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Higginbotham Awarded National AAUP Post

Willimantic, CT-- Dr. Ann Higginbotham, professor of history at Eastern Connecticut State University, has been selected chairperson of the National Committee on the Status of Women in the Academy of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). This post is widely considered to be the premier national leadership position for the AAUP dealing with women's issues in the academic community, including family leave and balancing family with work.

Higginbotham has developed the web-based workshop, "Faculty Have Families Too" as a forum that fosters a family-friendly workplace by encouraging academicians to balance their scholarly and career pursuits with the rigors of raising a family. The guidelines Higginbotham uses work in accordance with the AAUP's "Best Practices" policy statement and she hopes the site goes a long way to ensure that institutions implement her family-friendly recommendations.

Higginbotham's post will require her to travel around the country to several conferences to unveil the workshop, including the annual meeting of the AAUP in Washington, D.C.

in June 2006; a conference at Southern Connecticut State University; and the December meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies.

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