

Ellen Bravo

Ellen Bravo is a long-time activist for working women. She began working for 9to5, National Association of Working Women in 1982, when she helped found the Milwaukee chapter, and served for 11 years as its national director. Now Ellen teaches Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, including a graduate course on Family-Friendly Workplaces, and serves as a consultant to 9to5. She coordinates the Multi-State Working Families Consortium. In addition to numerous articles and reports, Ellen has written two books, *The 9to5 Guide to Combating Sexual Harassment* (co-authored with Ellen Cassedy) and *The Job/Family Challenge: A 9to5 Guide (Not for Women Only)*, as well as a recent report funded by the Sloan Foundation on "Quality Part-Time Options in Wisconsin." She is frequently interviewed by the media and is a leading spokeswoman on working women's issues.

Ellen has served on several state and federal commissions, including the bi-partisan Commission on Leave appointed by Congress to study the impact of the Family and Medical Leave Act. She co-chairs the Economic Sufficiency Task Force of the Wisconsin Women = Prosperity project led by Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton. Among her commendations is a Woman of Vision award from the Ms. Foundation. Ellen has completed a new book on feminism called *Taking on the Big Boys: Reflections from the Feminist Trenches*, to be published next spring by Feminist Press. She lives in Milwaukee with her husband; they have two adult sons.

Heather Boushey

Heather Boushey joined the Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) in 2003. Her work focuses on the U.S. labor market, social policy, and work and family issues. Dr. Boushey's work ranges from examinations of current trends in the U.S. labor market and how families balance work and child care needs to how young people have fared in today's economy and health insurance coverage. She has testified before Congress and authored numerous reports and commentaries on issues affecting working families, including the implications of the 1996 welfare reform. She is a co-author of *The State of Working America 2002-3* and *Hardships in America: The Real Story of Working Families*.

Dr. Boushey is a Research Affiliate with the National Poverty Center at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and on the editorial review board of *WorkingUSA* and the *Journal of Poverty*. Her work has appeared in *Dollars & Sense*, *In These Times*, and *New Labor Forum*, and peer-reviewed journals, including, *Review of Political Economy* and *National Women's Studies Association Journal*. Previously, she was at the Economic Policy Institute. She received her Ph.D. in Economics from the New School for Social Research and her B.A. from Hampshire College.