

## N.E.W. Leadership 2002

### Faculty Biographies (In order of appearance on the schedule)

#### **Phyllis Bernard**

Professor Bernard is a law professor at the Law School at Oklahoma City University. She is also the Director of the Early Settlement Center at Oklahoma City University. She has also served as a member of governmental and advisory bodies, including the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Bernard is currently Co-Chair of the Committee on Health of the American Bar Association's Section on Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice. Before joining the Oklahoma City University law school faculty, she practiced law with Weissburg & Aronson in Washington, D.C. and with the Washington office of Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood. She also served as a member of the Provider Reimbursement Board of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Professor Bernard writes and teaches in the areas of alternative dispute resolution, administrative law, health care law, and professional responsibility.

#### **Denise Bode**

Denise Bode is the 35<sup>th</sup> person and only the second woman to serve as a commissioner since 1907, when Oklahoma became a state. Appointed by Governor Frank Keating, Mrs. Bode took office on August 20, 1997 and was elected to serve a full six-year term on November 3, 1998.

Born in Tulsa and raised in Bartlesville, Mrs. Bode graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Oklahoma. She has a law degree from George Mason University and a master's of law in taxation from Georgetown University. Mrs. Bode's husband, John, also an Oklahoma native, is a practicing partner in the law firm of Olsson, Frank and Weeda where he specializes in food and drug law. Mr. Bode served as assistant secretary for Food and Consumer Services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the Reagan and Bush administrations. The Bodes have a 17 year-old son, Sean, who attends Bishop McGuinness High School. The Bodes have a home in Oklahoma City as well as a ranching operation in western Oklahoma.

Commissioner Bode is a considered one of the leading experts on national energy policy. She has testified before Congress on numerous occasions as well as lectured at the Heritage Foundation. Before joining the commission, Mrs. Bode served for seven years as president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) in Washington, D.C., a national trade group representing America's 8,000 oil and natural gas producers. Mrs. Bode preceded her service at IPAA as a founding partner of a Washington D.C. firm, where she represented a broad range of businesses.

#### **Laura Boyd**

Laura Boyd is a caring mother and grandmother, college instructor and counselor, a leader and small businessperson, and a former Democratic nominee for Governor.

In 1992, Boyd was elected to represent Norman in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. In her six years in the House, Boyd served on 8 committees and chaired the newly created Community and Family Responsibilities Committee. As a political leader, Boyd has succeeded using a balance of hard work, problem-solving skills, and vision.

Boyd is credited with the state's College Savings Plan, as well as fighting for the removal of car tag fees, and the landmark "Ryan Luke" law that cracked down on child abuse and sexual predators. Another bill she authored helped make Oklahoma one of the first states to get tough on elderly abuse. She also supported over 20 different tax relief measures and she co-sponsored the Quality Jobs Act, which is credited with creating thousands of jobs.

In April of 2001, Boyd was one of only 60 national leaders the Defense Department selected to take part in the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference. This intense briefing on all branches of the military was conducted in four states and Washington D.C. It included detailed briefings on U.S. military personnel, their equipment and capabilities, and national defense strategies. Boyd owns a policy and counseling business and is an Assistant Adjunct Professor at the University of Oklahoma and has taught for 16 years on the graduate and undergraduate level.

## **Nancy Brown**

Nancy Brown has served in public office for more than three decades in a variety of elected and appointed positions, including service as a township trustee, village trustee and treasurer, zoning board and plan commission member. She retired from the Kansas House of Representatives in January 1995 after serving five terms as a state legislator.

Nancy chaired the House of Representative's Local Government Committee, and also served on Tax, Insurance, Economic Development, Transportation, and Government Organization Committees during her ten-year tenure. She chaired the state's Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee, and was a member of the State Emergency Medical Services Board. She currently represents the Secretary of Health and Environment on the state's Trauma Task Force.

Nationally recognized as a strong advocate of public safety and awareness, specifically in the area of hazardous material, Nancy was appointed in 1985 to serve on the National Hazardous Materials Transportation Advisory Council and chaired the Emergency Response Working Group. She was also appointed to serve on the prestigious Advisory Board of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA.)

As a legislator, Nancy was an active member of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL.) She wrote the first by-laws for the organization. Upon her retirement from the legislature in 1995, she became the Executive Director for the Women's Legislative Network of NCSL, where she continues to serve today. In that role, she worked on the state, national, and international levels, including working with non-governmental organizations, law and policy makers in Russia, Germany, Brazil and South America.

Nancy has held board positions on numerous community and social service organizations, such as the Blue Valley Educational Foundation, Blue Valley Optimists, League of Women Voters, Leawood Chamber of Commerce, Parents as Teachers, MAINstream Coalition, Mental Health Advisory Board for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, Autism Support Services, The Foundation on Aging, and the Koch Crime Commission. She also wrote a weekly

newspaper column and co-produced and co-hosted a televised program called “This Past Week of Topeka,” highlighting statewide public policy issues. Nancy also is the recipient of numerous awards for her significant contributions to the community, state, and nation. She intends to write a book on her decade in the Kansas House of Representatives, but in the meanwhile, she resides in Blue Valley Community of Southern Johnson County, Kansas with her husband Myron.

## **Mary Fallin**

Oklahomans elected Mary Fallin in 1994 to serve as the state’s first woman and first Republican Lieutenant Governor. She was re-elected in 1998.

Since 1995, Fallin has made economic development and government reform a priority of her administration. Governor Frank Keating appointed her as Oklahoma’s Small Business Advocate in 1998. In this Cabinet-level role, Fallin addresses the legislative and individual business issues that concern this segment of the state’s economy. She formed a commission of 300 business owners that works to find solutions to the obstacles facing small businesses.

In 1997, Fallin assembled a coalition to tackle Oklahoma’s skyrocketing workers’ compensation costs. The Fallin Commission on Workers’ Compensation Reform successfully guided sweeping legal changes through the Oklahoma Legislature. During her first term, Fallin served as Chairman of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors. She presided over the association’s State/Federal meeting in Washington, D.C. and hosted the group’s 1998 summer meeting in Oklahoma City.

