

Diversity: Path to Change

UWADVANCE

National Leadership Workshop for SEM Department Chairs and Emerging Leaders

> Statistics

-- we are number people

> Experiments

-- we are scientists

> Stories

-- we are human

➤ Policy

-- we are leaders

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Workshop on Faculty Diversity

- ➤ National Data on Faculty Composition
 - Donna Nelson, University of Oklahoma
- ➤ Studies of the "Playing Field"
 - Implicit assumptions are there
- > Personal Comments
 - The reality of small numbers
- > Advice for Chairs
 - Small things can make big improvements



Faculty Diversity Study

- ➤ Donna Nelson, U. Oklahoma Chemistry
- > 14 Fields -- 11 UW-ADVANCE fields
- ➤ Survey 100 top departments in 2005
 - Ranked by research expenditures in 2002
 - Biased toward large depts supporting students
- > Faculty composition by race and gender
- ➤ Compare to Ph.D. Data from NSF



Example Data: Physics Faculty

http://cheminfo.chem.ou.edu/faculty/djn/diversity/top50.html

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Example Data: Physics Faculty Table 2. Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty at the Top 5th http://cheminfo.chem.ou.edu/faculty/djn/diversity/top50.html

Women of Color Hidden in Statistics

50 Departments: 2,009 Faculty in 2005

158 Women (7.9%); 302 Minorities (15%); 30 Women of Color (1.5%); 7 Non-Asian WoC

1177/70 WM/WF; 9/0 BM/BF; 17/1 HM/HF; 135/14 AM/AF; 1/0 NAM/NAF

Assoc. Professor: 179/21 WM/WF; 1/0 BM/BF; 2/2 HM/HF; 42/4 AM/AF; 1/0 NAM/NAF

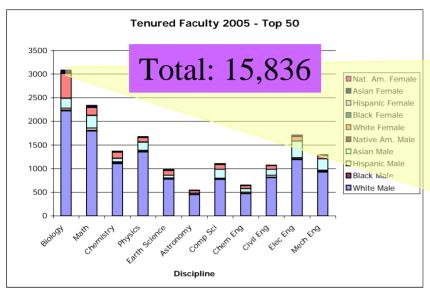
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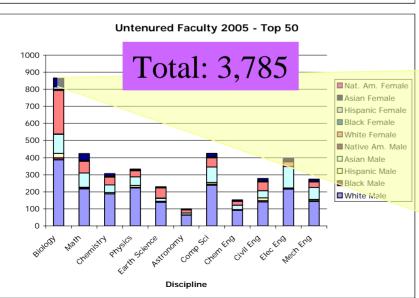
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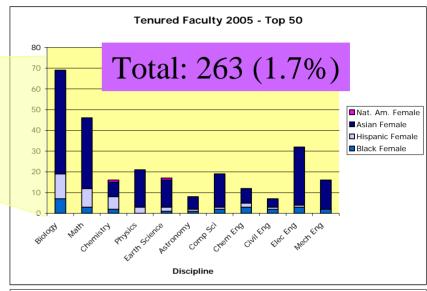
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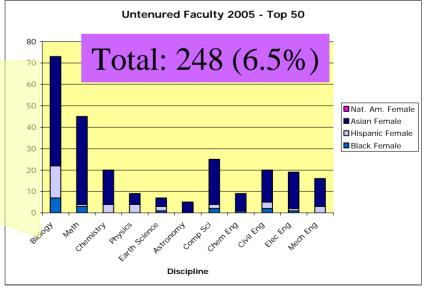


11 Fields, 550 Departments







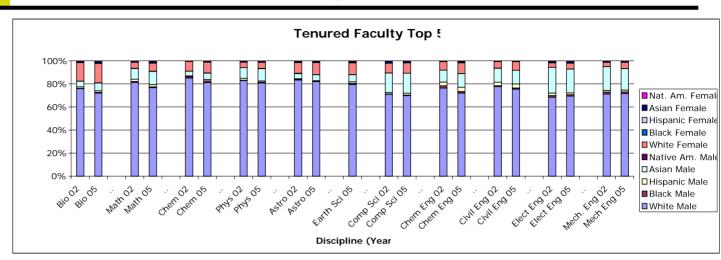




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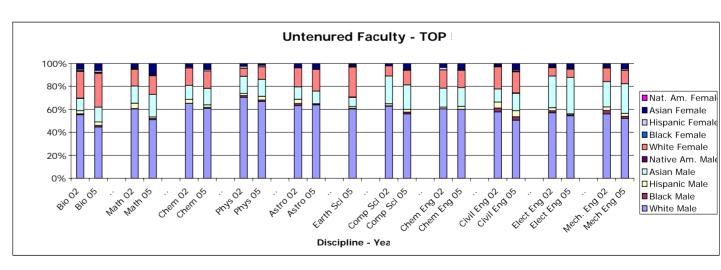
> Tenured

