

National family and career expert to present at NDSU



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MaryAnn Mason, professor and co-director for the Center for Health, Economics and Family Security at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law will be at NDSU on Monday, April 23, to discuss the impact of family on the careers of women and men in academia. Mason's visit is hosted by NDSU FORWARD.

Mason will lead a session for graduate students titled "A Conversation: Should Graduate Students Become Parents?" from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Memorial Union Arikara room. This session is co-sponsored by the NDSU School of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies.

A faculty pedagogical luncheon titled "Do Babies Matter in Academia?" will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose room. Provost Bruce Rafert will give the introduction. Register for the pedagogical luncheon at www.ndsu.edu/forward.

"Best Practices to Change the Culture," a workshop for academic administrators, chairs, heads and graduate program directors, will be held from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center Reimers room. Register for the workshop at www.ndsu.edu/forward.

As dean of the graduate division at Berkeley from 2000 to 2007, Mason has had responsibility for nearly 10,000 doctoral and professional graduate students. She has been in a unique position to evaluate the unprecedented admission of women, now nearing equal numbers, into advanced fields during the past 30 years. Her data-driven advocacy has fostered major new family-friendly initiatives for faculty and graduate students in the 10-campus University of California system, as was recognized in 2006 by an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation achievement award.

Mason's newest book, "Mothers on the Fast Track: How the New Generation Can Balance Career and Family," takes a hard look at the career paths of the first and second generation of women who entered the fast-track professions of academia, law, medicine, business and the media in large numbers in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.