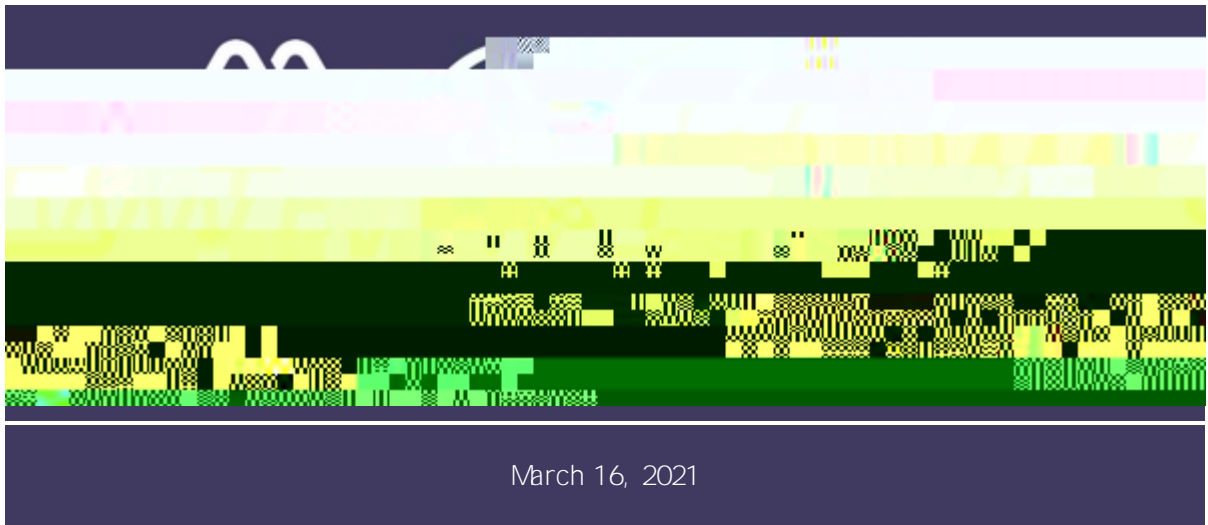


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In the Spotlight



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Check out the newest interview by WWEST Chair Dr. Lesley Shannon! She was recently featured in an article in Business in Vancouver entitled, "Push for more women engineers faces pandemic pause." In the article, Dr. Shannon discusses the fact that there may be more legal support for equality for women but that the social advancement actually hasn't moved as far forward. The article covers how a November 2020 report commissioned by the BC Women's Health Foundation in partnership with Pacific Blue Cross points to how family obligations had a disproportionate impact on women throughout the COVID-19 crisis. Dr. Shannon weighs in on how women in the STEM fields are still bearing a disproportionate burden of child-care responsibilities compared with their male counterparts.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

Events

March 18: Fireside Chat with Mahogany L. Browne

Join Black Girls Code for a conversation with [Mahogany L. Browne](#), author, poet, educator and organizer. Executive Director of Bowery Poetry Club & Artistic Director of Urban Word NYC & Poetry Coordinator at St. Francis College. Browne has received fellowships from Agnes Gund, Air Serenbe, Cave Canem, Poets House, Mellon Research & Rauschenberg. She is the author of most recent works: Chlorine Sky, Woke: A Young Poets Call to Justice, Woke Baby, & Black Girl Magic. We will discuss the importance of telling the stories of Black youth. [Register here](#).

March 19: Choosing to Challenge - Defence Women in STEM

This International Women's Day, join SCWIST and the Department of National Defence for an afternoon of engaging discussion, humorous anecdotes, and diverse storytelling! Whether we seek to challenge the institutions to which we belong, the teams with which we work, or even our own unconscious biases, change cannot occur without first identifying existing issues. [Register here](#).

March 24: 2021 Equality Breakfast

Join West Coast LEAF for *Breakfast for Dinner*, a unique virtual celebration. This is the Equality Breakfast you know and love, now in the evening and on Zoom! Join us on your own, cozied up with your household or bubble, or alongside your colleagues for a joyous and thought-provoking evening, all for a great cause. This year, they are thrilled to present *Know Us by the Stories We Tell: Imagining the Future as a Feminist Practice*, a discussion featuring **Kali Spitzer**, photographer; **El Jones**, spoken word poet, educator, journalist, and community activist; and **Jules Arita Koostachin**, writer, performance artist, academic, and filmmaker, in conversation with CBC Vancouver's **Gloria Macarenko**. [Register here](#).

March 25: Sparks of Change

WCT is excited to announce *WCT Celebrates: Sparks of Change*, a leadership excellence event series presented by Microsoft. Seven webinars throughout the month of March will be a chance for you to meet and engage with the recipients of our 2020 Annual Leadership Excellence Awards. Having to cancel their 2020 Annual Leadership B

Podcast



Join Vanessa, Best of the WWEST producer, for a chat with Dr. Yane Valdez, a woman of many hats. Hear about how the

