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UNH Professor Unveils New Data On Economic Status Of New Hampshire Working Women Oct. 25

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WHAT: The latest research by Ross Gittell, UNH's James R. Carter Professor and professor of management, about the economic status of working women in New Hampshire. The research will be released at "A Summit on the Economic Status of Working Women in New Hampshire," sponsored by the New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute and New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch.

WHEN: Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: C.R. Sparks, Bedford

BACKGROUND: Gittell will present new data and provide an update to research in the May 2005 "The Economic Status of Working Women in New Hampshire" report released by The New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute. The May report documents the current economic status of working women in the state compared to national averages and other states. Among the initial findings for NH women in the May report:

- 2 percent of women working full-time earn more than \$100,000 a year.
- 8 percent of CEOs are women.
- 24 percent of businesses are owned by women.
- 41 percent of full-time workers are women.
- 58 percent of all current four-year college graduates are women.
- 67 percent of workers at or near the minimum wage are women.

Joining Gittell will be New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch, the New Hampshire Women's Policy Institute (<http://www.nhwpi.org/>), and key business leaders, who will learn more about the economic status of working women in the state. His presentation will be followed by a panel discussion with leaders in health care, financial services, high tech and higher education.

The panelists include Karen Cross, vice president of commercial lending, Bow Mills Bank and Trust; Donna Lencki, chairman and CEO, Choicelinx Corporation; Jane Marquis, Citizens Bank; Stephen Reno, chancellor, University System of New Hampshire; and Dr. Beth Smith, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Scott Spradling of WMUR-TV will moderate the panel. Gittell and the panelists will be available for interviews immediately following the summit.

To download the May 2005 report, visit: <http://www.nhwpi.org/report05.htm>. Gittell's new research will be available at the conference and following the event on the UNH Media Relations website, <http://unhinfo.unh.edu/news/index.html>.

RSVP: Journalists planning to attend the conference are asked to RSVP to Stefany Shaheen at 603-817-9740.

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