The Lieutenant Governor has been honored by the University of Central Oklahoma’s Alumni Association as a “Distinguished Former Student.” She was the Red Lands Council of Girl Scouts of America’s 1998 Woman of the Year in Government and is recognized in the Who’s Who in American Politics. As a state representative, Fallin was named the American Legislative Exchange Council 1993 Legislator of the Year.

After the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, Lieutenant Governor Fallin formed a task force to rebuild the daycare center lost in the disaster. In 1998, the YMCA Heartland Child Care Center opened its doors.

As President of the Senate, the Lieutenant Governor serves on 13 boards and commissions, including the Tourism and Recreation Commission, Film Office Advisory Commission, State Board of Equalization, Bond Oversight Commission, State Insurance Fund, Oklahoma Futures, and the School Land Commission.

In April 2000, Fallin took the unprecedented step of taking over the State Senate when several Senators believed the right-to-work issue was being discussed unfairly. She issued a Senate roll call vote on the subject for the first time in 25 years.

Fallin implemented a program to combat gun violence called Project HomeSafe. This program distributed 23,000 free cable gun locks to Oklahomans. For her efforts, the National Shooting Sports Foundation presented her with its “Gold Lock Leadership Award.”

Raised in Tecumseh, she is a graduate of Oklahoma State University. Public service is a family tradition; her father, Joseph “Newton” Copeland, served as Mayor of Tecumseh. Her mother, Mary Jo Copeland, served as the town’s first woman mayor.

## **Sandy Garrett**

Ms. Garrett, Oklahoma's elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is the only woman in Oklahoma history to hold this title. She secured her November 1998 reelection with victories in 73 of the state's 77 counties. As Oklahoma's Secretary of Education from July 1988 to January 1995, Superintendent Garrett has the distinction of being appointed Cabinet Secretary of Education by two governors—a Republican and a Democrat.

Throughout her career, Superintendent Garrett has been an outspoken advocate for and active participant in school reform. While overseeing the daily operations of the State Department of Education, she has implemented the reform mandates of the Landmark Education Reform and Funding Act of 1990 on schedule. Additionally, since taking office in 1991, she has significantly downsized the Department, saving taxpayers a cumulative \$36.9 million.

As State Superintendent, she has focused much of her attention on increasing academic standards, improving reading skills, establishing character education programs, bringing technology to the classroom, and making schools safer. Superintendent Garrett and her fellow members of the State Board of Education led the way in eliminating obstacles to student success with school deregulation, enforcing a uniform financial accounting system for schools and adopting Oklahoma's first state core curriculum. She also started the nation's first-ever statewide school safety hotline, 1-877-SAFE-CALL, ext. OK1, allowing patrons to anonymously report suspicious or potentially dangerous activity in schools. Further, she appointed a Task Force on School Violence, which made recommendations to the State Board of Education and Legislature in Spring 2000.

Superintendent Garrett's public education experience is diverse and includes 15 years as a classroom teacher in Muskogee County Schools. In addition, she worked at the Department of Education as a coordinator of gifted programs as well as administrator of programs in rural education, technology, satellite education, and library resources. She also played a pivotal role in implementing the state's Learning by Satellite program and in establishing a two-way interactive fiber-optic instruction system in the Panhandle region. Among numerous honors and awards, Superintendent Garrett was most recently selected to be inducted into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame (March 2001), was inducted into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame in August 2000, and is a member of the Northeastern State University Alumni Association Hall of Fame. In November 2000, she received the First Lady's Leadership in Literacy Award for her statewide service to improve reading instruction for children and expand literacy programs for adults.

Her constitutional posts include serving as Chairperson of both the State Board of Education and the State Board of Career and Technology Education, a member of the State Board of Equalization, the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges and the School Land Commission.

### **Suzette Hatfield**

Suzette Hatfield is a native Oklahoman but had the opportunity to grow up in various locales thanks to her dad's Conoco transfers. She has a B.A. in Romance Languages from the University of Texas at Austin and an M.B.A. from Oklahoma City University.

The bread and butter for the Hatfield family comes from oil and gas production, but it's Suzette's avocation that takes up most of her time these days. She reluctantly became involved in politics when large-scale swine operations moved into the Oklahoma Panhandle. Her parents, who live in Beaver County, described the horrors associated with the new hog sites in Texas County, especially the diminished quality of life experienced by their friends, as neighbors of the

facilities. Suzette, naïve about politics at the time, thought that if the state legislatures only knew what was happening, they would do something about it! Her research led her to the realization that only a citizens' movement could help tame the swine industry in the state. She formed the Oklahoma Family Farm Alliance, a grassroots group made up of rural citizens across the state. Lobbying by the Alliance was a key factor in the passage of a moratorium on construction of confined swine facilities, two hog regulatory bills, and a poultry bill.

She is currently involved in a diverse coalition of groups that are pushing for the passage of a bill that would require prudent planning for Oklahoma's future water use. She has received several treasured awards, including: "Making Democracy Work" from the League of Women Voters, "Environmental Education" from Sierra Club, "Carrie Dickerson Award" from Sierra Club, and "Conservation Organization of the Year" from the Oklahoma Wildlife Federation.

When she's not immersed in political affairs, Suzette enjoys serving on non-profit and company boards. She tries to reserve a few hours each week to make pottery. Additionally, she is married to the "best man on earth" and has two grown daughters. She enjoys doting on her very spoiled pug dog, Winston.

### **Cheryl Hunter**

Cheryl P. Hunter is a partner of the law firm of Kirk & Chaney in Oklahoma City. Her law practice primarily involves employment and commercial litigation, acquisitions, real estate law, corporate/commercial law and insurance/receivership law. She graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1979 with a B.S. in Business Administration and received her J.D. in 1982 from the University of Oklahoma.

