



Cather Circle

Spring 2010 Meeting “The Fabric of our Lives” Schedule At-A-Glance

All activities take place at the Wick Alumni Center unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, March 4 – Optional pre-meeting activities

10 a.m. Optional Tour, International Quilt Study Center

Thursday, March 4

11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Check-in

12 – 1:15 p.m. Opening lunch, welcome remarks

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker Mary Kay Quinlan, Nebraska Union Auditorium
“Oral History”

2:30 – 3:15 p.m. Panel discussion: Our members weigh in, Nebraska Union Auditorium

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Networking reception

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Mentoring activity and dinner

Friday, March 5

8:15 – 9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast

8:30 – 9:20 a.m. Optional Cather book discussion: [The Professor’s House](#)

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. Oral history workshop with Mary Kay Quinlan OR
Young Alumnae Panel: What I wish I’d known in college

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Networking break

11 – 11:30 a.m. Committee time

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Town Hall Meeting

12:15 – 1:20 p.m. Lunch and awards presentations

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
The Basics of blogging
Inspirational stories: Lisa Gilmore
Perfecting your resume and cover letter

3 – 3:30 p.m. Wrap-up, closing remarks and door prizes

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Closing reception



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The Agenda in Detail – Spring 2010 **Thursday, March 4**

Optional Tour, International Quilt Study Center

10 a.m.

Visit one of UNL's nationally-renowned gems. Exhibitions on display include "Perspectives: Art, Craft, Design and the Studio Quilt" and "Four-Part Harmony: The Linda Carlson Four Block Quilt Collection, part two." The cost for the docent-led tour is \$8 for alumnae. Cather Circle will cover the cost for students and Siberts who wish to participate.

Check-in

Wick Alumni Center, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Pick up your materials and get ready for an action-packed afternoon.

Opening Lunch

Wick Alumni Center Great Hall, 12 – 1:15 p.m.

The meeting officially begins with opening remarks and introductions.

Keynote Speaker Mary Kay Quinlan, "Oral History"

Nebraska Union Auditorium, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

What is oral history and why is it important? Mary Kay Quinlan, associate professor of journalism at UNL will answer these questions during this interactive and educational session.

Mary Kay Quinlan is a Lincoln native and a 1972 graduate of the UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board and various other campus organizations. She earned a master's degree in journalism in 1973 and Ph.D. in 1992, both from the University of Maryland. Mary Kay has a wealth of professional experiences including serving as a reporter at the Rochester, N.Y., Democrat and Chronicle, the Omaha World-Herald Washington Bureau, and a regional correspondent for Gannett News Service in Washington, writing for Midwestern newspapers. In 1986, she served as president of the National Press Club and was elected to the Gridiron Club of Washington. Mary Kay taught graduate and undergraduate classes at the University of Maryland College of Journalism where she was a Baltimore Sun Distinguished Lecturer and William Randolph Hearst Visiting Professional before returning to Lincoln in 1996. She has taught reporting and writing courses at UNL since 1999.

Mary Kay also is editor of the Oral History Association Newsletter, a thrice-yearly publication of the national professional organization of oral historians. She is also a co-author of "The Oral History Manual," "Native American Veterans Oral History Manual," and "The People Who Made It Work: A Centennial Oral History of the Cushman Motor Works." She has presented oral history workshops at numerous local, regional and national conferences.

**Panel Discussion: Our members weigh in
Nebraska Union Auditorium, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.**

Join the discussion with fellow Cather Circle members about how you record your personal history, and what has inspired you to do so.

Networking Reception

Wick Alumni Center, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Spend some time networking with your Cather Circle colleagues.

Mentoring Activity and Dinner

Wick Alumni Center, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

The Student Development Committee will lead mentors and mentees through an interactive exercise designed to help everyone get a little better acquainted. Afterwards, enjoy an informal dinner while continuing the networking and conversation.



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The Agenda in Detail – Spring 2010

Friday, March 5

Continental Breakfast, 8:15 – 9:30 a.m.

Wick Alumni Center

Breakfast will be available starting at 8:15.

Optional Cather Book Discussion: The Professor's House, 8:30 – 9:20 a.m.

Wick Alumni Center, Dana Board Room

The Cather book discussion has been moved to a time that does not “compete” with other sessions to enable greater participation. Whether or not you’ve read the book, you are welcome to join the group and learn a bit more about the writing of our namesake, Willa Cather.

Oral History Workshop, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Wick Alumni Center Great Hall

As a follow-up to her Thursday talk, Mary Kay Quinlan will lead participants through introductory exercises designed to get them started on the process of recording their own oral history.

Young Alumnae Panel: What I Wish I'd Known in College, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Wick Alumni Center, Dana Board Room

Our Cather Circle Siberts have some great advice to offer current students in this candid and interactive panel. Students are encouraged to bring their questions.

Networking Break, 10:45 – 11:00

Wick Alumni Center, Atrium & Lobby

Time to grab some coffee and conversation.

Committee time, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Wick Alumni Center, Great Hall

Committees will meet during this time. If you are interested in joining a committee, please check with the chairperson. Many volunteers are still needed.

Town Hall Meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Wick Alumni Center, Great Hall

Learn about all that is happening with Cather Circle and how you can get more involved in areas that fit your skill set and time availability.

Lunch and Awards Presentations, 12:15 – 1:20 p.m.

Wick Alumni Center, Great Hall

Enjoy time with your mentors and mentees during lunch. Following our meal, the Cather Circle Alumna and Collegian of the Year will be announced, the President's Award will be bestowed and the Internship Scholarship recipient will be recognized.

