

# The Women's Center at UMBC

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



**FY 2018 Annual Report**  
**The Women's Center at UMBC**  
**University of Maryland, Baltimore County**



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*January 26, 2018: The Women's Center staff pose for a group photo in their Retriever black and gold!*



## Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes. How do you measure, measure a year?

At the start of this year, we said goodbye to our Assistant Director, Megan Tagle Adams, who left the Women's Center to not only move closer to home, but to become a director of a campus-based women's center in California. We uniquely filled the gap in her presence during the fall semester with two part-time coordinators who navigated both the challenges and opportunities that come with sharing a position. Additionally, for the first time in several years the Women's Center began the year without any student staff members returning to staff from the previous year. When we had just celebrated our rich history of 25 years of existence, it felt a bit precarious to start year 26 as a brand new staff with minimal shared knowledge and experiences about who the Women's Center is and how we do what we do. **Nevertheless, we persisted.**

I am beyond elated that mid-year, we successfully completed a search for a new Women's Center Coordinator and hired UMBC alumna, Amelia Meman, '15. Amelia first began her Women's Center journey as an Honors College Intern in the Fall of 2013. Since then she has consistently been engaged in the Women's

*April 4, 2018:  
Women's Center Director  
Jess Myers accepts the  
2017 - 2018 Jakubik  
Family Endowment  
Staff Award during the  
Presidential Faculty &  
Staff Awards Ceremony.  
Truly a well-earned award  
that recognizes Jess's  
commitment to excellence,  
inclusivity, and social justice  
on our campus.*



Center as a student staff member, volunteer, and the part-time coordinator before officially joining the professional staff team full-time in February. With Amelia on our team, the Women's Center feels whole again.

In a year that presented the Women's Center with many changes and transitions, I initially worried that we would not be able to maintain the same quality and consistency of our programming and services. While some programming or workshops were initially less available to the campus community, I am proud the Women's Center maintained our overall commitment to providing space, programming, and resources that center women and prioritize critical social justice to and for the UMBC campus.

So, how do you measure a year? We can certainly measure it in numbers, but this year was a reminder to me that we also always measure in love. Love for embracing challenge. Love for learning and growing. Love for our community and each other. Thank you to our community and to our supporters for giving us the gift to provide that love to the UMBC community.

*Jess Myers*  
Jess Myers, Director

*August 28, 2017: The 2017-2018 Returning Women Student Scholars snap a group photo with UMBC President Freeman Hrabowski (center) and Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs Katharine Cole (bottom right).*



**“The Women’s Center is one of those rare, magical places where you can come as you are on any given day and just be, without judgment. You’ll always be welcomed, you’ll always be heard, you’ll always belong. Spaces like that are immensely powerful, and they give us all the support we need to see ourselves as brave, strong, beautiful, brilliant, whatever we need to be to move through this world and make it better than how we found it.”**

**— Lexx Mills, '13, former student staff member, and  
GritStarter Ambassador**





# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Mission Statement

The Women's Center at UMBC advances gender equity from an intersectional feminist perspective through co-curricular programming, support services, and advocacy for marginalized individuals and communities. We prioritize critical social justice as our community value, with a deliberate focus on women, gender, anti-racism, and feminism.

*All are welcome as long as they respect women. Their experiences. Their stories. Their potential.*

**For over 25 years,** the Women's Center has served as a critical resource for UMBC women and other marginalized populations seeking support and advocacy, as well as for all individuals wishing to learn about and engage with women's and gender issues. The Women's Center seeks to provide a space and community for all UMBC members to be fully valued in the spirit of inclusive excellence and social justice.

*April 13, 2018: Marchers raise awareness about campus sexual assault while they walk past AOK Library and Academic Row during the Women's Center's annual Take Back the Night event. Photo by Jaedon Huie.*

**“One of the reasons  
I decided to come to  
UMBC was because of  
the Women’s Center.  
Gender equity is a priority  
here because there is a  
Women’s Center.”**

**— incoming UMBC student**





# 1. active community space

The Women's Center was an active community space and resource this year, with approximately **9,343 visits/contacts** between July 2017 and June 2018.

The Women's Center lounge continues to be a place of comfort and reprieve while also being a space for learning and friend-making with **4,090 community member visits** over the course of the year.

