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Work, Life, Family Issues Take Front Stage At CCSU

Conference brings together faculty, students, experts to tackle tough topics facing working families

NEW BRITAIN – Ask any working parent and they’ll tell you it’s time for business to become more family friendly. Now CSU-AAUP member and CCSU professor Fiona Pearson is turning up the volume on those calls for change by bringing together policy makers, legislators, faculty and students at a Work Life Family conference to address the near circus-like balancing act required of so many working families today. In honor of National Work Life month in October, the Work Life Family conference is being held Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, at Central Connecticut State University.

WHO: Leading state policy makers, legislators, advocates, students, faculty members.

WHAT: A conference addressing issues around work family balance in Connecticut.

WHERE: CCSU – The Connecticut Room in Memorial Hall.

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHY: Because it’s time for Connecticut to catch up.

“Today’s workplaces have changed and employers who want to motivate, inspire, and retain creative, collaborative, and dynamic employees need to change how they lead,” Dr. Pearson said. “Gone are the days of inflexible, autocratic management. In order to thrive, businesses need to shift policies to fit this new reality and become more family friendly. It’s time for Connecticut to catch up.”

Keynote presenter Julie Wilson, author of *Mothering Through Precarity*, will address the “Crisis of Care” at 9 a.m. Panel discussions with leaders in academia and statewide policy makers will follow and cover topics such as paid family leave, breastfeeding, supporting an age-friendly campus, and access to child care. Panelists include: Lori Pelletier, president of the Connecticut AFL-CIO; Carlos Moreno of the Working Families Party; Anthony Gay, supervisor with the Department of Children and Families; and Madeline Granato, policy associate with the Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund and more.

Connecticut State University American Association of University Professors and their chapters at CCSU, ECSU, SCSU and WCSU, as well the Connecticut Congress of Community Colleges, are sponsors of this conference.

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