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# Workshop and book club coming up in October

All UNOPA members are welcome to register for the UAAD Professional Development Workshop: "Negotiating Power in a Bureaucracy" on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the NET Building, 1800 N. 33rd St.

In this workshop, we will explore the levels of power that exist in bureaucracies. Participants will learn to identify different types of power and consider multiple ways of negotiating that power in their relationships, in their departments and on the university level. Participants will be given handouts and interact with the speaker about issues they face. Rachel Pokora is Professor of Communication at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Pokora earned her BA in Communication in 1990 from Michigan State University and both her MA and PhD degrees from Purdue University in 1993 and 1996 respectively. Her first sabbatical (2003-2004) took her to Florence, Italy. Pokora spent the 2012-2013 academic year in Galway, Ireland where she was a Visiting Research Associate with the Global Women's Studies Programme at the National University of Ireland, Galway. Pokora teaches courses on theory, leadership, gender and communication in contemporary society.

The registration fee is \$20 for UAAD Members, \$35 Non-Members (pay by check or cost object). Please register online by Oct.

13: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/negotiating-power-in-a-bureaucracy-registration-13153020037>

Also, please bring your lunch to the first-ever Book Club about "Lean In" on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in 13B Avery Hall, City Campus (in the newly-renovated Math Resource Center).

Join us for the year's first book club session to discuss "Lean In" by Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg. Haven't read the book yet? No problem! You can still listen to the discussion and respond. Or, read it before Oct. 21 - it's a quick two-hour read. Find it at the library!

Bring your own lunch, the book, and a friend!

No registration necessary; all UNL staff welcome.

- Lindsay Augustyn



## LEAN IN

WOMEN, WORK, AND  
THE WILL TO LEAD

SHERYL SANDBERG

#1 NATIONAL BEST SELLER

Book Club: Lean In

# Oct. 14 meeting starts promptly at 11:45

Make sure to sign up and attend the October 14 UNOPA General Meeting. Please note that we will be starting the meeting right at 11:45 with UNOPA announcements so our speakers can begin at noon. Also, think about the questions below before you arrive.



The speakers will be the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Leadership Team (Amy Burnett, Renee Batman and Laurie Bellows). We would like to receive registrations from you if you can attend even though it will be a brown-bag lunch.

The purpose of the session is two-fold: 1) to give UNOPA members an overview of the 2016-2017 reaffirmation of accreditation process and 2) to collect UNOPA members' perceptions related to their contributes to UNL's three primary missions (teaching, research, and service). These are the questions that will guide our discussion that day, please review and consider them before the meeting.

#### Questions for Accreditation Focus Discussion

1. How does your unit/program contribute to UNL's three primary missions of teaching, research, and service?\*
2. What stories, initiatives, or projects highlight your unit/program's excellence in supporting UNL's missions?
3. How does your unit support or collaborate with campus partners to support UNL's mission?

\*<http://www.unl.edu/aboutunl/roleandmission.shtml>

Please let me know if you have questions, thank you!

Jane

# Employee Concerns Committee thank you's, request for volunteers

The Employee Concerns Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to the following UNOPA members who have represented UNOPA on the various UNL committees that UNOPA has representation on and whose term limits have expired this past year:

LaRita Lang, Campus Recreation Advisory Council  
Kathy Bennetch, Chancellor's Campus Safety Committee  
Lisa Albers, Chancellor's Commission on Environmental Sustainability  
Jaime Long, Child Care Committee  
Jan Wassenberg and Connie Kahle-Johnson, Employee Emergency Loan Fund Advisory  
Sara Luther, Faculty Senate  
Mary Klucas, James V. Griesen Exemplary Service to Students Award  
Sally Hawkins, Parking Advisory Committee  
Parking Appeals Committee, Belva Harris and Marsha Yelden  
Wellness Committee, Sheryl Burbach

We would also like to thank those members who have accepted new term limits for the mentioned UNL Committees above. Please see the UNOPA website for a complete list of the Employee Concerns Committee members.

The Employee Concerns Committee still has two UNL committees that we need to fill with UNOPA representation. They are:

1. Campus Recreation Advisory Council which is a 2-year term and (must be a member of Campus Rec) and
2. The Chancellor's Commission on Environmental Sustainability which is a 3-year term.

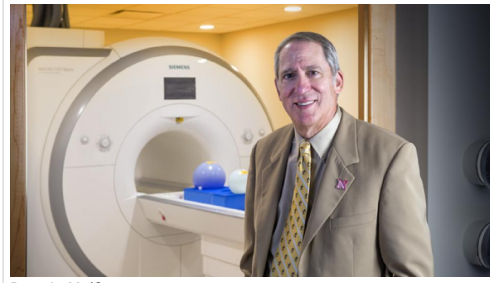
If anyone is interested in representing UNOPA on these two committees, please email Karen Jackson, Director of the Employee Concerns Committee at [kjackson2@unl.edu](mailto:kjackson2@unl.edu).

Representing UNOPA on one of these committees is a great way to earn points if you are trying to earn your Professional Standards Program certification and/or recertification. It is also a wonderful way to meet new people.

# Effects of concussions is topic for Nebraska Lecture

Concussions and the research to help better understand, diagnose and treat them will be the focus of the fall Nebraska Lecture Oct. 23 at UNL.

Dennis Molfese, director of UNL's Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior, will explore concussion's sometimes lifelong effects on cognitive, emotional and behavioral functions. He will outline what's known about concussion and what's being done to learn more.



Dennis Molfese

This free public lecture, "The New Normal: A Brain After Concussion," will be at 12:15 p.m. in Memorial Stadium, West Stadium Club. Beginning at 11:45 a.m., complimentary pizza will be available while supplies last.

Molfese, UNL's Mildred Francis Thompson Professor of Psychology, will talk about the center's research to understand how the brain processes information before and after concussion. He also will outline how a unique collaboration between the center and the Nebraska Athletic Performance Laboratory enables UNL researchers to gather and share data on student-athletes' behavior and performance. This work could benefit athletes and broader society.

Molfese is scientific director for the joint Big Ten/Committee on Institutional Cooperation-Ivy League Traumatic Brain Injury Research Collaboration focused on sports-related head injuries. He served on the National Academy of Sciences committee on sports-related concussions in youth that reported its findings in late 2013.

An internationally recognized expert on the use of brain recording techniques to study the emerging relationships between brain development, language and cognitive processes, Molfese is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society and editor of the scientific journal, *Developmental Neuropsychology*.

His lecture is part of The Nebraska Lectures: Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture Series, sponsored by the UNL Research Council, Office of the Chancellor and Office of Research and Economic Development in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Written by:  
Research and Economic Development

# Parking lot volunteers needed; note about handicapped stalls

Volunteers are needed to work the parking lot during the last three home games this fall: October 25, November 1 and November 22. Please note that while we have received mixed messages from parking services on game days, the official word is that we are NOT allowed to sell any of the handicapped stalls in the Whittier lot so keep that in mind.

Think about:

...giving it a try if you have never worked it. There are plenty of people that would help you learn how.

...volunteering for a two-hour time slot to give those that keep working each home game a break.

The coordinators for those dates are noted below:

\*October 25, 2014, Rutgers - Roddy Spangler & Diane Carson

\*November 1, 2014, Purdue - Diane Wasser & Mikayla Tegler

\*November 22, 2014, Minnesota - Jane Schneider & Paige Glasshoff