Our usage rates continue to include critical services unique to the rest of campus such as **the lactation room (163 visits)** and providing **menstrual products** to "save the day" during those unexpected moments (**550 visits**). This year we also witnessed a substantial increase of women-identified students using the **meditation/prayer room (192 visits)**.

*January 26, 2018: Student staff member, Harley, discusses with fellow professional and student staff members during our Spring Staff Training.*



**191**

one-on-one  
support meetings

**4,090**

community space users

**550**

menstrual  
emergencies  
averted

**192**

prayer/meditation  
room visits

**9,343**

UMBC community members reached

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lactation  
room users

**1,733**

event attendees

**564**

discussion group  
participants





## 2. one-on-one support

The Women's Center professional staff spent **113 hours in 191 meetings with 107 unique students, faculty, and staff** throughout the year. Meetings addressed a variety of concerns, including: connecting with returning women students 55 times; supporting survivors (and/or their allies) of sexual violence, relationship violence, and/or harassment 53 times; and providing 19 community members with space to talk about their LGBTQ identities and concerns.

In addition to direct support, the Women's Center professional staff were able to triage and connect each of these UMBC community members in need with the appropriate resources. For example, we are often one of the first agencies that students turn to for mental health crisis intervention. Although we do not possess the appropriate skillset or training to continue a clinical relationship (or otherwise), we take time to connect these people in need with University Health Services, the Counseling Center, and other relevant resources both on- and off-campus.

In our most recent assessment of our support services, community members who met with Women's Center staff for one-on-one support and/or crisis response described the meetings as **helpful, comfortable, and trusting**.

*May 11, 2018: Student staff member, Marie Pessagno laughs as fellow staff members write affirmations and memories on the white board behind her.*

**“Thank you for all the courage, kindness, sincere thoughtfulness you share and thank you for the work you do. The resources you put me in touch with changed my life.”**

**— current UMBC Student**





### 3. social justice dialogues

The Women's Center is committed to embodying an intersectional feminist approach in our daily support and programming, and social justice is a key aspect of our work.

In the fall, our monthly roundtable events which include faculty, staff, and student panel members explored a multitude of issues, with a theme of "Women in" to include STEM, the environment, and writing. In the spring, we adapted these conversations into Knowledge Exchanges with the hope that this new format will allow for less hierarchical exchange of information and ideas between "experts" and "novices." In these Exchanges, participants discussed the importance of representation via *Black Panther*, feminist consciousness raising, and mediating media intake. Through post-event survey, **100% of participants (n = 80) agreed that "As a result of this roundtable/knowledge exchange, I believe that I can engage in a conversation about why this is a social justice issue."**

Additionally, new events throughout the year focused on the lived experiences of transgender people in college and beyond.

In it's 5th year, Critical Social Justice (CSJ) continues to provide a significant platform for us to create spaces for students, faculty, and staff to engage with social justice issues on campus. **Critical Social Justice: Rise explored opportunities for building individual and collective resistance and resilience.** Events throughout the week, challenged us to think about how we can do better, do more, and persist in doing it when it comes to working towards

**"Went to one of the most interesting, informative, and fun keynote events from UMBC tonight. I feel empowered and I want**

*October 24, 2017: UMBC community members pose with keynote speaker Dr. Adrienne Keene (back row, second to the right).*

**to learn more  
and I want to  
be ally and  
activist for  
indigenous  
people.”**

**- UMBC Alum after  
attending CSJ Keynote**

*October 23, 2017: Critical Social Justice began with chalking all along UMBC's Academic Row. In addition to chalking, participants were able to take portraits with their “I rise for...” statements.*

positive social change and activism. This year, our keynote speaker was **Dr. Adrienne Keene, a Native American activist, blogger, scholar, and writer**. A member of the Cherokee Nation, Keene used her keynote lecture, entitled **“Native Appropriations and Indigenous Social Media”** to focus on contemporary indigenous issues and help event attendees critically analyze how the indigenous world is represented in popular culture. Data from post-event surveys indicated that **84.5% of event attendees (n=219) believe that Critical Social Justice is improving UMBC's campus climate**. The overall theme from the program assessment was that CSJ participants firmly believed that CSJ is an important campus initiative. For more information about the week, a full recap can be found on our Critical Social Justice blog.

