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*The First Annual  
Jana Mackey Distinguished  
Lecture Series*

**The Equity Imperative:  
Why Speaking About  
Women Matters**

*Speaker*

**Kim Gandy**

*President, National Organization for Women*

7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

*Dole Institute of Politics*



About...

## *Kim Gandy*

Kim Gandy, President of the National Organization for Women, is currently serving her second term as President of the National Organization for Women (NOW), first elected in 2001 and re-elected in 2005. Gandy also serves as President of the NOW Foundation and Chair of NOW's Political Action Committees. She has served as a national member of NOW since 1987 and in state and local positions since 1973. As president, Gandy serves as spokeswoman for the causes of NOW including advancing reproductive freedom, promoting diversity and ending racism, ending sex discrimination and violence against women, ensuring economic justice, and achieving equality for women. Through grassroots political action, Gandy's leadership has increased women's vote and changed the face of Congress.

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## About this new lecture series...

In honor and memory of Jana Lynne Mackey, the University of Kansas has established the "Jana Mackey Distinguished Lecture Series." The young social activist and feminist was taken from this world before her noble and inspiring work was completed. Jana dedicated her short life to pursuing social justice and true equality for all women. In an effort to continue her important work, this lecture series was established to raise awareness about issues close to Jana's heart, namely breaking down barriers and fostering opportunities to secure women's rights. This lecture series features national women's rights leaders and experts with the dual purpose of enhancing understanding and calling for involvement and service while providing a platform for discussion and dialogue.

Jana was well-known throughout Kansas for her advocacy for women's rights. She had spent years volunteering to aid victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. She received her bachelor's degree in Women's Studies from KU and was an active participant in KU's Commission on the Status of Women. Jana also served as one of the youngest lobbyists at the Kansas State Capitol for the National Organization for Women. The most unlikely of domestic violence victims, KU law student Jana Mackey was found dead in her ex-boyfriend's home on July 3, 2008.