- WM 77% ⇒ 75%
- AM 11.0% ⇒ 11.4%
- OM $2.6\% \Rightarrow 2.7\%$
- WF 8.0% ⇒ 9.1%
- AF 1.0% ⇒ 1.0%
- OF $0.3\% \Rightarrow 0.4\%$



>Untenured

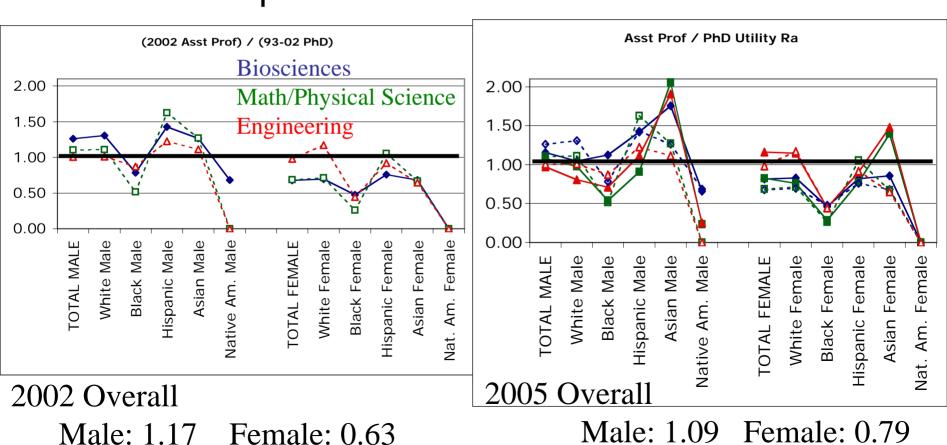
- WM 60% ⇒ 54%
- AM 16.1% ⇒ 17.7%
- OM 4.3% ⇒ 3.8%
- WF 15.1% ⇒ 17.8%
- AF $3.3\% \Rightarrow 5.2\%$
- OF 1.1% ⇒ 1.4%





Pipeline 2002 vs 2005

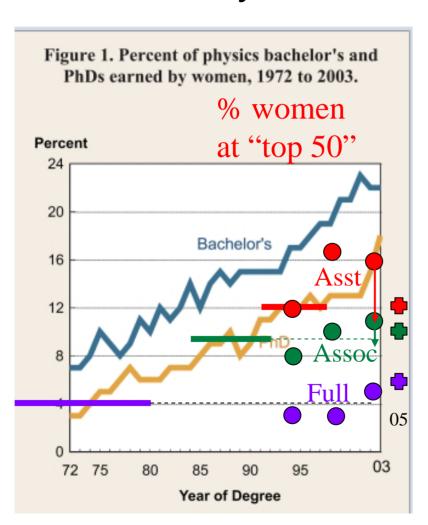
- ➤ Compare Asst. Profs. To Ph.D.'s
 - Foreign-born "minorities" only present in numerator
 - Definite improvement in some fields