The **Brave Space Guidelines** continue to serve as our foundation in supporting our efforts to create space that is both safe and brave in engaging in difficult dialogues, reflecting on discomfort, and finding peace in being one's authentic self. The guidelines have been useful and important not only for our own space, but for other areas of campus which have adapted and replicated the spirit of Brave Spaces. In particular, this year we worked with the Center for Women in Technology to support the use of brave spaces in their community.





# UMBC COMMUNITY RISING

CSJ: Rise began in the fall with a photo campaign in which UMBC community members were asked to share what it is they rise for. Answers were as diverse as the people who contributed their portraits to the campaign. UMBC rises for everything from diversity in computing to immigrant rights.



Row 1 (from left to right): Stacy Branham, Reese Beyers, Micheal Jalloh-Jamborlah; row 2: Carlos Turcios, Julie Murphy, Jess Myers; row 3: Samiksha Manjani, Amelia Meman, Thania Muñoz D.





## 4. learning + engagement

As a unit of the Division of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, the Women's Center continues to provide a distinctive undergraduate education and contribute to the academic goals of the University.

Through programming like the Returning Women Students Scholars program, specialized discussion groups, workshops, and Critical Social Justice, **students gained greater awareness and education regarding women and gender issues that complemented their learning inside the classroom.** Students also frequently used the Center's space for studying, took advantage of the available computer, and borrowed from our lending library. Additionally, the Women's Center supported academic learning **through internships in partnership with the Honors College, Gender + Women's Studies Department, and Interdisciplinary Studies Department.** In the fall semester, we also worked with 3

*October 27, 2017: Women's Center Advisory Board member, Dr. Kate Drabinski (far right), leads the annual Critical Social Justice: Rise walking tour through Baltimore's Inner Harbor.*



graduate students in the Psychology PhD program to design and execute program assessments to support their academic learning in their Program Evaluation course.

This year, we piloted a Train the Trainer program in order to provide more staffing for our Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence workshop and **added 3 more presenters to our team**. This proved to be key during a year in which survivors voices and experiences finally began to be recognized and heard in unprecedented ways through the #MeToo movement. We increased the number of times we presented this workshop for a second year in a row by **providing insights and skills to 190 students, faculty, and staff**. Workshop participants **report feeling on average 22% more confident in their ability to create a survivor-responsive campus post-workshop**.

*February 13, 2018: The Women's Center held our annual Galentine's Day to celebrate friendships between women. We provided our community members with food, supplies for friendship bracelet-making, and discussion about healthy friendships.*



**“Working as the director of the Women’s Center is a dream job. To wake up every day and go to work to support and advance gender equity, hold space for LGBTQ folks, cultivate healing for survivors of sexual violence, run a scholarship program for older women returning to college, to support that one person in the story of 100,000 in whatever unique and compassionate way they need... That is an award in in and of itself...”**

**— Jess Myers on receiving the  
2018 Jakubik Staff Award**





## 5. unique + critical services

Services and programming for underrepresented and underserved populations like women adult learners (returning students), women of color, mothers, survivors of sexual violence, and the LGBTQ community continue to draw UMBC community members into our space.

The Women's Center continues to host various identity-based discussion groups including **Women of Color Coalition**, **Between Women**, and **Spectrum**. Observation rubrics completed by facilitators consistently indicated that, as a result of these groups, **members felt stronger senses of campus-based engagement, belonging, and/or empowerment.**

In collaboration with the Mosaic Center, we **hosted two events dedicated to experiences of transgender and gender non-binary people.** Trans in College, held at the kick-off of the fall semester, was dedicated to exploring the opportunities and challenges of the transgender people in higher education. A follow-up panel entitled Trans After College included speakers from the Baltimore community sharing their experiences and reflections of living, working, and participating in activism as transgender people after their college experiences. Both events served as networking opportunities for transgender

*September 26, 2017: A crowded Skylight Room listens attentively to our Trans in College panelists' discussion on being transgender, accessing resources on- and off-campus, and how allies can better support trans people at UMBC.*

**"I have grown as a person and learned so many valuable qualities such as how to be an active listener,**



**empower other women, and much more! The Women of Color Coalition helped me so much and always made me think critically about the world and myself."**

**- current UMBC student and discussion group member**

*March 28, 2018: The many diverse guests (including faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community partners) at our Women's History Month event circled up to explore the common interests between them. Guests used yarn to further visualize how these various points of connection occur.*

community members while also creating learning space for cisgender allies to learn about better ways they can show up and support the community.

