

Zwingel To Receive AAUW Research Award



SUSANNE ZWINGEL

The St. Lawrence County Branch of the American Association of University Women is presenting its sixth annual AAUW Research Award to Susanne Zwingel, an International Relations and Women and Gender Studies Associate Professor in the Department of Politics at SUNY Potsdam.

AAUW will present Ms. Zwingel with the 2011 Award at their fall membership meeting of the AAUW Tuesday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, East Main St., Canton. A potluck dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the branch meeting and Ms. Zwingel's discussion of her recent research. Members and the public are welcome to attend. Bring a dish to pass and your tableware, or just come for the program at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Zwingel joined the Politics Department at SUNY Potsdam in January 2006. Her academic interests focus on human rights, global governance, transnationalism, and conflict dynamics take a feminist perspective, and her current book project focuses on international women's rights in domestic contexts. She is also preparing a textbook on gender politics in interna-

tional governance, which grew out of a conference she organized in Geneva, Switzerland.

With the first World Women's Conference in Mexico in 1975, the United Nations adopted gender equality as one of its goals, and in 1979, the United Nations adopted the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women. However, as Ms. Zwingel explains, "inequality and subordination based on gender are still pervasive."

A native of Germany, Dr. Zwingel publishes and presents her work in both German and English. She recently was awarded a Drescher leave from SUNY Potsdam to pursue her research interests, and received several international grants, including the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship.

Ms. Zwingel's work is of particular importance to the AAUW-NYS project, My Sister's Keeper, a statewide initiative to foster a greater understanding of the plight of women worldwide and within our domestic borders. Among the areas of concern are gendercide, violence, lack of educational opportunities, the lack of maternal health care and efforts to support the rights of women, and gender equality. St. Lawrence County Branch AAUW is pleased to recognize Dr. Zwingel for work to better the understanding of women internationally.