At OSU she was on the varsity cross country and track and field teams her freshman year. She left varsity athletics her sophomore year to work part-time for the Freshman Programs & Services division of OSU where she worked through graduation from OSU. While attending OSU, she was named Top Ten Freshman Women, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Mortar Board, and was a Top Ten Senior in the College of Business. She was elected to several positions in her social sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, including President.

While attending law school at the University of Oklahoma, Hunter served as President of Phi Delta Phi, was an Editor of the Oklahoma Law Review, taught Legal Research and Writing and received the Student Bar Association Service Award as an outstanding member of the graduating class of 1982.

Since graduating from law school, Cheryl has practiced law on a full time basis. She has also been very active in State and County Bar Association activities having served the Oklahoma County Bar Association as President of the Young Lawyers Division; Chairman of the Law Day, Judicial Evaluation and Bench and Bar Committees and Vice-Chairman of the Constitutional Bicentennial Committee. In 1993, she was elected Vice President of the Oklahoma County Bar Association. Her Oklahoma Bar Association service includes Editor and Chairman of the Financial Institutions and Commercial Law Section and a Board Member of the Young Lawyers Section.

Hunter is a Master in the Luther Bohanon American in Court XXIII, is a member of the Central Federalist Society and has authored scholarly articles published in Oklahoma Law Review and Consumer Finance Quarterly, among others. She also speaks at continuing legal education seminars and business workshops. She is admitted to practice before the Oklahoma

courts, Texas courts, United States District Court for the Western, Northern, and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Tenth Circuits and the United States Supreme Courts.

In 1997, Hunter was appointed by Governor Keating to serve as Chairman of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System Board until May 2000, when she was appointed by the Governor and unanimously confirmed by the Senate as a member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. She is also a Commissioner on the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation. She previously served as a member of the Governor's Commission on Government Performance in 1994 and 1995. She was legal counsel in the State of Oklahoma for Bush for President, Inc.

Her husband Mike is the Oklahoma Secretary of State. They have two sons and live in Edmond.

### **LeAnn Jenkins**

LeAnn Jenkins has been the Executive Director of Oklahoma's Federal Executive Board since May 1994. She has also served as the Director of Oklahoma's Cooperative Administration Support Unit (CASU) from May 1994 until February 1999.

In her twenty-five years of federal service, Jenkins has worked in various staffing functions, two years of which were at the Office of Personnel Management (1977-1979). Special Programs include an effort to place physically restricted employees into different positions within an agency in an attempt to retain employees. Prior to that, she served as the Program Manager for Individuals with Disabilities at Tinker AFB during which time she received an AFLC "People in Action" Award, a Public Service Award from the Mayor's Committee of Disability Concerns, and the Air Force Distinguished EEO Award.

Since 1995, she has served as a keynote speaker at various federal training events regarding emergency response. She was the facilitator/coordinator for an interagency group (the Federal Executive Board), which developed an Emergency Preparedness handbook for federal agencies in 1999. This handbook has been utilized nation-wide by numerous agencies. Since September 11, 2002, the Oklahoma FEB has reconvened their group, which Ms. Jenkins is leading the guidance for government agencies on Emergency Preparedness and Continuity of Operations.

Jenkins graduated Cum Laude from Southern Nazarene University with a Bachelor's in Management. She has taken some graduate courses in Public Administration at the University of Oklahoma and takes sign language courses as a hobby.

She has received the Exemplary Citizen Service Award and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award issued by the United States Air Force and three certificates from Vice President Gore's National Performance Review. She has been named in the International Association of Public Administrators for her outstanding leadership and achievements. Recently, she received a Distinguished Public Service Award from the American Society for Public Administration, Oklahoma Chapter.

Her community involvement includes the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma City Mayor's Committee of Disability Concerns, Oklahoma City Resource Coordination Committee, Water Garden Society of Oklahoma, Community Council of Central Oklahoma, American Society of Public Administrators, and many more civic and cultural organizations and volunteer services.

## **Kathy Kleeman**

Kathy Kleeman is senior program associate at the Center for American Women and Politics and its parent organization, the Eagleton Institute of Politics. She writes and/or edits many Eagleton and CAWP publications, including grant proposals, reports, and web content. She also coordinates CAWP's work on the Good Housekeeping Award for Women in Government. She directed NEW Leadership when it was first established in the early 1990s. She earned her undergraduate degree from Harvard/Radcliffe and her Masters. from Harvard's Graduate School of Education. Her husband, Joe Melton, is a native of Oklahoma City who earned his B.S. and M.S. from OU.

## **Catheryn Koss**

Catheryn Koss is the Communications Associate for World Neighbors and has worked with the international development organization since 1998. Prior to that, she was an Americorps volunteer working with mentoring programs in Northern California and the Volunteer Coordinator for the San Francisco Food Bank. She holds a degree in Anthropology from Smith College and is currently a law student at Oklahoma City University. Catheryn has been involved in community organizing both locally and internationally, and is the co-author of From the Roots Up: Strengthening Organizational Capacity through Guided Self-Assessment. (2000).

## **Nancy Virtue Lewis**

Nancy Virtue Lewis is a former State Representative who served in the Oklahoma House in the years 1982 to 1986. In 1972, she obtained a B.A. from Colorado College in Political Science and was certified to teach. Before her legislative career, she was a social studies teacher. She taught in the Norman Public School System in the years 1973-1976 and then taught emotionally disturbed students as an Education Coordinator at Brady Hospital. During these years at the hospital, she obtained her Masters in Secondary Education.

During her two sessions of public service, she served on a variety of committees, including Criminal Justice, Education, Mental Health, Appropriations and Budget, Natural Resources, Retirement Laws, and Tourism and Recreation.

After her term was over, she again returned to teaching. She taught at the University of Central Oklahoma as an adjunct professor of State and Local Government and American Federal government. She was also named the Interagency Planning Coordinator for the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth. Later, she became an adjunct professor at Rose State College and devoted her time to Oklahoma Education Association as the Government Relations Coordinator and the Oklahoma County Medical Association as the association's Executive Director.

