



## GWI UPDATE 20 April 2016



*President Silvia Hovey, members from Graduate Women Queensland (Australia), Sunshine Coast Branch and guest speaker Margaret Thorsborne*

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### — Graduate Women International news —

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#### **Graduate Women International (GWI) moves forward on Teachers for Rural Futures Project, Uganda**

The community engagement stage of the Graduate Women International (GWI) project [Teachers for Rural Futures project](#) district has started. Members from the [Uganda Association of University Women \(UAUW\)](#) went to the Buyende District, eastern Uganda, to sensitise community leaders, elders, parents and especially girls on the merits of education, identify potential girls for the next intake, and build relationships through dialogue and education. Increasing the number of qualified women teachers in rural Uganda represents a huge opportunity to increase the quality of secondary education for all, increase girls' access to and completion of secondary school and provide role models for girls.

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### — GWI member news —

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#### **GWI member Graduate Women Queensland Sunshine Coast Branch hosts International Women's Day Breakfast**

At their International Women's Day (IWD) Breakfast on 8 March 2016, GWI member Graduate Women Queensland Branch, an affiliation of the [Australian Federation of Graduate Women \(AFGW\)](#), invited a speaker on Restorative Justice (RJ) which views a crime as a violation of people and relationships, and offers the opportunity for victims to meet or communicate with their offender to explain the real impact of the crime. In her opening remarks, President Sylvia Hovey also emphasised the GWI IWD campaign focused on women teachers as drivers of positive change in education for girls and young women and the campaign message strands: create access, celebrate achievement, strengthen teachers' agency.

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### — Advocacy —

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#### **Graduate Women International (GWI) delighted to see outcomes of CSW60 (draft outcomes)**

GWI is delighted to see that the agreed conclusions from the [60<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women](#) highlight the importance of 'completion of secondary schooling, which is key to the achievement of gender

equality and the empowerment of women and girls’, and that ‘all women and girls must enjoy access to lifelong learning opportunities and equal access to quality education at all levels – early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary education, as well as technical and vocational training’. To read the agreed conclusions in full, please see [here](#).

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## — Special offer for GWI members —

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### **JSTOR provides access to journals at a discount to GWI members**

JSTOR provides access to the full historical run of every available journal, digitising the original print publication from cover to cover. [JPASS allows discounted access to GWI members](#) to this expansive collection of global scholarship that was previously only available through institutional affiliations. If you are not already a [Graduate Women International \(GWI\)](#) member, why not [join us](#)? There are numerous member benefits as part of the leading international network of university women promoting lifelong education for women and girls worldwide.

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## — Give the gift of education —

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Education for girls and women is the one human right that underpins social change. Secondary, tertiary and continuing education is the door that leads to social and economic empowerment as well as to the enjoyment of other human rights. Help GWI to continue assisting the leading women of tomorrow. Support women who are striving to build a better future for themselves, their children and their communities. Change lives. [Make a donation](#).

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## — Other information and events —

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April	22 – 24	<a href="#">The Gender Construction of Society Conference</a>	Bucharest, Romania
May	16 – 19	<a href="#">Women Deliver Conference</a>	Copenhagen, Denmark
May	21	<a href="#">Graduate Women Scotland, General Assembly</a>	Dundee, Scotland
June	22 - 25	<a href="#">Empowerment for Personal and Professional Leadership</a>	Panama City, Panama
June	24 - 25	<a href="#">Canadian Federation of University Women AGM</a>	Ontario, Canada
June	24 - 27	<a href="#">University Women of Europe AGM and Conference</a>	Winchester, UK
July	21 - 23	<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> Network Gender and STEM Conference 2016</a>	Newcastle, UK
August	08 - 19	<a href="#">Women’s Human Rights Education Institute Intensive</a>	Toronto, Canada
Nov	28 - 30	<a href="#">5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Women’s Museums</a>	Mexico City

August 21 – 23

[GWI General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa \(members only\)](#)

August 24 – 26

[GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa \(open to the public\)](#)



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