

# Special Event

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## Lilly Ledbetter Fighting for Fair Pay



Wednesday March 31, 2010

6:00 – 8:00 PM

UMass Lowell – O’Leary Library Room 222

**Lilly Ledbetter** is a longtime fighter for equal pay for women. After working as a supervisor at a Goodyear tire plant for nearly 20 years, Ledbetter discovered she had been paid significantly less than men doing the same job. She sued claiming pay discrimination, and her case ultimately went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court ruled that she had no right to sue because she initiated her case more than 180 days after her first discriminatory paycheck. On January 29, 2009 President Barack Obama signed the **Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009**. This new law amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to state that the 180-day statute of limitations for filing an equal-pay lawsuit resets with each *new* discriminatory paycheck. Lilly Ledbetter’s fight has been important for all people working against discrimination in the workplace, and the new law is a victory for all men and women who care about equity.

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