From the years 1993-1994, she served as Tulsa Community College's Community Relations Coordinator, which led her to her current position at the University of Oklahoma, where she serves as Vice President of University Services. In 1997, she obtained her Doctorate of Education from Oklahoma State University, and in her "spare time" taught classes at the University of Oklahoma as an adjunct professor.

Her other experiences include serving as the Tulsa City County Commission's Vice-Chairman, Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Community Service Council and many other civic and cultural organizations. She has been inducted into both Leadership Oklahoma and Leadership Tulsa-where she currently resides.

### **Holly Lowe**

Holly Lowe has worked in Oklahoma's transportation industry for more than twenty years. Her tenure at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) began in 1981, where she worked primarily in the Maintenance Division.

From there she transferred to the Oklahoma Transportation Authority (OTA) in 1987. During her tenure with OTA she has literally risen through the ranks. Ms. Lowe began her career at OTA as an Accountant Clerk in 1987. Since then, she has held a variety of positions, including that of Chief Auditor, Budget Director, Finance Director, and Deputy Director.

She assumed the role of acting director for the Oklahoma Transportation Authority in June of 2001, when Secretary of Transportation Neal McCaleb accepted a position in the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Lowe had served under McCaleb as Deputy Director of the OTA since 1996. Lowe retains her position as Chief Financial Officer for the organization.

She was born in Lamar, Colorado and graduated from Moore High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Accounting from OU. Ms. Lowe earned her degree while working full-time and attending mainly evening courses. A Certified Public Accountant (CPA,) she currently is a member of the 15<sup>th</sup> Leadership Oklahoma class.

Vice Chair for the Administration Committee of the International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association, she is actively involved in mapping out the future of transportation with peers from across the globe. She also serves as a member of the Newcastle Oklahoma Local Planning and Advisory Committee.

Early in her career, she met and married ODOT Video Production Manager Kevin Lowe. The couple lives in Newcastle with their daughter, Kayla.

### **Vicki Miles-LaGrange**

The Honorable Vicki Miles-LaGrange was nominated by President William Jefferson Clinton and confirmed by the United States Senate as U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma in 1994. Before her elevation to the federal bench, Judge Miles-LaGrange served as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma from 1993-1994. From 1986-1993, she was a member of the Oklahoma State Senate and served as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. Judge Miles-LaGrange also previously served as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, and as Assistant District Attorney for Oklahoma County, Oklahoma (1983-1986). From 1986-1993, she was a partner in the law firm of Miles-LaGrange & Robinson.

Judge Miles-LaGrange received her B.A. from Vassar College in 1974 and her J.D. in 1977 from the Howard University School of Law. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Miles-LaGrange served as law clerk to the U.S. District Judge Woodrow Seals of the Southern Division of Texas from 1977-1979 and then as a Graduate Fellow in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice during the period 1979-1980. She later served as Special Assistant with the African Development Group based in Washington, D.C. In 1992, she was a delegate to the Global Summit of Women in Dublin, Ireland.

## **Lavette Miller**

Lavette Miller is a business consultant for small businesses and just recently moved to Oklahoma to pursue her consulting career. She obtained her Liberal Arts B.A. at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York, with an emphasis on psychology and business. She obtained her Masters last fall at the University of Phoenix. She worked in private industry and for the federal government over the last fourteen years in various financial and administrative positions.

## **Senator Angela Monson**

Senator Monson was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and has served in both the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate. Previous to her legislative career, she received her Master of Public Administration and her Bachelors' degree in Corrections.

Her organizational affiliations include the Primary Care News Editorial Board at George Washington University, Primary Care Resource Center Board Member, National Academy for State Health Policy in Portland Maine.

Additionally, she is affiliated with the National Conference of State Legislators Assembly on State/Federal Issues, Health Committee for Oklahoma, Greater Oklahoma City Neighborhood Services Organization, the Mary Mahoney Community Health Center, the Lennie Marie Tolliver Alternative Care Center, Top Ladies of Distinction.

Her other distinctions include membership in the Twentieth Century Federated Colored Women's Club, Metro Democratic Women's Club, and the Voice of Praise Baptist Church.

Ms. Monson served in the House of Representatives from 1990 to 1993, and has served as a state senator from 1993 to the present.

## **Lynsey Morris**

Lynsey Morris is a Carl Albert Congressional Graduate Fellow at the University of Oklahoma. She received her B.A. in 1999 from Berry College in Rome, GA, with a double major in Political Science and Philosophy/Religion. She graduated with from the Honors Program and wrote her honors thesis in political theory, entitled "Renouncing the Right to Be Happy: Christopher Lasch and the Democratic Malaise." She was Vice President of the Student Government Association in her junior year, and President in her senior year.

In the summer of 1995, she was a congressional intern in Senate Minority Leader Thomas A. Daschle's office. In 1998, she was a National Honors Fellow for the Intercollegiate Studies Institute and was also chosen as an Honors Fellow for the International Churchill Society.

While at Berry, Morris competed on the speech and debate team, where she was a Georgia State Champion in extemporaneous speaking, rhetorical criticism, and parliamentary debate. She was president and co-founder of the Religion and Philosophy Club, president of Berry's chapter of Yung Democrats, and public relations chair of Chatauqua Council.

Her research interests include political theory, particularly the communitarian movement, urban politics, labor relations, and Senate leadership. She participated in the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods at the University of Michigan in 2002

## **Saundra Gragg Naifeh**

Saundra Gragg Naifeh is the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians and is also the Mayor of Edmond-the first woman to hold this office.

