

# N.C. University Women Featured at United Nations' 56th Commission on the Status of Women

## Raleigh Preview Event February 16, 2012

Five North Carolina university students, selected as the 2012 WomenNC CSW Fellows, will formally share their research findings with our community, in a "local-to-global" presentation forum at the N.C. State University Club on February 16th, from 5:30 to 8:00pm. This is a precursor to a panel presentation they'll be giving at the United Nations' 56th Annual "Commission on the Status of Women" in New York City in late February. The students are from UNC-Chapel Hill, Meredith College, and NC State University. The fellowships were made possible by WomenNC.



The 2012 WomenNC Fellows:  
Mariamawit Tadesse, Becca  
Bishopric, Hannah Nemer &  
Abby Bouchon. Not present:  
Anuja Acharya

their U.N. CSW experience at several venues including university campuses, community forums and non-profit group meetings through May 2012. The experience realized by these women at the U.N., combined with their public research, the diverse people they encounter, and the model leadership they establish in their local communities provides empowering life changing opportunities.

### You're Invited

The public is invited to join WomenNC supporters, academic representatives, prominent NC government officials, business leaders, and many non-profit groups for an inspirational evening and to congratulate the CSW Student Fellows as representatives of North Carolina on the global stage. The February 16th presentation forum will be preceded by a cash-bar, dinner, and entertainment. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

Reservations can be made at [www.womennc.org/csw](http://www.womennc.org/csw) (online and mail-in registration available). Listed below are event ticket options, including tax-deductible CSW Fellow Sponsorships (benefactors will be recognized in the program). Space is limited, so please RSVP prior to the Tuesday, February 7, 2012 deadline.

ADULT	\$25 One Event Ticket
STUDENT	\$20 One Event Ticket
PARTNER	\$100 Includes One Event Ticket
BRONZE	\$250 Includes Three Event Tickets
SILVER	\$500 Includes Five Event Tickets
GOLD	\$1,000-plus, includes Eight Event Tickets & Dedicated Dining Table

Funding each CSW Fellowship's expenses (\$2300) are almost wholly reliant on tax-deductible monies raised from private, non-profit and commercial organizations.

WomenNC encourages you to attend the February 16th Forum at the NC State University Club ([www.ncsuclub.com](http://www.ncsuclub.com)), to be personally enlightened, and to support these motivated students and future leaders, who are addressing important and challenging issues in our society. RSVP Deadline is Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

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WomenNC is a non-profit organization, headquartered in Raleigh, and evolved from a commitment to women's human rights, gender equality, opportunity, and to provide a framework to develop female leaders with a greater

understanding of the global community. Since 2010, WomenNC has sponsored a panel of NC university students at three successive United Nations' CSW conferences; awarding 13 CSW fellowships to young women demonstrating high motivation for involvement in regional and international women's issues and solutions. The 2012 WNC Fellowship Program was promoted at 16 North Carolina universities and colleges.

At the February 16th event the students will present their research findings on topics including Political Participation of Rural Women, Technology Education for Girls, Agriculture & Rural Women Farmers, Sexual Trafficking in NC, and Rural Women & Community Health Systems. They'll also share their experience with N.C. support agencies and their recommendations. Their area of focus coincides with the United Nation's CSW 2012 Priority Theme. As public record, the student's research is often utilized for program improvement and awareness campaigns.

In New York, in addition to their own CSW presentations, the WomenNC Fellowship team will attend and participate in dozens of sessions throughout the week, exposing them to a plethora of global issues where they will gather feedback and additional approaches to addressing women's challenges. In 2011, over 6000 people from over 190 countries and 450 Non-Governmental Organizations attended the U.N. Conference.

Upon returning to North Carolina, the student fellows will share