

Women Inspiring Life Long Leaders (WILL) is panel discussion and informal networking event focused on empowering college students to embrace themselves, follow their passion, and serve their community during their next few years at the University. The panelists include: Julie Casey, Rebecca Rosen, Lyn C. Wiltshire, and Stephanie Gharakhanian. The event will take place in the Santa Rita Suite at the Student Union on Tuesday, March 1st.

## The itinerary consists of the following:

- 5:30PM to 6:00PM Check-in
- 6:00PM to 7:00PM Panel discussion
- 7:00PM to 7:30PM Facilitated networking
- 7:30PM to 8:00PM Informal networking

## **WILL Panelist Biographies**



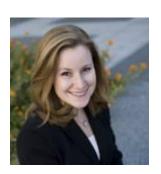
**Julie Casey** is a Plan II UT alumni. She is currently a lecturer in the Humanities Honors Program. Among many other achievements, her career has included working for a non-profit organization – the Texas Interfaith Education Fund, carrying out public-policy related research for University of Chicago and LBJ School of Public Policy and working as a writing instructor for the Washington D.C.- based company, SMARTHINKING, Inc.



**Stephanie Gharakhanian** is an attorney at Workers Defense Project, a worker center that seek to provide low-wage workers with the resources they need to improve their working and living conditions. Passionate about the intersection between legal advocacy and community organizing, Stephanie worked with workers' centers and workers' rights organizations in El Paso, Boston, New Orleans, and Mexico City. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Gharakhanian served with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in and worked at a house of hospitality for migrants and refugees on the U.S.-Mexico border.



**Rebecca Rosen** is an Associate Professor in the Dept. of Theater at the University of Texas and the Director of Admissions. She is a dance historian, performance scholar and choreographer whose research includes stages of identity in physical performance and the relationship between dance and practice. Winner of the 015 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, she teaches courses in dance history as well as undergraduate and graduate seminars. She is the author of <u>Dancing Jewish</u>: Jewish Identity in American Modern and Postmodern Dance, the first full-length book to analyze representations of Jewish identity in both modern and postmodern dance

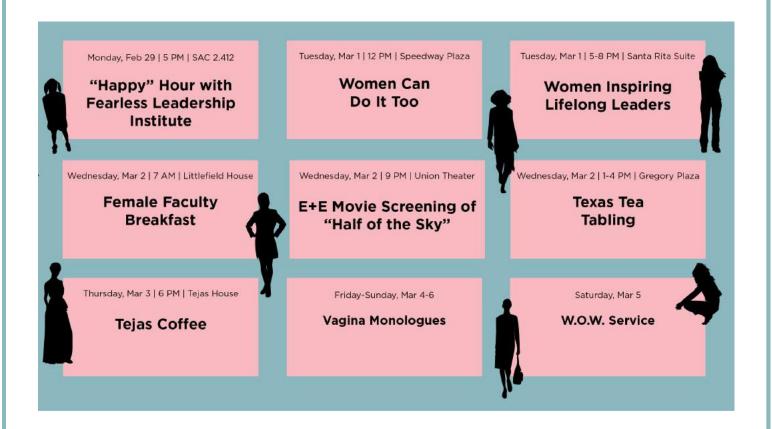


**Kate Weaver** is Associate Professor of Public Affairs and Graduate Advisor at the LBJ School. She is currently co-director of Innovations for Peace and Development at UT, a Distinguished Scholar at the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, where she is a key investigator and core researcher on climate change in Africa and complex emergencies in Asia. She is the author of numerous articles, chapters, and books. Her book *Hypocrisy Trap: The World Bank and the Poverty of Reform* received the Chadwick Alger Prize for Best Book on International Organizations and Multilateralism.



Fulbright Senior Scholar, **Lyn C. Wiltshire** is a Professor of Dance and Choreographer at UT. Her dance movement foundation is rooted in professional training with world-renowned choreographers and directors. She teaches all levels of contemporary and ballet. Beyond her work at UT, Lyn travels regularly as a master teacher and has presented lectures in London, Portugal, Taiwan, all over the U.S. and Hawaii. She is part of the network of International faculty for Salzburg International Ballet Academy (SIBA) and European Dance Arts Salzburg (EDAS).

## We hope to see you at our other events!



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