She believes that the future will be a reflection of each of us and an indication of our vision for our community and state. She anticipates the new challenge of Edmond mayor and sees it as an opportunity to re-energize the city and inspire and cultivate next generation leaders.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Education at the University of Central Oklahoma and entered the retail field as owner of Nomi's Ark Gift Shop and the Rendezvous Restaurant. She joined the Optometric Association in 1989 where she dedicated her efforts to educate others about protecting eye health for adults and children. Naifeh is a past president of the International Association of Optometric Executives and a member of Oklahoma Public Health Association, Oklahoma Society of Association Executives, and Oklahoma Rural Health Association where she is a board member. A former member of the Oklahoma Commission on Health Care, she chairs the Partners for Health Investment Coalition.

Other organizations which she has or had affiliations with include the Edmond Women's Club and Keep Edmond Beautiful, for which she was founder and past president of each. She is on the boards of the Oklahoma Academy of State Goals, University of Central Oklahoma Alumni Association and belongs to the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce, Edmond Chamber of Commerce, (where she is a past president,) Oklahoma Higher Education Council, Edmond Republican Women's Club, and First Presbyterian Church, (where she is a Stephen's minister.)

Among her many honors are the Vision Service Award-Oklahoma, UCO Distinguished Former Student, Edmond Hall of Fame, Edmond Citizen of the Year, and Edmond Women's Club Woman of the Year. Saundra is married to Frank Naifeh and has two adult stepchildren.

## **Anne Roberts**

Anne Roberts has been the Executive Director for the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy since 1989. She is an honors graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and has worked in the non-profit sector for seventeen years. She has recently returned to OU for a graduate degree, and is on the adjunct faculty at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee.

Roberts has been a gubernatorial appointee to a variety of statewide advisory councils dealing with children's issues, including child welfare, substance abuse, child abuse, and teen pregnancy. Nationally, she serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Child Advocates and is the Oklahoma State Leader for the Child Welfare League of America.

She has received numerous honors and awards for her efforts in child advocacy, not least of which being named the National Child Advocate of 2000 by the National Association of Child Advocates. Most recently, she was named 2001 Youth Advocate of the Year by the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services. She is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma, and a member of the Downtown Rotary Club in Oklahoma City.

As Director of OICA, she works with legislators and other policy makers to push children's issues to the top of the public policy agenda in Oklahoma. She is truly the voice for Oklahoma's children.

## **Sharon Rodine**

Sharon Rodine is the Project Director for the *HEART of OKC* (Healthy, Empowered And Responsible Teens of OKC), a project coordinated by the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy and funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as one of 13 community-based teen pregnancy prevention projects. Sharon is a member of a State and Local Action Task Force for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, serves on a national work group on the same topic, and speaks and writes frequently on community strategies to prevent teen pregnancy. In 1999, she participated in a White House round-table discussion on community-based teen pregnancy prevention efforts with then Vice President Al Gore.

Prior to moving to Oklahoma nine years ago, Sharon lived in the Washington, DC, area, where she established an office for the National Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting and Prevention (NOAPPP) and served as its first director. While in DC, she served two years as the president of the National Women's Political Caucus, a national bi-partisan organization focused on increasing the number of women elected and appointed to public office.

A graduate of Iowa State University and recipient of a masters degree from Texas A & M University, she serves on the Iowa State University Foundation Board of Governors, the Political Science Alumni Advisory Board, and has received the university's Distinguished Service Award, its highest alumni award. She was instrumental in creating the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University, a program that prepares young people for public sector leadership.

Sharon and her husband live in Norman. On fall and spring weekends, she's a soccer mom to their two sons.

## **Clemencia Rodriguez**

Clemencia Rodriguez finished her B.A. in Communication at the Universidad Javeriana in Bogota, Columbia in 1984. After graduation, she became a communication researcher and popular educator at CINEP, a Columbian non-governmental organization. Also after graduation, she started to teach communication courses at the Universidad Javeriana. At the time, her main research projects, all inspired by Latin American scholars, were projects on participatory media, participatory research and action research. Additionally, alternative media became her main research area.

In 1988, she came to the United States to further pursue her studies. She graduated from Ohio University with a M.A. in Communication and International Development (1990) and a Ph.D. in International Telecommunications (1994). Three different yet related research interests guided her graduate studies: first, critical analysis of mass media texts (with an emphasis on feminist scholarship); second, alternative media and democratization of communication; and third, communication and Third World development. Her doctoral dissertation was a comparative analysis of four case studies of alternative media. In 1991, she interrupted her graduate studies for a year; the Universidad Centroamericana at Managua invited her to join their communication faculty as a visiting professor. There she taught mass communications courses (theory, research, media criticism) and conducted research on alternative media and participatory communication.

While in Nicaragua, she conducted a study in participatory radio during the Sandinista revolution. Later on in 1996, she re-directed her research interests with a stronger focus on Columbia, especially understanding Columbian cultures and their articulation with social and political violence.

Rodriguez has published several texts and has appeared in the British Journal Media, Culture and Society. In 1987, she edited a book called Contando Historias, Tejiendo Identidades: Experiencias en Comunicacion Popular (Telling Stories, Weaving Identities: Case Studies on Popular Communication.) In 1989, she co-authored a book entitled La Telenovela en Columbia: Mucho Mas que Amor y Lagrimas (The Columbian Telenovela: Much More than Love and Tears). Rodriguez's ten years of research have also produced the book Fissures in the Mediascape: An International Study of Citizens' Media (Hampton Press 2001).

### **Cindy Simon Rosenthal**

Cindy Simon Rosenthal is the Associate Director for the Carl Albert Center and Associate Professor of political science with a joint appointment to the women's studies faculty. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from Northwestern University, a Masters in Urban Studies from Occidental College, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma. From 1975 until 1991, she worked extensively with state legislatures—first with Legis 50/The Center for Legislative Improvement, later at the National Conference of State Legislatures, and then finally as a consultant with several states. At the National Conference of State Legislatures, she was part of the senior management team and oversaw the conference's legislative management program, state services and publications. In her work with state legislatures, she has provided advice on various management, personnel, and training projects.