Through program evaluation, the **Returning Women Students Scholars + Affiliates** program continues to be a unique and important service the Women's Center offers to women adult learners over the age of 25. Over the course of the year, we supported a **cohort of over 25 scholars and affiliates** providing semester orientations, monthly programming curated to fit the needs of older students, and individualized meetings. All returning women students at UMBC are invited to participate in the monthly events and are encouraged to join a closed Facebook group for networking and community-building opportunities. The 4th annual networking event continues to be a popular event that both students and the faculty + staff volunteers walk away from feeling energized and with new connections.

**Ultimately, through our commitment to serving various underrepresented or marginalized populations, the Center aims to support student retention and graduation.**

For more information on our priority to cultivate a survivor-responsive campus, see page 25.





**“Finding out about the Women’s Center and ending up coming here regularly totally flipped the script on me coming to school here. At first, it was hard to connect with people outside of just the classes you are taking. The kind of student I am now is completely different compared to when I first started. Now I walk through campus feeling I have friends now... It has connected me to UMBC on a different level. I feel included on campus rather than just a student coming here to get my degree.”**

**— Returning Women Student Scholar**



## 6. committed staffing + support

A group of **7 student staff and interns** assisted a professional staff team in providing support services and programming to the Women's Center community. This year we also had the honor to host a student intern through UMBC's SUCCESS program, who helped us in staffing the Women's Center front desk.

Examples of **student-driven programs** include the **roundtable series, facilitation of identity-based discussion groups, and the creation of the new Pop-Culture Pop-Up discussions**. Student staff members were essential in the daily operation of the Center, enhanced connections to community members, and led outreach efforts at campus fairs and tabling events. Our team of student staff and volunteers have been crucial to the successful execution of large-scale events like Critical Social Justice and Take Back the Night.

In addition to our staff, **we are supported by a dynamic team of volunteer Advisory Board members, comprised of a total of 11 staff, 7 faculty, and 1 graduate student representing 18 offices and departments from across the UMBC campus**. The Advisory Board is integral in helping the Women's Center professional staff focus on short and long-term goals, as well as identifying the gaps in which we can provide better support and resources to women on campus.

*April 17, 2018: Student staff members, Samiksha and Sydney (foreground, left and right respectively), participated in the set-up of the Monument Quilt.*





## 7. social media

The Women's Center's social media channels have helped us craft a narrative around the integral work we do at UMBC. From behind-the-scenes fun to quotes from women of color in literature, we have been able to reach current, past, and future UMBC students, as well as amplify our voice in national and global conversations like the #MeToo movement. Our social media is also a key tool in promoting our programs and driving our fundraising goals.

The Women's Center uses Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, and WordPress. Over the course of the 2017-2018 fiscal year, we **have generated hundreds of new followers and thousands of engagements with our posts**. In a year where UMBC's social media channels have flourished following our historic March Madness win, the Women's Center's feeds have demonstrated to our new followers that UMBC is not just about a winning basketball team and stellar academics (although, this is all true)—we are also an institution that supports inclusive excellence and social justice. One of our most popular Instagram posts, for example, was of FORCE's Monument Quilt display on Erickson Field on April 17th; **this post came away with 1,020 individual likes, and generated conversation among many.**

Our Women's Center and CSJ blogs, which are linked to myUMBC, provide an additional platform to tell our stories and validate marginalized experiences while also allowing student staff experience in crafting their voice and writing skills. Over the course of the year, **our staff team created content for 34 blog posts which were read by our over 1,000 subscribers.**

*October 23, 2017: On the first day of Critical Social Justice: Rise week, the Women's Center hosted a community chalking event along Academic Row. Women's Center Staff pose for a photo while tabling.*



# OUR FAVORITE MOMENTS



TOP: A silly group staff photo; MIDDLE LEFT: Women's Center student staff, Chloe and Marie, take a selfie before Take Back the Night; MIDDLE RIGHT: Women's Center staff and friends celebrate the LGBTQ community at the Mosaic's annual Lavender Celebration; BOTTOM LEFT: Some of our favorite Women's Center community members gathered in the study space; BOTTOM RIGHT: UMBC community members create vision boards as part of our Welcome Week programming.