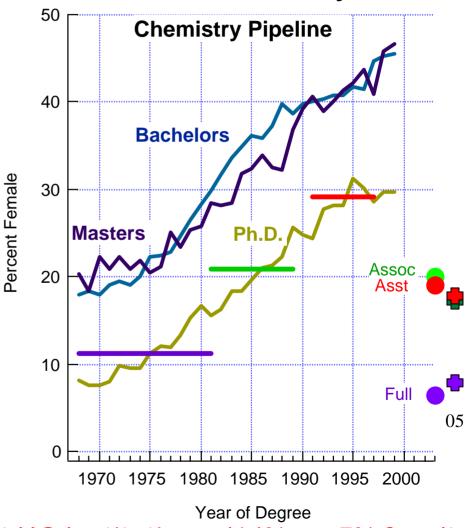




Physics vs. Chemistry Pipeline

➤ AIP Study on Academic Women in Physics



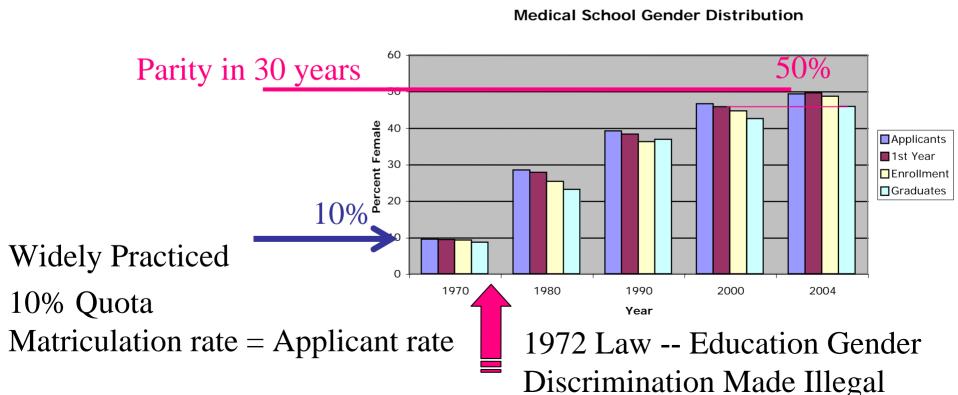


Physics women 2x as likely to be at UG Institutions (14% vs. 7% faculty)



Why so Few?

- > MYTH: "It's THEIR fault -- women just don't apply."
- REALITY: "My grad school experience was so awful I just want to get out of there."
- > Example of Change: Medical Schools after Title IX



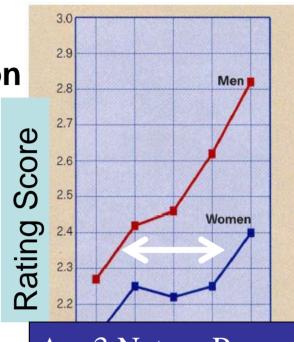


Tilted Playing Field

- Large body of research shows:
 Implicit Assumptions Impact Evaluation
- > Gender Bias and Research Papers
 - Paludi and Bauer (Sex Roles, 1983)

Reviewer (1-5, 1 top)	John T.	Joan T. McKay	J. T. McKay
Male	1.9	3.0	2.7
Female	2.3	3.0	2.6

- Gender Bias and Post-Doc Applications
 - Wenerås and Wold (Nature, 1997)
- > Gender Bias and Performance Evaluation
 - Orchestra tryouts behind curtain
 - Stereotype threat on exam performance



$\Delta = 3$ Nature Papers

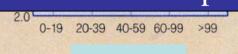


Figure 1 The me male (red squares) given to male (red squares) applicants by the MRC reviewers as a function of their scientific productivity, measured as total impact. One impact point equals one paper published in a journal with an impact factor of 1. (See text for further explanation.)

(Implicit) Discrimination

- >Lower expectations
- ➤ Uneven evaluation
- ➤ Narrow view of excellence
- > Exclusion from informal networks
- ➤ Other people feel uncomfortable
- > Accumulation of Disadvantage

$$\left(\frac{0.49}{0.51}\right)^{10} = \frac{2}{3}; \quad \left(\frac{0.48}{0.52}\right)^{8} = \frac{1}{2}$$



Personal Observations

- > Small numbers mean everybody counts
 - UW Physics nearly lost 60% of women in one quarter
 - US Physics PhDs -- 12 years ('92-'03): 8,261 total
 - 2 Native American Women
 - 21 Black Women
 - 31 Hispanic American Women
 - Enrolled in US Grad School 2005 (7506 US; 5966 Foreign):
 - —US Women: 7 Native American; 67 Black; 69 Hispanic; 130 Asian
- Each person must consciously confront their implicit assumptions
 - Grew up in 99 % white suburb
 - Adult before I knew professional, educated minorities
- > Scientific and educational enterprise requires trust
 - Different cultural expectations must be dealt with head on



Good Chairs Make a Difference

- Take ownership of the "problem" to create a public, inclusive climate for students and faculty
- Consciously and publicly counter implicit assumptions and accumulated disadvantage
- Set transparent and inclusive criteria and processes for hiring, promotion, salary and resources.
- Give women and minorities assignments to gain leadership skills (both scientific and administrative)
- ➤ Have all faculty actively mentor and recruit minority students to the profession. One more/year is significant.
- ➤ Compare attitudes of 1st and 5th year grad students -- do they still want to be academics? Is there a gender and/or ethnicity difference in the response? Find out WHY.



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