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Institute for Women's Policy Research Announces New Research Director

**Dr. Robert Drago Joins IWPR to lead Research as
Dr. Barbara Gault Continues as Executive Director**

WASHINGTON, D.C. June 25 - The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) is proud to announce that Dr. Robert Drago joined the staff as Director of Research in June. Dr. Drago recently served as Senior Economist at the Joint Economic Committee of Congress and Professor of Labor Studies and Women's Studies at The Pennsylvania State University. He was previously a Professor of Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he served as Director of the Masters in Human Resources and Labor Relations Program. Dr. Drago earned his doctorate in Economics at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1983 and specializes in policy and research on work/family issues, including paid sick days. Dr. Drago's recent books include *Unlevel Playing Fields: Understanding Wage Inequality and Discrimination*, and *Striking a Balance: Work, Family, Life*. Recent among his more than 100 scholarly articles include "The Parenting of Infants: A Time-Use Study," and "Work-Family Policies and the Avoidance of Bias Against Caregiving."

"I am thrilled to welcome Dr. Drago to IWPR," said Heidi Hartmann, Ph.D., President of IWPR. "His expertise as a labor economist, leadership within the work/life field, and dedication to gender equality will make him an invaluable asset to our organization, and I look forward to collaborating with him as he leads our research team forward to new and exciting projects."

Barbara Gault, Ph.D., IWPR's previous Director of Research, became IWPR's Executive Director in April, 2009. In this capacity, Dr. Gault oversees the Institute's daily operations, while Heidi Hartmann, Ph.D., continues to serve as President, providing strategic direction and focusing on the organization's external relations. Both Dr. Gault and Dr. Hartmann remain active in key research initiatives and in developing new projects.

"Dr. Gault's policy research acumen and management skills have been critical to IWPR's organizational development and to the growth of our programs across a number of key research areas, including postsecondary education and training, job quality, and early care and education," said Dr. Hartmann. "We are proud to have her leadership as we forge a strong future for IWPR by building its internal structure, its programs, and its partnerships."

Prior to joining IWPR in 1997, Dr. Gault conducted research at the Office of Children's Health Policy Research at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia and served as a staff and board member of organizations promoting human rights in Latin America. She received her doctorate in Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with high distinction from the University of Michigan.

IWPR welcomes the new capabilities and opportunities that these staff changes bring to the organization.

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