

**Women's Leadership Symposium**  
at  
**Somerville College**

**PROGRAMME**  
**MARGARET THATCHER CENTRE**  
**LECTURE ROOM**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015**

- 8:50 – 9:00 A.M. Introduction and Welcome  
**Elizabeth B. Alexander**, Symposium  
Coordinator and **David Martin**, Symposium  
Facilitator
- 9:00 – 9:30 A.M. Topic: Fostering Independence and  
Equality: An Economic Empowerment  
Model  
Presenter: **Brenda Seevers**, Professor, New  
Mexico State University, US
- 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. Topic: Women in the C-Suite: Perspectives  
on Women Corporate Leaders in US  
Organizations  
Presenter: **E. Anne Christo-Baker**,  
Associate Professor, Purdue University  
North Central, US
- 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. Topic: Affirmative Action and Gender: A  
Lesson in Benefits and Curious  
Contradictions  
Presenter: **Shirley Wilcher**, Executive  
Director, American Association for Access,  
Equity and Diversity, US
- 10:30 – 11:00 A. M. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

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- 11:00 – 11:30 A.M.    Topic: Excelling in Academics: Are Arab Women in the UAE More Dedicated to Learning?  
Presenter: **Vanaja Menon Vadakepat**, Associate Professor, New York Institute of Technology, US
- 11:30 – 12:00 P.M.    Topic: Women's Leadership Development  
Presenter: **Renana Pilzer**, Shalom Hartman Institute, Israel
- 12 NOON                      Buffet Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:00 P.M.        Topic: Assuming an "Adult Worker": Changing 'Gendered Moral Rationalities' and Poverty among Israeli Welfare-to-work Participants  
Presenter: **Orly Benjamin**, Professor, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- 2:00 – 2:30 P.M.        Topic: A Gender-Based Demography of a Most-At-Risk Population of the Philippines  
Presenters: **Melanie Javier**, Professor, Central Philippine University, Philippines and **Jade Opulencia**, Assistant Professor, Canadian University Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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- 2:30 – 3:00 P.M.      Topic: Women's Careers and Domestic  
Division of Labour: An Example of Turkey  
Presenter: **Asli Ermis**, Graduate Student,  
Oxford University, UK
- 3:00 – 3:30 P.M.      Topic: Loving Ourselves to Death: The  
Juxtaposition of Fat Acceptance and Poor  
Health in African American Women  
Presenter: **Danielle Gilmore**, Independent  
Researcher, US

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**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2015**

- 8:50 – 9:00 A.M. Introduction and Welcome  
**Elizabeth B. Alexander**, Symposium  
Coordinator and **David Martin**, Symposium  
Facilitator
- 9:00 – 9:30 A.M. Topic: Efforts to Improve Outreach to  
Hispanic Patients in Indianapolis  
Presenter: **Rose Fife**, Professor, Indiana  
University, US
- 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. Topic: Legalization of Pornography:  
Women, Agency and Self-Victimization  
Presenter: **Arwa Elsanosi**, Graduate  
Student, Georgetown University, US
- 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. Topic: En-gender(ed) Politics: Getting to  
Know Congresswomen through the Lens of  
the Best-selling Tabloid Newspaper in  
Taiwan  
Presenter: **Yachien Huang**, Assistant  
Professor, Tamkang University, Taiwan
- 10:30 – 11:00 A. M. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

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- 11:00 – 11:30 A.M.    Topic: The Role Balance Experience of Black Female Counselor Education Doctoral Students Maintaining Full-Time Employment and Significant Relationships  
Presenter: **Ariel Mitchell**, Assistant Professor, Xavier University, US
- 11:30 – 12:00 P.M.    Topic: Wise Woman, Shawoman, Witch, and Medicine Woman: Hag or Healer?  
Presenter: **Lia A. Steele-Marcell**, Associate Professor, Philander Smith College, US
- 12 NOON                    Buffet Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:00 P.M.        Topic: How the Idea of Harmony Family Allows Domestic Violence in Macau  
Presenter: **Agnes Lam**, Assistant Professor, University of Macau, Macau
- 2:00 – 2:30 P.M.        Topic: Bottom → Up Learning: Feminist Implications of the Job Histories and Work Practices of White British Women Working as Domestic Cleaners  
Presenter: **Lotika Singha**, Graduate Student, University of York. UK
- 2:30 – 3:00 P.M.        Topic: From Discontent to Empowerment: Upon a New Power Model  
Presenter: **Michaela Mudure**, Docent, and **Marketa Sevitova**, Graduate Student, Technical University, Czech Republic

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015**

- 8:50 – 9:00 A.M. Introduction and Welcome  
**Elizabeth B. Alexander**, Symposium  
Coordinator and **David Martin**, Symposium  
Facilitator
- 9:00 – 9:30 A.M. Topic: The Media and the Future of  
Feminism in Nigeria: a Self-reflexive Study  
Presenter: **Olabola Omisore**, Graduate  
Student, Eastern Mediterranean University,  
Cyprus
- 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. Topic: Politics of Colonial India: Women of  
North West Frontier Province (presently  
called Khyber Pakhtunkhawa) and  
Balochistan  
Presenter: **Naumana Kiran**, Assistant  
Professor, University of the Punjab, Pakistan
- 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. Topic: Patriarchy & Progress: US Cultural  
Genocide of Native Americans  
Presenter: **Donna Akers**, Associate  
Professor, University of Texas at Arlington,  
US

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**OTHER PARTICIPANTS**

**Won Hee Jun**, Assistant Professor, Keimyung University, South Korea

**Lydia Mutare**, Leadership and Programme Development Director, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, UK

**Prasuna Reddy**, Professor, University of Newcastle, Australia

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## **Elizabeth B. Alexander**

Dr Alexander holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in chemistry. She obtained an M.D. degree from the University of Louisville School Of Medicine and afterwards did her pediatrics internship and residency at the Children's Medical Center and Parkland Hospitals of Dallas, Texas. She taught pediatrics for two years at the University of Texas Southwestern before moving back to the University of Louisville where she held appointments in the Department of Pediatrics and Family Medicine as well as teaching medical ethics and directing the well-baby clinic. She directed the Family Medicine Residency Program for three years before serving as Dean of Students at the Louisville Medical School. Her career also includes six years at Virginia Tech where she was Director of Student Health Services, and advised the pre-med committee. Dr Alexander spent seven years in private practice in rural Kentucky before returning to the University of Louisville where she taught pediatrics until recently. She serves as pediatric consultant to the Kentucky State board of Medicine.

## **David Martin**

Dr David Martin, is a former Headmaster of a state school in the United Kingdom. He taught leadership courses at the University of Amsterdam and lectured at Oxford University. Dr. Martin has been an International Consultant for Secondary School Modernization in Trinidad and Tobago and in Guyana. He has, also, worked for the Inter-American Development Bank, and has served as Co-Director of Developing Schools and Services for Democracy in Europe and in Oxford. In addition he has served as a Research Fellow in Comparative Education and Development programmes at the University of Reading