Her research and teaching interests focus on women in politics, leadership in the public sector and state legislatures, specifically, state governments and intergovernmental relations, and public policy issues involving race and gender inequality. In 1996, the Women & Politics Section of the American Political Science Association recognized her dissertation as the best in the field of women in politics, and in the same year, she won the Sephonisba Breckinridge Award, given for the best paper on women and politics at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. She is author of When Women Lead (New York: Oxford University Press 1998) and editor of the forthcoming book, Women Transforming Congress. She contributed chapters to The Oklahoma Almanac of Politics (1998, 1999) and Women and Elective Office. Her work also has appeared in Political Research Quarterly, Policy Studies Journal, Legislative Studies Quarterly, State Legislatures, Women & Politics, and Social Science Quarterly. She serves on the editorial board of Women & Politics.

### **Lynne Saunders**

Lynne Saunders is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. degree in Biological Sciences in 1978. After graduating, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Air Force. She moved from Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi Mississippi to continue her career at Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Oklahoma. At Tinker AFB, she was promoted to the rank of the Captain and worked as a Communications-Electronics Officer in Charge in the 3D Combat Communications Group. She

completed her four year tour of duty at Tinker AFB and received her honorable discharge in 1983.

She earned a Masters in Business Administration from Oklahoma City University in 1982 and graduated number one in her class from OCU Law School in 1993. Before joining Crowe & Dunlevy Law Firm's Oklahoma City office in 1999, she worked as a Consumer and Housing Attorney for Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma. In 1994, she was a law clerk for five years for the Honorable Judge Vicki Miles-LaGrange. At Crowe & Dunlevy, she specializes in corporate and securities, financial institutions and finance, business and employment litigation, and intellectual property rights. She is also a proud Oklahoma Lawyer for Children.

Lynne has served on the Board of Regents for Rose State College in Midwest City for ten years. She will complete her term as chairman of the board in June 2002. She has maintained close ties to OCU and currently serves on the Law School Alumni Board. She is active in the local, state, and national bar associations, where she places special emphasis on matters related to women, children, access to legal services, and diversity in the legal profession. She is a member of the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, and the Midwest City Chamber of Commerce as well as being a 1998 graduate of Leadership Midwest City.

She and her husband, James Saunders, an electrical engineering manager for Celestica, have been married for twenty-two years. They have one son, Warren, who is a sophomore at Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

### **Susan Savage**

Susan Savage was elected Mayor of her native city, Tulsa, in 1992 and re-elected in 1994 and again in 1998. Her term of office ended in April 2002.

The Tulsa City Charter gave the Mayor broad administrative and financial responsibilities. As the chief executive officer of Tulsa's third largest employer, Mayor Savage oversaw a myriad of services and capital projects made possible by a \$400 million annual budget. She either served on or appointed citizens to boards and authorities that managed libraries, airports, jails, ambulance services, economic development efforts, public housing developments, museums, water and wastewater management systems, inland waterway port and transit operations.

Since her election, Savage implemented numerous operating efficiencies in key departments, expanded and improved police, telecommunication and fire services, promoted neighborhood and citizen participation in planning for the community's future, worked to develop older neighborhoods and the central business district, stressed the need for quality education and environmental protection, and directed an economic development strategy that has resulted in record job creation throughout the region.

In addition, Savage has served on the President's Council on Sustainable Development and has chaired the Energy and Environmental Committee of the U. S. Conference of Mayors. She was also a member of the National Recreational Lakes Study Commission.

Prior to her work at City Hall, Savage has served for 10 years as Executive Director of the Metropolitan Tulsa Citizens Crime Commission, starting such programs as Crime Stoppers and Alert Neighbors. Her Bachelors degree is in Criminal Justice and Economics, and she has studied and worked with courts and prison systems in the United States and England.

She is the granddaughter of the late U.S. District Judge Royce Savage, appointed by Franklin Roosevelt.

### **Donna Shirley**

Donna Shirley is currently Assistant Dean of Engineering for Advanced Program Development at the University of Oklahoma where she is participating in strategic planning and the development of new educational initiatives. She is also the official spokesperson for the Mars Millennium Project, an international, K through 12 educational initiative sponsored by the White House Millennium Council, the Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the J. Paul Getty Trust.

In addition to three honorary doctorates, Ms. Shirley has an MS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Southern California, a BS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Oklahoma, and a BA in Journalism also from the University of Oklahoma. She has thirty years experience in aerospace and civil systems, including twenty five years in management. Her honors include the NASA Exceptional Leadership Medal; The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Holley Award; and membership in the American Academy of Achievement, the Women In Technology International Hall of Fame, and the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame. She retired in 1998 from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory where she was the manager of the Mars Exploration Program.

The Mars Exploration Program-which was begun in 1994 with the highly successful Mars Global Surveyor and Mars Pathfinder missions-is sending orbiters, landers, and/or rovers to Mars in every opportunity (every 26 months) through at least 2005, despite the loss of two missions in 1999. Prior to becoming manager of the program, Shirley managed the team which designed and built "Sojourner Truth," the Microrover which was landed by the Mars Pathfinder project on the surface of Mars on its expected lifetime. In her 32 year career at JPL, her positions included: Project Engineer for the Cassini mission to Saturn, Manager of Exploration Initiative Studies, Manager of Automation and Robotics, Manager of JPL's Space Station Program, Manager of the Mission Design Section, and Project Engineer for the Mariner 10 mission to Venus and Mercury in 1974.

Between 1990 and 1993, as a part-time assignment, she established and led a NASA-wide Systems Engineering Working Group, which developed and documented a standard systems engineering process for NASA projects. As an outgrowth of this, in the summer of 1991, she led another NASA-wide team of Program/Project Management which developed recommendations subsequently incorporated into the NASA Management Instruction for project management.

In addition to over 50 technical publications, she has written a book on managing creativity and has developed a class on the subject, which is now offered at and through the University of Oklahoma in a variety of formats. She continues to be a widely sought-after speaker on subjects including Mars exploration and management, and has appeared in many national television news programs and documentaries. Broadways Books published her autobiography, titled Managing Martians, in 1998 and 1999.

