Leadership for Women’s Health: A Workshop

Faculty Lead: Dr. Paula Johnson, Executive Director of the Connors Center for Women’s Health and Gender Biology

Dates & Time: October 28, November 4, November 12, and November 18, 2013 (6:00PM – 8:30PM)

Location: FXB Center, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA

Eligibility: Harvard and BWH graduate or post-graduate affiliates

Fees: None; complimentary dinner each session

Description:
Despite significant progress, systems are continuing to fail the health needs of women and girls. Why does this continue to happen? What can be done to change these trends? We believe that leaders engaged in the simultaneous study of leadership, women’s status and global health can make significant differences. We will explore this issue during a four-session workshop, “Leadership in Women’s Health.”

Dr. Paula Johnson, Executive Director of the Connors Center for Women’s Health and Gender Biology, BWH and Professor of Medicine, HMS, will guide participants on how to approach the challenges of women’s health from a multi-disciplinary perspective. In this workshop, participants will:
• analyze the relationships among the many interconnected variables and determinants that impact women’s health,
• explore the levers of change and courses of action needed to lead effective interventions in women’s health, and
• reflect on their own leadership abilities through systems thinking, a holistic approach that considers how aspects of a system influence and relate to one another.

This opportunity welcomes the participation of both men and women who are passionate about women’s health and want to develop skills to effect change. Each week, participants will be asked to read one case study, participate in class discussion, and reflect and build on their leadership skills. The weekly lectures, case study discussion and class exercises will address avenues of change in women’s health through a focus on the critical need for leadership, innovative application of leadership skills, and analysis of the impact and influence of societal attitudes.

The Connors Center, the FXB Center and the Harvard Global Health Institute are jointly hosting this workshop. It is a pilot for the Women’s Global Health Leadership Development Initiative, a joint initiative between the three institutions that is dedicated to training the next generation of leaders focused on improving the health and well-being of women. Hence, at the close of the program, you may be asked to reflect both on what you have gained from the program as well as what you perceive an emerging leader may gain from this experience.

RSVP to Jaclyn Chai at jchai1@partners.org by September 30th stating affiliation, interest, and background. Space is limited.

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