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**UH Women's Forum
2008 Gathering**

What's Next: Exploring the Edge

March 27–28, 2008

Hilton Hotel and Conference Center
University of Houston
Houston, Texas

*An invitation to women of discovery—
to the explorers and would-be explorers
in each of us—to gather for an evening
and a day*

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What's Next: Exploring the Edge

- **What's Next: Exploring the Edge** is time set aside for us to ask where we are as individual women in a dynamic community. Through lively discussion, surprising topics, interactive workshops, and creative free time with extraordinary presenters from Houston and around the world, we look at the possibilities for each of us and the pathways for getting there.
- More than a conference, **What's Next: Exploring the Edge** is the inaugural event of a new, year-round program of University of Houston Continuing Education. We are dedicated to exploring what's next for women through learning and the experience of community.
- Give yourself the time to explore the possibilities for transformation, the space in which to discover your own "edge." Join us for the inaugural gathering of the University of Houston Women's Forum. You'll come away energized by new connections, inspired by new ideas and insights, and equipped with new tools for the journey ahead.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early Bird Fee: \$315 *(Register before March 1, 2008.)*

Registration Fee: \$365 *(After March 1, 2008)*

To register, please call 713-743-1060 or visit our web site:

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 27, 2008

6:30–8:30 p.m.	Opening Reception Meet the presenters Registration The Marketplace Refreshments Door prizes
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Friday, March 28, 2008

7:30–8:30 a.m.	Continental breakfast Late registration The Marketplace opens
8:30–9:45 a.m.	General Session: Panel Discussion “Navigating Difference” Panelists: Carol Archer, Jill Carroll, and Nancy Ruff
10:00–11:15 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions: Possibilities A glimpse at what’s possible when women explore the edge—personally, creatively, and professionally
11:45–12:45 p.m.	Lunch/Keynote Speaker: Whitney Casey “Using Your Feminine Wiles—A Retro Move Forward in Feminism?”
12:45–2:00 p.m.	Break/Marketplace/door prizes
2:00–3:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions: Pathways What would assist you in finding your way toward new possibilities?
3:30–4:30 p.m.	General Session: Closing Speaker—Lin Pardey “The Compelling Power of Adventure”
4:30–5:30 p.m.	Marketplace/door prizes
5:30 p.m.	The Marketplace closes

THE MARKETPLACE

The Marketplace is a relaxed and friendly space in which to discover unusual crafts and services, ideas and implements. The Marketplace appeals to our senses of taste, touch, sight, smell, sound—and, of course, adventure! Here we encourage each other to take a break and chat or take a breath and relax. There is no structure in the Marketplace, just free time to mingle, shop, enjoy a massage, think, listen to music, and absorb the scene. The Marketplace will remain open throughout the conference. You are welcome to visit it at any time.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: POSSIBILITIES

Unexpected Artist, Born Artist: Two Perspectives on the Edge

Micala Sidore, tapestry weaver; Beth Beede, felt maker

The Cutting Edge Experience of Two Women Scientists

Jill Dahle, molecular geneticist; Dee Shepperd, mass spectrometrists

Caring for Our Elderly Parents: Preparing for the Challenge

Jane Graumlich, geriatric nurse practitioner

Shifting the Nonprofit Work Paradigm

Kristen Loden, fundraiser, former executive director of the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Pay No Attention to the Great and Powerful Oz: The Woman Behind the Curtain Is Speaking

Nancy Ruff, educator, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

From Bra Burning to Burlesque: The Future of Feminism

Teresa Van Deusen, grass-roots activist

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: PATHWAYS

Connecting Minds and Hearts with “Culture Bumps”

Carol Archer, educator; creator of the “Culture Bump” theory and methodology for bridging differences

Defining Your Personal Purpose

Jennifer Brugh, entrepreneur, author of *Recruiting and Retaining Employees for Dummies*

Exploring the Edge of Self-Healing

Bianca Guerra, author, publisher, wellness educator

Navigating the World of Judgment, Image, and Fashion

Sarah Shah, image artist, media coach, speaker

Exploring the Inner Edge

MaryBeth Smith, movement educator; director, Feldenkrais Center of Houston

Stop Taking Things Personally!

Patty Walters, entrepreneur and coach; founder and owner of Connections Unlimited, a professional development company

Paying Attention to the Clues for Change

Nancy Wozny, arts writer and activist

Purpose, Power, Presence: Leadership Essentials for Women

Rebecca Rucker, founder and owner of CareerWorks, an executive coaching and leadership development firm

Creating the Future: Anticipating Change, Challenging Assumptions, and Transforming Ourselves in a World of Increasing Complexity

Lisa Sullivan, principal, INFUSE Corporation

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Keynote: Whitney Casey

Whitney Casey is all about the edge. This Emmy-winning journalist created KHOU-TV's *Great Day Houston* from the ground up. As producer and host of the show, Casey earned a name for herself as a savvy, hard-working woman who makes success happen. Her latest creative

challenge is *Manopoly*, a new book about femininity and relationships.

Ms. Casey will give us a retro-radical look at femininity in the workplace today.



Closing: Lin Pardey

There are no edges to Lin Pardey's world. She knows this because she's sailed around it—twice. This veteran mariner now living in New Zealand has circumnavigated the globe in traditional sailboats without engines or electronic gizmos. She has seen the wonders and confronted the dangers of the

natural and human worlds alike. She is a storyteller par excellence, full of wit, wisdom, and extraordinary warmth.

Ms. Pardey will share how each of her adventures has inspired her to expand her own boundaries.

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