**Name of Candidate:** Rachel Lauren Storm

**Brief Bio (Education, work and/or volunteer experience, current activities)**

Rachel Lauren Storm serves as an Assistant Director of the Women’s Resources Center. Rachel’s responsibilities include most of the planning, development and implementation of programs and events at the women’s center. She also works with volunteers and interns as well as assisting student, campus and community organizations on collaboration and co-sponsorships. She is an alumna of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, having earned her B.A. in International Studies/Gender Studies and her M.Ed. in Educational Policy, Organization, and Leadership. Currently pursuing her PhD. her research examines relationships of power between the State, NGOs, and grassroots feminist organizing in Ecuador. Prior to joining our staff in 2009, Rachel worked at El Centro de Atención a la Mujer de Cotacachi, a women's center serving the Andean region of Ecuador, hosting women's empowerment workshops, developing a sexual health program for local schools, and designing awareness materials around women's rights in the area. She also founded Four Walls and a Roof, an organization working to raise money to build the first women's shelter in Cotacachi, Ecuador. Locally, Rachel is involved in community organizing efforts and serves on the board of the Channing Murray Foundation. She teaches Our Whole Lives comprehensive sexuality education to local 8th graders and a poetry and experimental writing lab in the county jail.

**What aspects of the UCIMC mission do you find especially appealing and why?**

I have enjoyed working on programming for the UCIMC and look forward to continuing building relationships between organizations, collaborative projects among working groups, and chairing the programming committee.

**What past experiences could you call upon in serving as a member of the UCIMC Board of Directors?**

My work doing educational programs and event planning for a living, my connections with community organizing locally, and my experiences as an educator are those that most inform my UCIMC work.

**What special knowledge and/or skills could you use to advance the mission of the UCIMC?**

I think I’m pretty well-connected in CU and can help advance the UCIMC’s connection with campus, other similar community organizations, and local groups. As a graphic and web designer, I’d like to revamp the UCIMC webpage, the WRFU webpage, and our overall look/”brand” at the UCIMC to become better known in the community and more recognizable.