



Fall 2008 Women's Research Forum

Entitled "The Private Safety Net? Mothers and Their Adult Children" the 26th forum held on November 12, 2008, featured the Chairwoman of the Center's advisory board - Dr. Ruth Nemzoff - who discussed her recently released book *Don't Bite Your Tongue: How to Foster Rewarding Relationships with Your Adult Children*. Following Dr. Nemzoff's presentation on the important economic and social aspects of these family bonds, UMass Boston scholars Randy Albelda, Ellen Bruce, and Maximiliane Szinovacz shared insights about some of the most pressing economic policy issues that influence mother/adult-child relations in the United States. Scholars discussed the importance of workforce patterns in the aging population, retirement benefits – including Social Security – employment benefit programs for caregiving needs (such as family and medical leave and sick leave), wealth transfer, and health care.

Event co-sponsors included the Office of the Chancellor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UMass Boston, UMass Boston's Psychology Department, The Gerontology Institute, OWL - The Voice of Midlife and Older Women, and UMass Boston's Department of Women's Studies.



From left to right:
Professor of Economics
Randy Albelda, Author Ruth
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Gerontology Institute
Director Maximiliane
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