## 8. financials

We continue to feel immense gratitude for our campus partners and external donors financial support to help us accomplish our programming goals while also maintaining the daily operations of the Women's Center. **With a base operating budget of \$3,524 and a student staff budget of \$2,736 the additional funding from 1-time funding from the Provost Office, carry-forward funds, co-sponsorships, in-kind donations, and for-credit internships has been essential to our continued operation.** Signature events for the Women's Center like Critical Social Justice and Take Back the Night are solely possible through the generosity of campus partners financial co-sponsorships.

For a second year in a row, we launched and executed a crowd-funding campaign to encourage financial contributions to the Women's Center. This year we focused our fundraising efforts on our priority to cultivate a survivor-responsive campus and asked donors to give to the Women's Center on behalf of the programming efforts we do to support survivors of sexual violence. **A total of 53 gifts were donated to the campaign for a total of \$2,633 including matching funds.** For more details about this campaign, see page 26. **Overall, a total of 61 gifts from donors contributed \$3,314 to the Women's Center Foundation over the course of the fiscal year.**

*January 30, 2018: Returning Women Student Scholars + Affiliates (both current and alumnae) network after their Spring Orientation.*

**“The Women’s Center is a gem of UMBC. Programs for students are outstanding, but I found it also supported me as faculty. When I joined the advisory board, it was the first time I felt connected to President Hrabowski’s vision of inclusive excellence, as well as a supportive peer network. Though I am moving on from UMBC, I will always be a Retriever; I will mentor ambitious students to apply to UMBC programs; I will continue to financially contribute to UMBC; and, that is all because of the leadership and community of The Women’s Center. Thank you!”**

**— Dr. Stacy Branham,  
former lecturer in Computer Science  
and 2017-18 Women’s Center  
Advisory Board member**



A person is seen from the back, wearing a grey t-shirt. The t-shirt has a large black rectangular graphic with yellow text that reads: "We see you. We believe you. You matter." Below this, in smaller black text, it says "UMBC SUPPORTS SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE". There are also two small logos on the shirt: one for the "WOMEN'S CENTER at UMBC" and another for the "UMBC STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION". The background is a blurred crowd of people at an event.

# SPOTLIGHT: SUPPORTING SURVIVORS

In the era of #MeToo in which survivors of sexual violence and sexual harassment are finally having their stories and experiences heard and believed, the Women's Center has begun to repeat what has become a new tagline for us: **We see you. We believe you. You matter.**

Through events like **Take Back the Night**, the **Monument Quilt display** and our **Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence workshop**, the Women's Center seeks to cultivate a campus community that embraces the philosophy that we are all in this work together. Seeing survivors, believing them, and supporting them through their journey of healing is all of our responsibility.

In order to sustain these events and programming efforts, we focused our fundraising efforts on supporting survivors of sexual violence and cultivating a survivor-supportive campus community. This year, we tapped several UMBC alum to serve as ambassadors for the campaign. All ambassadors had been involved in our work to end sexual violence on campus. Fundraising campaigns not only support the Women's Center financially but allow for alumni and community members the ability to still contribute to the Women's Center community even when they are no longer able to be in our space in-person. It gives meaning to the phrase we often tell community members who are leaving UMBC for their next great adventure that **"once the Women's Center is your home, it is always your home."**

The Supporting Survivors campaign, which kicked off on Giving Tuesday of November 2017, raised **\$2,633 through a total of 53 gifts to support our efforts dedicated to supporting survivors of sexual violence and providing**

**"Take Back the Night gave me the ability to turn my pain into power. It gave me a chance to articulate a visceral experience and yet at the same time move on with my life."**

**- MaryBeth Kerley, '17,  
GritStarter Ambassador**



**education and awareness to the UMBC community.**

This funding enabled us to expand some of our sexual violence programming this year with the expectation that the expansion of workshops will continue over the next academic year. Through a pilot program in which we trained graduate students to serve as co-facilitators for the Supporting Survivors workshop, we were able to offer the workshop more times throughout the year as well.