Raised in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, Ms. Shirley now lives in Norman, Oklahoma. She has one daughter, Laura, who is a graduate student in Psychology.

### **Sheryl Siddiqui**

Sheryl Siddiqui was born in Massachusetts and while there received her B.S. in Nursing as a certified Emergency Room Nurse. She worked in E.R.'s in both New Jersey and Wisconsin while raising her three children. According to Sheryl, they are the reason she was forced to learn about education and become Chairman of the Board of Undercroft Montessori and Peace Academy. Additionally, Siddiqui learned more about science (tackling Science Enrichment), soccer, debate (serving as judge), religion, (serving as Sunday School Teacher and member of the governing board of her mosque), and now politics. "All to keep my kids busy," she says.

Currently, she is retired from nursing and is serving as a board member of Tulsa's Interfaith Alliance and has received numerous awards for her service, including the Maurice Willis award for outstanding humanitarian work. Additionally, Siddiqui is well-known for her work with the Islamic Society of Tulsa-- promoting peace, diversity, and understanding across Tulsa and the state of Oklahoma.

### **Jill Tao**

Dr. Jill Tao is an Assistant Professor in the Political Science Department at the University of Oklahoma. She has a B.A. degree from the University of Chicago and an M.P.A. and Ph.D. from Florida State University. She wrote her dissertation on "Local Economic Development Policy Institutions and Issues of Redistribution: Market vs. Government Approaches to Alleviating Poverty."

Tao's major areas of research interest are comparative and development administration, community and economic development policy, environmental administration, expert systems design, public-private management, state and local fiscal policy, urban politics and administration, and research methods. She has published in *Economic Development Quarterly* and has a forthcoming chapter in *Approaches to Economic Development* from Sage. Her current research interests include comparative research methodologies, the politics of economic development, and implementation theory.

### **Dana Tiger**

Dana Tiger is a member of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and is of Creek/Seminole and Cherokee descent. She was born in 1961, five years before the death of her father, nationally acclaimed artist, Jerome Tiger. Dana turned to her father's art as a way to know him. Through the paintings left by her father and under the tutelage of her uncle, Johnny Tiger, Jr., Dana learned the extraordinary richness of her Native American Culture.

During high school and college Dana won numerous awards for her paintings, but it wasn't until 1985, at 24, that Dana began her full time career as a painter. From the beginning, her one-woman shows have been sell-outs and she has established herself as one of America's leading contemporary artists. Dana is best known for her paintings portraying the strength and determination of Native American women.

Dana enjoyed many triumphs, but has also endured great tragedy, beginning with the death of her father from an accidental gunshot wound in 1967. In 1990, Dana's beloved 22-year-old brother, Chris, was murdered. Then, in 1992, Lisa Tiger, Dana's only surviving sibling, was told she tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Dana is outspoken in her advocacy for the rights of women and minorities, especially Native Americans. She has donated paintings for poster projects to a number of worthwhile campaigns including the AIDS Coalition for Indian Outreach, The American Cancer Society, and the American Indian College Fund.

Dana was married in 1992, and now has a daughter named Christie, and a son named Coleman Lisan. Dana divides her time between her family, painting at her log cabin studio in the country near Tahlequah, and traveling to exhibits and speaking at conferences and schools about herself, her family, and Native Americans women's issues.

### **Jean S. Warner**

Jean Shumway Warner has primary responsibility for NEW Leadership Oklahoma, a five-day residential summer institute for undergraduate women designed to inform and empower Participants to consider careers in politics and public service. Warner is also developing for the Carl Albert Center other new programs that promote citizenship education and civic engagement in government and politics.

Warner holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Roosevelt University and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Oklahoma. While earning her Doctorate, she was a Carl Albert Graduate Fellow and served one year as a Congressional Fellow on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

She wrote her dissertation on the legislative history of youth service programs in the United States. Warner's primary interests are public school reform, after-school options, the role of faith-based organizations in addressing social issues, and programs that increase the role of women in politics and government.

She previously worked as Program Director at Oklahoma State University's Policy Sciences Center. She managed a major grant from the U.S. Department of Justice involving research and training on juvenile restitution programs and victim-offender mediation. Warner is President of the League of Women Voters of Oklahoma County and serves on the Oklahoma City Public School District's Tutoring/Mentoring Advisory Committee. She also works with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation promoting after-school programs for children.

### **Pam Warren**

Pam Warren was appointed Cabinet Secretary of Administration in Oklahoma by Governor Frank Keating effective January 1, 1997, and confirmed by the Senate in April of that year. In this capacity, she oversees 59 boards and commissions that examine, license, and regulate many professions including medical, architectural, engineering, banking, and horse racing. Warren is a member of the Executive Committee for the National Association of State Chief Administrators. Governor Keating appointed her to the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women in 1999. She represented Oklahoma on the Southern Growth Policies Board, where she served as 1998 Commissioner on the Future of the South.

Secretary Warren concurrently directs the Oklahoma Department of Central Services (DCS), an agency of more than 275 employees providing general services to other state agencies. Those general services include central purchasing of more than \$600 million in goods and services annually; handicapped and minority vendor programs; building management of 2 million square feet of state office space; management of a 1000-vehicle motor pool;

administration of the state's self-insurance risk management program; contract awards for state construction projects; central printing services; interagency mail handling; distribution of federal surplus property; asbestos abatement of state offices and school buildings; and alternative fuels and recycling programs. As Director of DCS, Warren also serves on the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority, the Capitol Preservation Commission, Capitol-Medical Center Improvement Zoning Commission, and the Capitol Complex Centennial Commemoration Commission.

Prior to her appointment, Warren served as Assistant Secretary of State to Secretaries of State Glo Henley and Tom Cole. In this capacity, she was Chief Administrator responsible for all administrative, policy, business, budgetary, personnel, and legislative operations within the office. From 1987 through 1994, Warren held several administrative positions with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission.

