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SPECIAL EMPHASIS

SUBJECT: Observance of Women's History Month

The Office of Equal Opportunity Programs (OEOP), in collaboration with the Directorate for Education and Human Resources, cordially invites you to the NSF 2009 program in observance of Women's History Month. The national theme for Women's History Month is "*Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet.*"

A Panel Discussion
Scientist-Mothers Discuss Lessons Learned

March 25, 2009
2:00 - 3:00 PM
Room 110

Join us as we celebrate Women's History Month with women who have spoken out about their challenges and achievements, set-backs and advances as scientists who must define balance between their professional lives and their lives as mothers. The recently published book, *Motherhood, the Elephant in the Laboratory: Women Scientists Speak Out* (Cornell University Press, 2008), presents essays written by thirty-four scientist-mothers from different sectors, disciplines, and generations, and chronicles their strategies to lead satisfying and productive lives both personally and professionally. Four of these women, representing academic institutions, government, and the public sector, will join us for a panel discussion, moderated by the book's editor, Dr. Emily Monosson. We will explore their experiences and learn about the barriers to combining a career in science with motherhood, some strategies for achieving balance, and potential lessons for federal funding agencies about challenges that care-givers face in science and engineering careers.

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