We also partnered with Baltimore-based activist group FORCE to bring the Monument Quilt to campus this year in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This day-long exhibit that required over 40 campus volunteers to execute provided healing space for survivors while raising awareness about rape culture in our society. From the 7th floor of the library, the quilt squares read "Not Alone" sending an important message to UMBC survivors that our community supports them.

Additionally, the Women's Center proudly supported a new student organization, We Believe You, formed this year with the mission to support survivors of sexual violence on campus and beyond. In addition to serving as the group's advisor, the Women's Center became a space for the groups weekly discussion group for survivors of their allies. The group played an integral role in leading this year's Take Back the Night, to include a new feature of the event called the Circle of Care. We Believe You, along with several other students, faculty, and staff served as volunteers for TBTN and the Monument Quilt Display on Erickson Lawn during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**As a result  
of this year's  
TBTN, 95%  
of survey  
respondents  
(n=57)  
reported  
feeling more  
comfortable in  
supporting a  
friend who has  
experienced  
sexual assault.**

*April 17, 2018: A view of The Monument Quilt from the 7th floor of AOK Library. In addition to spelling out "Not Alone," each quilt square that comprises this phrase is hand-made by survivors of sexual violence.*





**"I've never felt more seen, heard, and appreciated than I did when I was working on TBTN and marching alongside other victims and our allies... I cannot stress enough how much the Women's Center and TBTN has meant to me for the past four years and how much I know it means to other students."**

**- Kayla Smith, '17, former student staff member, and GritStarter Ambassador**



## FINAL THOUGHTS

**In programs, in outreach  
In discussions, in cups of coffee  
In support, in donations  
In laughter, in love—  
In five-hundred twenty-five thousand  
six hundred minutes,  
How do you measure a year in the life?**

With transition comes the opportunity for new ideas, opportunities and renewal. To those who have been a part of the Women's Center over our many years of existence, you have come to know that we embrace and welcome the chance to always be and do better. This year was no different. Yet, as the Women's Center continues to grow and change alongside UMBC and the ever-changing societal context in which we operate, our core values and the feeling of belonging we give to those in our space remain ever constant. We will always pride ourselves in being a safe and brave space as

*April 17, 2018: UMBC students flocked to the Monument Quilt display on Erickson Lawn. Many stayed a while to walk around, read, and honor this collection of survivor stories.*





we work to earn the trust and respect of those who find themselves engaging with the Women's Center and our staff. Both the challenges and highlights of this year serve as constant reminders to why the Women's Center exists and matters to our campus community and climate. We stay true to our mission statement centering the intersectional feminist work we do as a campus-based women's center committed to student development, retention, and support for the entire campus community.

**This is the measure of our work.  
This is the measure of love.**

*April 13, 2018: Survivors, supportive Women's Center staff members, and leaders of the We Believe You student group led the Take Back the Night march.*





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*April 13, 2018: After the speak out and march around campus, Take Back the Night attendees are invited to stay for craftivism and self-care time.*



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*January 24, 2018: Returning Women Student Scholars come together at the Spring 2018 Orientation and share stories, experiences, and advice with one another. Also laughing. There's a lot of laughing.*



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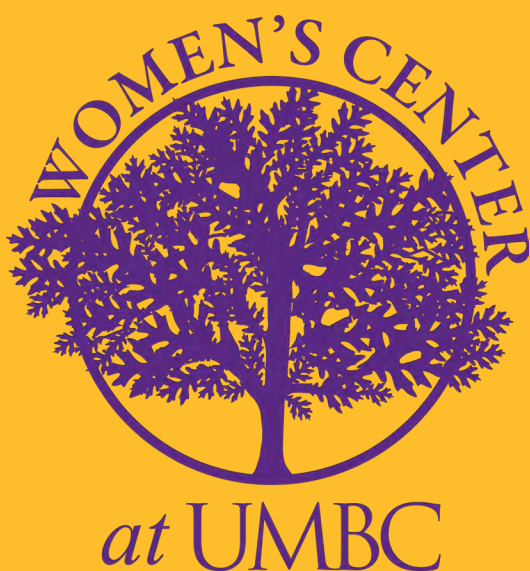
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