Save the date for Saturday, March 8th, when the WRC’s annual Wo/Men’s Conference will take over the Soda Center for an informative and inspiring day of student-and-staff-led workshops and speaking engagements. The conference, which aims to challenge sexism and racism, has been a Saint Mary’s staple event for the past five years. Tickets are available at stmarys-ca.edu/wrc under the event tab, or email ssobbotta@stmarys-ca.edu for details. Meals are included in all-day passes.

This year’s speakers include Wanda Johnson, the mother of late Oscar Grant. Johnson and her family have made headlines in the wake of Grant’s murder by a BART officer, as the Oakland community rallied for justice in the racially charged case. In January, Johnson visited the SMC community and stirred up an emotional discussion about systematic racism and injustice within the American justice system.

Betty Reid Soskin, who at the age of 92 is a full-time park ranger at the Rosie the Riveter National Park, will talk about her quest to make sure that the stories of Women of Color are included in "Rosie" history. Fun fact about Betty—she is the world's oldest park ranger and was America's oldest furloughed employee during the government-shut down. She appeared on Anderson Cooper, NBC, ABC and news outlets throughout the country in 2013.

The conference will end with an exciting performance by Las Cafeteras—a group dedicated to telling the stories of women and people of color by fusing traditional world beats and social justice hip-hop!

There will also be a variety of engaging workshops and presentations taking place, on topics ranging from life after incarceration and trafficking, to activism through food choices and finding your authentic leadership style.

Quick Calendar

March 5-Women’s Self-Defense Workshop, 7-9pm in Hagerty Lounge
March 8-Wo/Men’s Conference, 9am-6pm in the Soda Center
March 13-The Body Positive, 5:30-7pm in the WRC
March 19-Storytelling: In Her Shoes, 6-8pm in the WRC
March 26-Celebrating API Women, 1-2:30pm in Claey's Lounge
March 27-The Body Positive, 5:30-7pm in the WRC

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Celebrating API Advocates

*Luncheon honors Asian-Pacific Islander women*

Asian-Pacific American women make up a vibrant and important part of the Saint Mary’s community, and this month, the Women’s Resource Center is celebrating them!

Join the WRC for a free lunch and discussion event on **Wednesday, March 26th**. Students, staff, and alumni will gather in *Claeys Lounge* at community time, from 1:00-2:30pm, to share some delicious food and conversation.

The event will include a panel discussion featuring women of API descent as they discuss their personal takes on what it means to be an API women, challenges they have faced, and ways that they have advocated for others.

Aside from being a forum to start important conversations, this event will also serve as a fun way to network with alums and to get to know students and staff.

Take a Walk in Someone Else’s Shoes

*People discuss their biggest ‘a-ha’ moments at Storytellers: In Her Shoes digital workshop*

Have you ever wanted to share your story, but have no idea where to start? On **March 19th** from **6pm to 8pm**, students will be able to start recording their own personal stories at *Storytellers: In Her Shoes*. The event, which will be held in the *Library Mac Lab*, is facilitated by senior Amber Butts and will include a workshop led by Raina Leon from the Kalmanovitz School of Education. The goal of Storytellers is to identify and share one’s own unique story, both in person and through the crafting of a digital piece. Students will talk about the ‘a-ha’ moments in their lives, when they learned to embrace who they are, and much more.

**Did you know?**

- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- 1 out of every 5 women will likely become a victim of sexual assault by her college graduation.
- 1 out of every 33 men will likely become a victim of sexual assault in his lifetime.
- The WRC will be holding events throughout April to support victims, increase awareness, and foster discussion of these issues.