Concurrent Session: The Basics of Blogging with Valerie Jones, 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Wick Alumni Center

If you are curious about the blogging revolution or have any interest in starting a personal or professional blog, this session is for you. After a decade in advertising in San Francisco and Chicago, Valerie Jones returned home to Nebraska to continue doing what she loved: helping clients navigate the digital space and connect with consumers in meaningful, effective ways. She put her experience to work as an associate director at Bailey Lauerman and as head of Insights and Analytics at Swanson Russell before embracing her inner geek and launching her own digital marketing consulting business last year. Clients include Kenexa, Sergeant's, Nelnet and the University of Nebraska. Valerie, who happens to be the daughter of Cather Circle's own Ruth Brown, graduated from Northwestern University with bachelor's degrees in communication studies and sociology and a master's degree in integrated marketing communications.

Concurrent Session: Inspirational Stories: Lisa Gilmore, 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Wick Alumni Center

Lisa Gilmore's 25 years in executive leadership, operational and management positions, as well as co-ownership of a small business, inspires others through her real life experiences, insights and learning. Lisa has not only survived life challenges such as breast cancer, family drug addiction and job loss, but has used these opportunities to bring a message of determination and inspiration to others.

Lisa is a licensed professional business coach and applies her skills as a certified life coach to provide a truly unique experience to those she meets. You are invited to hear Lisa's inspirational story and garner useful tidbits to apply to your own personal and professional life.

Concurrent Session: Perfecting Your Resume or Cover Letter, 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Wick Alumni Center

Students who want advice about their resumes and cover letters should plan to attend this session, presented by Tony Lazarowicz of UNL Career Services. Students are invited to bring their resumes in for critiquing and perfecting! Alumnae and Siberts who work with the hiring process are also invited to attend and share their insights.

Wrap-up, Closing Remarks and Door Prizes, 3 – 3:30 p.m.

Wick Alumni Center, Great Hall

Closing Reception, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wick Alumni Center

You are invited to say your good-byes and wish your farewells over a glass of wine or a can of soda.



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Student Housekeeping Information

Due Date

The registration form is due **February 22**. Please adhere to this deadline so that we may plan accordingly for the meeting.

Bring a Friend

Do you know of a student who may be interested in applying for Cather Circle? You are invited to bring her to the meeting as a visitor. Visitors are included in all meeting activities. The cost for a visitor is \$25. For an additional registration form contact Pam Penner at 472-8933 or ppenner@huskeralum.com.

Attire

Wear your Cather Circle T-shirt or other casual attire for Thursday. Business attire is recommended for Friday.

Wednesday Open House

Plans are in the making for a Cather Circle open house on Wed., March 3, time and location TBD. Mix and mingle with your Cather Circle friends and women students from across the UNL campus to promote and educate them about Cather Circle. Details will be sent soon.

Women's Basketball Tickets

The Husker women will take on Kansas at the Bob Devaney Sports Center on Wed., March 3 at 7:05 p.m. This undefeated team is making Husker history! A limited number of tickets have been reserved for Cather Circle members who are arriving early. The cost is \$7each. If you are interested, you can order these on your meeting registration form.

Meeting Attendance/Excuse Notes

Excuse letters will be e-mailed in .pdf format by Friday, Feb. 26 for all who register by the Feb. 22 deadline. It is important that you make every attempt to attend the meeting. Alumnae take time away from their jobs and families to attend, and we ask you to make equal accommodations to your schedule to participate fully.

Scholarships

Do not let a lack of funds keep you away from a Cather Circle meeting. If you find that you cannot afford the \$25 meeting fee and would like to be considered for scholarship assistance, please send a note explaining your situation to Pam Penner, ppenner@huskeralum.org.

Profile updates

Please remember to update your profile as you move, change jobs, change e-mail addresses, join new organizations, receive honors or just get snazzy new pictures. Visit www.cathercircle.com and click on the "members only" section to get started. If you have forgotten your username or password, use the "forgot password" feature located on the "members only" login page.

Internet networking

Cather Circle has groups both in Facebook and in LinkedIn. Join the discussions, updates and pure fun!

Questions regarding registration?

Contact Pam Penner at ppenner@huskeralum.com, 888-353-1874 or 402-472-8933.



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Spring 2010 Meeting Student Registration Form

Name: _____

- I plan to attend the spring meeting.
- Sorry, I cannot attend.

Please return this form by February 22 in the enclosed envelope or drop off at the Wick Alumni Center.

Please indicate which events you plan to attend:

Wednesday, March 3

- NU vs. Kansas women's basketball game

Thursday, March 4

- International Quilt Study Center Tour
- Opening lunch
- Keynote speaker Mary Kay Quinlan
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Preferences

- I prefer vegetarian meals or have dietary restrictions (*please specify*) _____

Excuse notes

- Please provide me with _____ excuse notes for my professors.
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Payment Information

1 @ \$25 meeting registration fee – includes program or any portion thereof, all meals for Cather Circle member \$ _____

_____ @ \$7 for each women's basketball ticket (Wednesday, March 3) \$ _____

Making A Difference Campaign Donation. *This contribution is tax-deductible and you will be provided a receipt at the end of the year.* \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Please charge \$ _____ to my credit card.

OR My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Make checks payable to the Nebraska Alumni Association.

American Express Discover

Master Card

Visa

Card # _____

Name on card _____

Expiration Date _____ VCode _____

Signature _____

If you have news about a new job, an award or a personal accomplishment that you would like to share with the Cather Circle membership, please send an e-mail to szaborowski@huskeralum.org or enclose with this registration.

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