BOCA RATON, Fla. – Sept. 12) Disparities in women's rights and freedoms around the world will be examined at the inaugural presentation of the Women's Leadership Institute on Global Issues on Friday, Oct. 3 at Palm Beach Community College in Boca Raton.

The first session will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. in Room 103 of the Countess de Hoernle Humanities and Technology Building at PBCC's Boca Raton campus. Yvonne S. Boice, president of Fugazy International Travel in Boca Raton, will provide a presentation on "Women: Basic Rights and Freedom -- Comparing and Contrasting Women's Lives Around the World."

"We may believe that we think globally, but we often have tunnel vision about life due to the many freedoms and rights that U.S. women take for granted," Boice said. "In my travels to all seven continents, I have witnessed firsthand many of the challenges women face."

The presentation is open to the public, and the admission fee is \$10. PBCC faculty, staff and students may attend free of charge.

The Women's Leadership Institute on Global Issues was developed by PBCC in concert with local chapters of the American Association of University Women and Zonta International. Dr. Bernadette M. Russell, campus provost, credits her advisory committee of community leaders and representatives with helping to identify the educational needs and ways to address those needs.

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“The Institute was established to educate and inform on issues that are important for women in our own community as well as other parts of the world,” Dr. Russell said. “It provides a direct way to share the knowledge that we gain through study and life experiences. From this sharing comes greater understanding of ourselves and of others.”

Possible topics for future institute sessions include business and medical issues, women and violence, and emotional wellness. For more information on the institute, please call (561) 862-4401.

Palm Beach Community College, Florida’s first public community college, is celebrating its 75th anniversary throughout 2008. The largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, PBCC serves more than 45,000 students annually through its associate degrees, professional certificates, career and customized training and lifelong learning. The College offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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Editor’s note: A photo of Yvonne S. Boice can be downloaded at:
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