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This month it is clear to us that what is on everyone's mind right now - the economy. Will the stimulus package work? How can I hold on to my job? How do I go about finding a new job?

So our first step was to put together some articles and resources to help our readers network and find jobs. We've updated the [Resources page](#) of our website to include job hunting resources including [resume writing for technical women](#), [20 tips for building your resume](#), and a new article by Kathryn Britton, [Building Resilience for Hard Times](#). Our [Ask Jo column](#) looks at what to do after you've been laid off. You can also check out our blog where BJ Wishinsky blogged on [Sisterhood and Survival Through Social Networking](#). Caroline Simard also blogged on our Fast Company blog about [Job Hunting in Recessionary Times](#). We have also created a new program [Savvy Geek Chix: Weathering the Economic Storm](#), that will provide networking and strategies you can use to find a new job.

For those who need a little inspiration, check out our announcement on the Women of Vision winners and be sure to register to attend the event April 30th.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for International Women's Day - March 8th. Be sure to check out [NCWIT's International Women's Day-In-A-Box](#) for ideas on how to celebrate.

Sincerely,

The ABI Staff

## Women of Vision Award Winners Announced

The Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology (ABI) announced today the winners of this year's Women of Vision Awards. Three leaders in technology - **Mitchell Baker**, Mozilla, **Yuqing Gao**, IBM Research, and **Jan Cuny**, National Science Foundation. - will be honored for their accomplishments and contributions as women in technology at ABI's fourth annual Women of Vision Awards Banquet at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose on April 30th, 2009. The event will feature keynote speaker Padmasree Warrior, CTO of Cisco and Sydnie Kohara, CBS 5 News Anchor as Master of Ceremonies.

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Sponsorships, Tables and Tickets are still available. [Sign up today!](#)

## Ask Jo: I just got laid off



Every month on our site, Jo Miller, CEO of Women's Leadership Coaching Inc., answers your career and leadership questions.

Question: I just got laid off. I know I am supposed to network, but what are some other things to do to secure my next position?

[See Jo's Answer](#)

Jo Miller is CEO of Women's Leadership Coaching Inc. which offers women's leadership seminars and coaching programs.

To read more of her career advice, visit the [Ask Jo archives](#).

Come hear Jo Miller on our panel at Savvy Geek Chix "Weathering the Economic Storm" on Tuesday, March 24th. [Register today](#).

## Call for Nominations Opens for Denice Denton and Anita Borg Awards Due Date: April 30, 2009

[Nominations](#) are now open for the Anita Borg Social Impact, Anita Borg Technical Leadership and the Denice Denton Emerging Leader Awards. Nominees may be submitted by high-tech companies, universities, private industry, and the general public. One winner will be selected in each category.

The Denice Denton Emerging Leader Award recognizes a junior (under 40), non-tenured faculty individual in an academic or research institution who is pursuing high quality research in engineering or physical sciences, while contributing significantly to promote diversity in his/her environment. The award winner will receive a \$5,000 prize.

The Anita Borg Social Impact Award honors an individual or team who has caused technology to have a positive impact on the lives of women and society, or who has caused women to have a significant impact on the design and use of technology. The award recipient will receive a \$10,000 prize.

The Anita Borg Technical Leadership Award recognizes and celebrates an outstanding woman technical leader. Nominees are women who have inspired the women's technology community through outstanding technological and social contributions and, through their leadership, have increased the impact of women on technology. The award recipient will receive a \$10,000 prize.

## Change Agent Awards [Call for Nominations](#) Now Open Due Date: April 30, 2009

The [Call for Nominations](#) for the Anita Borg Change Agent Awards are now open. The Change Agent Awards celebrate the accomplishments of technical women from, and who work in, developing countries.

These awards are designed to recognize up-and-coming leaders that impact or advance women's participation in technology.

Three individual awards will be given to women in computing that demonstrate leadership within their communities, expand opportunities and influence the careers of girls and women in technology, and demonstrate impact on advancing women's participation in technology.

Each winner will receive up to \$5,000 in travel reimbursement to attend the Grace Hopper Celebration.

