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*We are proud to support the Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation,  
strengthening the bonds between the extraordinary education at Western College for  
Women and the academic excellence that continues to distinguish Miami University today.  
The commitment to social justice is embedded in Miami's core values of Love and Honor,  
and we look forward to empowering new generations of Miami  
students to live out those values in today's world.*

**– Miami University President  
Gregory Crawford**

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# **THE WESTERN CENTER FOR SOCIAL IMPACT AND INNOVATION**

— Honoring the legacy of the Western College for Women —







## INSPIRING FUTURE GENERATIONS

The legacy of **the Western College for Women** still inspires today through **the Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation**. The Western Center works at the intersections of science and social justice to engage the Miami University community in problem-solving for some of humanity's most pressing challenges.

Building upon the strengths of Miami University and honoring Western College's history, the Western Center serves as a thought leader on social impact and innovation at Miami. The center actively engages students and faculty across campus with local, national and global issues through a wide variety of programming and activities.

Thanks to the generosity of Western College alumnae and friends, the institution's legacy of socially empowered education lives on in many forms. This initiative continues to honor the rich history of Western while also energizing today's students with that same spirit of social responsibility.

### 150 YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION

Through its progressive approaches to interdisciplinary education, globalization, social engagement, activism and inclusiveness, the Western College for Women's mission and values remain vitally relevant today, even more than four decades after the last graduate passed through its doors.

Miami again draws direction from the heritage of Western College and the distinguished examples of its valued alumnae through Western's long legacy and commitment to international education and leadership development as well as civic engagement and global citizenship.



*Helen Peabody, first principal of Western Female Seminary.*

## FOCUSING ON HUMANITY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUES

### The Western College Legacy Seminars

The Western Center will utilize the crucial and inspirational legacy of Western College as a foundation in determining the biennial social impact themes it will focus on. These will be chosen from proposals developed by faculty and student scholars for **the Western College Legacy Seminars**. The seminar series will help connect diverse students, faculty, alumni and external experts as they explore both public and private sector solutions. We are focusing our efforts on creating funding to sustain the Western College Legacy Seminars as a vital resource available to students for generations to come.

Faculty sponsors for the selected theme will have a formal affiliation with the center. During each two-year period, the chosen topic will drive invitations to visiting speakers and scholars as well as the content of seminar courses and programming.

#### Examples of potential themes:

- *Inaugural theme for fall 2019-spring 2021: Water and Social Justice*
- *Local and global responses to food insecurity*
- *Progress and failure in racial justice in America*
- *Nonprofit and for-profit social ventures*
- *Social responsibility as an obligation and opportunity in business ventures*
- *Prisons and punishment*
- *Environmental rights and responsibilities*



*Freedom Summer Memorial and plaque mark the hillside where much of the Freedom Summer training occurred.*

### ENSURING THE WESTERN LEGACY LIVES ON

Your gift ensures the legacy of Western College continues by supporting the important work of the Western Center, including:

- *the Western College Legacy Seminars;*
- *visiting scholars to engage students and faculty in the classroom and in project-based learning;*
- *collaborations between faculty and students for in-depth research opportunities on issues of social impact and innovation;*
- *interdisciplinary collaborations between academic units and programs;*
- *public lectures open to students, faculty and the community at large; and*
- *internship opportunities.*