**Annual Report – 2011**
The Women’s Caucus for International Studies (WCIS) had a very productive year as we began 2011 with an excellent International Studies Association (ISA) conference in Montreal. The Caucus continues to steadfastly represent, and advocate for, the interests of women in ISA. Our membership is at its highest level ever, just under 200 members. Our treasury is in good stead at some $1,500.00 and due to the generosity of many senior members, we were able to completely subsidize all our junior members’ breakfast fees at our annual breakfast/business meeting in Montreal. Please continue to encourage your colleagues – both men and women – to join the Caucus when renewing their ISA memberships. In talking with your colleagues and your graduate students about membership, it should be emphasized that while many of our members are engaged in research about women and gender issues related to international relations, ISA’s Women’s Caucus is an *advocacy group for women in the profession*. As such, WCIS membership ranges across the spectrum ideologically, and with respect to fields of specialization. As you can see in this report, your consistent support has helped us to advance the status of women within ISA, although much more remains to be done. Thank you!

**Outstanding WCIS Presence at ISA’s Montreal 2011 Meeting**
By collaborating with several ISA sections—most notably Feminist Theory and Gender Studies (FTGS) and Global Development—the Caucus transformed its four (3) allotted panels into 10 well-attended panels/roundtables – maintaining our excellent presence at ISA conferences. Two of our roundtables/panels dealt with professional development issues, and we would like to urge members to consider submitting even more professional development-related proposals to the Women’s Caucus. Also of note, Women’s Caucus members were responsible for developing and sponsoring one of ISA’s popular new “innovative panels,” focused on “Women Don’t Ask and Women Don’t Say No.” In addition to these productive formal sessions, WCIS held its Annual Business Meeting on Friday morning, returning to its popular breakfast format. We had near-record turnout for the meeting with some 50 members, including numerous graduate students. Additionally, the Women’s Caucus co-sponsored its traditional joint reception for members on Friday evening, along with the FTGS, and new co-sponsors—the ISA Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession and the ISA Diversity Committee. Thanks to our many sponsors who made this possible financially, including Routledge, Taylor & Francis; Cambridge University Press; Ashgate Publishing; Lynne Rienner Publishers; Oberlin College; and the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard’s Kennedy School.

**New Officers for 2011-12**
Chair → Laura Sjoberg  
Vice-Chair → Kristen Williams  
Secretary/Treasurer → Bethany Barratt  
Communications Coordinator → Emek Ucarer  
Nominations and Awards Coordinator → Francine D’Amico  
Members at Large → Galia Golan  
Past Chair → Lyn Boyd Judson
The 2012 Deborah (“Misty”) Gerner Grant for Professional Development Awarded to Professor Linda Akua Opongmaa Darkwa

The Women’s Caucus for International Studies (WCIS) of the International Studies Association is pleased to announce that Linda Akua Opongmaa Darkwa, University of Ghana, has received the Deborah "Misty" Gerner Professional Development Grant. The grant is expected to fund her field work in Liberia, Côte d’Ivoire, and Sierra Leone to complete her project on “International Legal Protection of Children in Armed Conflict Situations.” The award is sponsored by Lynne Rienner Publishers in memory of Dr. Deborah “Misty” Gerner, a professor of international relations at the University of Kansas (1988-2006) who spent more than 25 years studying, visiting, and living in the Middle East, and was an expert on the Arab-Israeli conflict and Palestinian nationalism; Professor Gerner received awards for outstanding teaching as well as service in the profession and was a supportive advocate for women scholars in international studies. (For more information, please see http://deborahgerner.org/biography.php) The award will be formally presented at the ISA Annual Convention to be held in San Diego, California, 1-4 April 2012. The amount of the award is $2,000 USD.

The 2012 Susan Northcutt Award to Professor Jindy Rose (Jan) Pettman

The Women’s Caucus for International Studies (WCIS) has selected Jindy Rosa (Jan) Pettman as the 2012 recipient of the Susan Northcutt Award. She was nominated for this award by Professor Cynthia Enloe, who writes in part: “Jindy has been an active member of the ISA’s Feminist Theory & Gender Studies section from its start… and was chosen to be one of the inaugural trio of editors of the then-brand-new International Feminist Journal of Politics. It was a tribute to the trust that all of us had in Jindy – in her fairness, in her commitment, in her hard work, in her breadth of understanding of feminist IR scholarship, and in her truly collaborative style of work… We now take IFJP for granted – but it was Jindy Pettman who did so much to get the journal off to a good feminist-informed start. In Jindy, teaching, mentoring, doing research, and building a genuinely transnational feminist scholarly community all converged.”

ISA 2012

At ISA 2012, WCIS will have 11 panels, ranging from a roundtable of successful women in the field talking about Surviving the Leaky Pipeline, to publication and mentoring, to substantive panels on women and war crimes, leadership, international organizations, conflict, the media, and post-conflict reconstruction. We will be having our annual breakfast on Tuesday, and co-sponsoring a reception with FTGS and the LGBTQA Caucus that evening.