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Ibrahim Theater @ International House
Tuesday March 3rd, 7:00pm, Free admission**



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“Local Leaders form Strong Global Partnerships”

Panelists:

Suraya Pakzad

Executive Director of the Voice of Women Organization. VWO is one of the leading and most effective NGOs in Afghanistan. The charity's main goal is to strive for the freedom and empowerment of women in Afghan societies.

Marjorie Margolies

President, Women's Campaign International. WCI is a U.S.-based, nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to increasing the participation of a diverse population of women in political and democratic processes worldwide. WCI works towards this goal by providing women of all groups with the skills and knowledge needed to participate fully in decision-making and policy formation activities.

Aldo E. Magazzeni

Aldo created Traveling Mercies, a non-profit foundation that is dedicated to helping others, while creating a vehicle to remove barriers between cultures so that individuals can share their strengths, assets and blessings with each other. Aldo has traveled to, and worked, with communities in Italy, Jamaica, Haiti, Mexico, South America, Bhutan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Kenya, Ethiopia and others. His affiliation with volunteer groups include local churches, The Salvation Army, The Women of Hope, and The Nyumbani Children's Home, to name a few.

Raphia Noubissi

Raphiatou Noubissi is a Bilingual HIV Case Manager working with Action AIDS. Her case load consists of 40% immigrant families. Prior to this job she worked for 5 years in Belgium as a social worker with physically and sexually abused women from North Africa. Raphiatou was born and raised in Cameroon located at the intersection of West and Central Africa; she earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and Family & Sexuality in Belgium before moving to Philadelphia in 1999. Four years ago she started a medical outreach in Fouban Cameroon where each year she leads a team of 6 people including pediatric and adult nurse practitioners, dentist and social workers to provide free medical consultation and education for 4 weeks. The next trip is being plan for May 09.

Moderator:

Connie Hoe

Project Coordinator, SP2 Feldman Initiative – Hancock County. Connie is responsible for the overall coordination and implementation of the SP2 Feldman Initiative—a project to rebuild the mental health service system of Hancock County, Mississippi in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. She achieves this by developing excellent relations with key players in the region, recruiting and managing student volunteers and ensuring University participation and collaboration.

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