

Professional Development November 19, 2011

10:00 AM Introductions & Announcements

• Erica Best, Women & Politics Institute

10:15 AM How to Present Yourself

• Ann Timmons, Communications Artist

11:30 AM Making Connections and Networking: An Overview

- Michelle Bekkering, Women's Democracy Network
- Carolyn Pierce, NJI New Media
- Sarah Budds, Department of State
- Deborah Weigel, Office of Senator Ron Johnson
- Carlissia Graham, Office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

12:15 PM Working Lunch: Speed Networking Exercise

• Erica Best, *Women & Politics Institute*(In a series of 5 minute segments, WeLEADers will make a connection that is professionally useful with the person sitting across from them. When the bell rings, WeLEADers will rotate and begin the networking exercise again. We will repeat this 8 times.)

1:15 PM Developing Skills for an Effective Interview: An Overview

- Melissa Sullivan, American University Military Affairs
- Michelle Bekkering, Women's Democracy Network
- Ayelet Haran, Grant Associates
- Lindsay Boroush, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies
- Carolyn Pierce, NJI New Media
- Cara L. Elias, United States Capitol Police

1:45 PM Mock Interview Activity

- Sara Guderyahn, The Sheridan Group
- Melissa Sullivan, American University Military Affairs
- Liz Anderson, WeLEAD Class of 2009
- Michelle Bekkering, Women's Democracy Network
- Ayelet Haran, *Grant Associates*
- Lindsay Boroush, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies
- Cara L. Elias, *United States Capitol Police*

2:45 PM Wrap-Up

• Erica Best, Women & Politics Institute