Past winners have come from Bahrain, Brazil, Egypt, Georgia, Nigeria, India, Kenya, Pakistan and Turkey. The Change Agent Awards are sponsored by Google.

The awards will be presented on October 1, 2009 at the Grace Hopper Celebration in Tucson Arizona. [Nominations](#) will be accepted until April 30, 2009.

## Anita Borg Institute Honored by CAMINOS and City of San Francisco for Work with Technical Women

On February 19th, the Anita Borg institute and Latinas in Computing were honored by CAMINOS at their 10-year anniversary celebration Digital Decade for Latinas.

In addition to the award both groups received [Certificates of Honor](#) signed by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom. This award is not just for the members of the ABI staff but for all our volunteers, board members and staff. Without the hard work of each of you our work would not be possible.

## [3rd Annual Invent Your Future Conference for Women](#)

March 31st - April 1st  
Santa Clara Convention Center  
Innovation & Leadership: Breakthrough  
Strategies for Uncertain Times.

The awards will be presented on October 1, 2009 at the Grace Hopper Celebration in Tucson, Arizona. [Nominations will be accepted](#) until April 30, 2009

**Savvy Geek Chix**  
**Tuesday March 24, 2009 6:15 - 9:00**  
**p.m.**  
**SAP Campus in Palo Alto, CA**



Our inaugural Savvy Geek Chix event "Weathering the Economic Storm" will address how you can effectively manage your career in a tough economic climate. Join us on March 24, 2009 for an evening of Networking, Job Hunting Strategies, and our Resume Clinic.

The Anita Borg Institute Resume Clinic is based on the highly rated 2008 Grace Hopper Celebration session. Your resume will be reviewed by a recruiter from a leading high tech company. The recruiter will provide you with valuable input that you can use to improve your resume. You must sign up in advance when you register to reserve a 15 minute resume clinic appointment.

The "Strategies for Survival in the Current Economy" panel will focus on:

- How to effectively utilize your network to find a job
- Key steps to take before a potential layoff
- What to do immediately after a layoff
- Learn the things not to do when you're laid off

Confirmed Panelists:

- Jo Miller, CEO, Women's Leadership Coaching and Ask Jo Columnist
- Dr. Tessa Lau, Research Staff Member, IBM Almaden Research Center
- Nehal Mehta, Consultant and Former Director of Software Quality Assurance, Symantec
- Jerri Barrett, Director of Marketing, Anita Borg Institute (Moderator)

The cost for this event is only \$25 and seating will be limited. No registration will take place on site. [Register Today!](#)

Volunteer recruiters are still needed to staff this event. If you are an HR professional or recruiter and would like to volunteer please [email us](#) today!



Featured Keynote Speakers: Rachel Maddow, MSNBC; Cokie Roberts ABC News; Technical Women's Career Track with Judy Estrin, CEO, JLABS; Josephine Cheng, IBM Fellow/Vice President, Almaden Research Center; Aglaia Kong, Fellow, Symantec Corporation.

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**2009 Grace Hopper Celebration of  
Women in Computing  
[Call for Participation](#)  
[Submission Deadline March 16, 2009](#)**

The 9th Annual Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing (GHC) has opened its [Call for Participation](#). The annual conference, presented by the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology, is the world's largest gathering of women in computing.

The Grace Hopper Celebration will take place from September 30-October 3, 2009 in Tucson Arizona. This year's theme "Creating Technology for Social Good" recognizes the significant role women play in defining technology used to solve social issues. The [submission](#) deadline is March 16, 2009.

**Building Resilience for Hard  
Times**

By Kathryn Britton

In these days of financial insecurity many people feel on the verge of a big change for the worse. Programmers working for big IT companies saw 4th quarter profits fall precipitously because other big companies could not invest to upgrade systems because their profits were down because customers were not spending as much over the holidays. Belt tightening means that unexpected layoffs are always in the wings. You might not be part of the first layoff, but what about next time? Just in case a layoff does include you, what can you do now to be ready to handle it? How can you prepare for other negative impacts of the current economic downturn?

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