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Upcoming Events:

- **Joanna Aizenberg** from Bell Labs, Lucent Technologies, **Nanotechnology Research Department is the Distinguished Women in Science speaker**, March 1st at 7PM in Woodburn Hall 101
- **Tandy Warnow**, Professor of Computer Science at the University of Texas at Austin **The CIPRES Project: Inferring the "Tree of Life"** March 2nd, 2006 at 4:00 PM in Myers Hall 130.
- **Attend the Women in Science Research Day**, to be held on March 9th at the Frangipani Room, IMU 10:30 AM -1:00PM . Email: wisp@indiana.edu

Announcing Annual Women in Science Research Day

Research Day is devoted to poster displays of original research by female students. It is open to all science, technology, and mathematics fields. Participation in WISP Research Day provides an opportunity for professional development in a familiar setting, and professional participation which can enhance students graduate school or employment opportunities.

A luncheon will be provided for participants.

In addition, Cash Prizes Awards will be given.

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In offering Research Day, the goal of WISP is to create a forum for the communication, celebration, and promotion of undergraduate and graduate women student achievement at Indiana University.

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Can Title IX be used in the Lab?

The Title IX of the Education Act is well known for increasing women participation in athletic programs. However the act hasn't been used to its full extent. The act requires any institution receiving federal funds to do a review to make sure, women are treated equitably in all fields. The General Accountability Office, the investigative branch of congress, has found that several academic institutions are not conducting Title IX reviews. The use of Title IX in academic programs such as science and math programs could increase the number of women faculty in science fields and also increase retention and recruitment of students. The National Science Foundation is initiating reviews in four science departments for their compliance with Title IX (The Chronicle for Gender Equity in the Lab, January 20, 2006).



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Opportunities for Computing Graduate students

The Committee on the Status of Women in Computing Research (CRA-W) is now accepting applications for the 2006 Grad Cohort Program for women. Applications deadline is February 28th, 2006.

Cohort activities will kick off with a workshop on March 31 and April 1, 2006 in San Francisco, CA. This workshop funded by generous donations from Microsoft and Google is the cornerstone of CRA-W's Grad Cohort Program. The Ultimate goal of the program is to increase the ranks of senior women in computing by building and mentoring nationwide communities of women through their graduate studies.

At the Grad Cohort Workshop, new cohort participants from computer science and

computer engineering students in their first year of graduate school will meet senior computing researchers and professionals in the field.

The rewards of a research career will be emphasized. The workshop will include a mix of formal presentations and informal discussions. Students will be able to build mentoring relationships and develop peer networks.

Funding to cover for travel expenses to the workshop is available.

For details, please visit: www.cra.org/craw/gradcohort

Websites of Interest:

The Association of Women in Science (AWIS)
[Www.awis.org](http://www.awis.org)

The American Association for the Advancement of Science.
[Www.aaas.org](http://www.aaas.org)

The National Science Foundation www.nsf.gov