Warren served as Senior Executive Assistant to Governor George Nigh from 1985 to 1987 and was responsible for coordination and development of state policy for all intergovernmental activities, economic development, exports, reverse investments, international trade, overseas trade missions, and public/private partnerships.

During 1982, she worked as Administrative Assistant for Governor Nigh with specific liaison duties for women's issues. Later that year she joined the Oklahoma Department for Economic Development as a Trade Specialist and was promoted in 1983 to Industrial Development Coordinator specializing in marketing, recruiting existing and potential industrial prospects, and coordinating state industrial tours.

From 1978 into the early 1980s, Warren was Program Director for the Ozarks Regional Commission, which administered federally funded economic and community development programs through executive branches of state governments. In 1976 and 1977, she was the Planning Director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs and Urban Development work-study graduate student intern at the Oklahoma Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

Warren earned her degree as Master of Regional and City Planning (M.R.C.P.) from the University of Oklahoma in July 1974, and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) from Oklahoma State University in 1972. She currently resides in Oklahoma City.

## **Alba Weaver**

Alba Weaver is currently the President of Weaver and Associates, L.L.C. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, she majored in Social Work and Political Science, with a minor in Spanish. She is working on her Masters in Public Administration.

Weaver served the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce as Director of Economic Development and Grants Administrator for seven years. In July of 1999, she was promoted to the position of President/C.E.O. Her early research on community needs and interests led to the creation of "For Oklahoma," a recycling and environmental conservation program that now operates statewide. She has also written grants that resulted in the funding of beautification efforts for the I-240 corridor; construction of a Visitor Information Center for South Oklahoma City; and creation of business assistance programs for small businesses, minority owned companies, and Native American tribal organizations. She served as the chief administrator of Western Oklahoma's 42-county Foreign-Trade Zone, working with the Port Authority of the Greater Oklahoma City Area to market services for importers.

In addition to her work with the YWCA Rape Crisis Center, the South Oklahoma City YMCA, and Junior Achievement, Weaver has served on the 4<sup>th</sup> District Task Force for Economic Development, the Governors' Diversity and Economic Development Board and the Central Oklahoma Recycling Coalition. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Leadership Oklahoma City, and is a graduate of Class XVI. She is also on the Board of Directors for Community Council of Central Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, Metropolitan Area Development Corporation, the Workforce Development MSA Regional Consortium, the Executive Council for Stage Center, and is currently Chairman of the Board for the Capitol Hill Committee, their Revolving Loan Fund Board, and the Mayor's Literacy Task Force.

A native of Tela, Honduras, Weaver was in her teens when the family emigrated to America. She is married to Matthew Weaver, who is the Deputy Director for Oklahoma Main Street Program with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

### **Lara Weitzman**

Lara Weitzman is an independent organization development and dynamics consultant who partners with companies, organizations and community groups in learning to transform the processes and dynamics through which they operate. She specializes in multicultural/diversity development; organizational culture change, teambuilding and conflict management. Lara creates the conditions in which her clients can identify the strategies they need for ongoing success by helping to build personal accountability; interpersonal and intergroup understanding; and the skills and systems that support change. She provides to clients her expertise in organizational and cross cultural dynamics and strategies, while at the same time putting into action a strong belief in the intelligence and capability of individuals and teams to find their own unique solutions.

A priority in Weitzman's work is to enhance confidence, leadership initiative and strategic thinking that will stay with the client long after her work is done. Her clients include corporations such as Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and Credit Suisse; non-profit organizations such as the Ms. Foundation for Women and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and educational institutions such as University of Massachusetts, Boston. In addition to consulting, Weitzman has worked in the non-profit sector and has taught multiculturalism and cross-cultural dynamics (Critical Theory) at the University of California, Santa Cruz and Carnegie Mellon University. She earned her M.A. from Carnegie Mellon University in 1992, and completed doctoral coursework at Carnegie Mellon and the University of California at Berkeley.

### **Senator Penny Williams**

Senator Williams has served in the Oklahoma State Legislature since 1988. She has been appointed to such committees as Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Government Operations and Agency, Human Resources, Rules, and the Transportation committees.

Her elected positions include working on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures, Arts and Tourism board, Education Commission of the States, Education Policy Seminars, Oklahoma Coordinator for the Southern Regional Education Board, and also for the Legislative Arts Caucus.

Professionally, Senator Williams is affiliated with the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Mental Health Association of Tulsa, University of Tulsa, St. Gregory's College, Tulsa Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals.

Before turning to politics she worked as an editor. She graduated from the University of Tulsa with her B.A., and then studied at the University of Teheran. Later on Senator Williams attended the Sarah Lawrence College, and then St. Catherine's School in Richmond, Virginia.

Currently Senator Williams makes her home in Tulsa.

### **Representative Susan Winchester**

Representative Winchester is a native Oklahoman. She was born in Chickasha on March 24, 1950. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1972 with her business degree (B.S.) and then later achieved her Masters in Human Resource Development in 1994. Before serving as a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 1999, she was a trainer/consultant.

Currently, Winchester serves as President of the Oklahoma Judicial Auxiliary Conference, board member of the Grady County Economic Development Council and board member of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma Foundation. Additionally, she is on the selection committee for the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence and is a member of Leadership Oklahoma, Leadership Chickasha, American Legislative Exchange and the Chickasha, Tuttle, and Mustang Chambers of Commerce.

Ms. Winchester serves on the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, Banking and Finance Committee, Transportation Committee, Aeronautics, Railroad, and Mass Transit Sub-committee. She also serves as the Minority Whip, as well as serving as the Vice-Chairman of the Economic Development committee.

### **Scavenger Hunt "Experts"**

Susan Laird, Associate Professor of Education, Women's Studies and Human relations, University of Oklahoma.

Rosa Cintron, Dean, University College; Associate Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, University of Oklahoma.

Renee de Nevers, Assistant Professor of International Relations and Security Studies, University of Oklahoma