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*Last year, thanks to our sponsors' generosity, CWIT was able to continue our many educational programs. For the second time in as many years, they also provided the funds necessary to award two deserving SC students with \$ 3,000 scholarships.*

## CWIT Has Gone Social!

Charleston Women in International Trade now has a Facebook "fan" page. Check us out and click "like" in order to get updates from CWIT straight to your Facebook news feed.

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## Message from the Chair



Dear CWIT Members and Supporters:

CWIT members and board of directors have been very busy over the summer. We hosted three networking events, conducted a membership survey, built a Facebook fan page, kicked-off the annual sponsor campaign, continued work on October's "Spring into Fall" auction, and commenced planning for the Annual Banquet. In addition, our board met in August to discuss upcoming programs and mentoring opportunities, work on team-building skills, committee goals and ways that we can improve the CWIT experience for our members. On behalf of CWIT, I would like to extend a big thank you to all who made these summer activities a success.

As we enter the new program year, our goals are to continue attracting strong leadership, providing excellent programs, growing attendance and membership, and offering attendance at all events at a reasonable cost. I would like to challenge all CWIT members and friends to sponsor, donate and attend our primary fundraising event, October's auction, as it's proceeds are needed to continue our scholarship fund and supplement our lunch programs. In return, you will enjoy delicious food and beverages, a great band, auction bidding in a beautiful setting with a great opportunity to network and enjoy the company of your colleagues.

September's luncheon meeting speaker is the Chief Economist of RBC Financial Group, Mr. Craig Wright. He will present an "International Outlook". Hope to see you there!

- Jacky Sassard, CWIT Chairperson

## This Month's Speaker: Craig Wright, SVP & Chief Economist, RBC

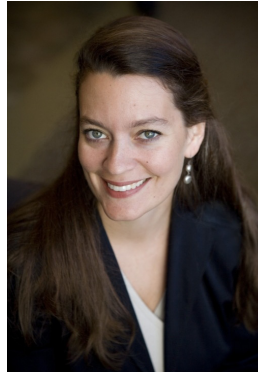
Based in Toronto, Canada, Craig is RBC Financial Group's Chief Economist. A graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Toronto, Craig joined RBC Financial Group in 1994 after seven years as an economist in the financial services industry. As Chief Economist, Craig manages the teams responsible for global macroeconomic, financial market and foreign exchange strategic research and delivers economics briefings to RBC clients. Mr. Wright has appeared on CNN, Fox News and other media outlets.

Mr. Wright was instrumental in forecasting the economic downturn before it happened and based on his outlook RBC was able to help their clients plan ahead saving them from losing their hard-earned money.

## ***Stewart Bauknicht is CWIT's Most Interesting Person!***

On August 10th, CWIT hosted a Networking Luncheon at Hall's Chophouse. Attendees were asked to nominate the person that they found to be the most interesting person that they met during the event. While the race was extremely close, one young woman took the lead.

She entertained guests with the story about being rejected from several women's only colleges because they thought she was a man and most recently being mistaken for a man by her new insurance provider even though she clearly specified that she was female and not male. She has a fantastic sense of humor and laughs at her long history of mistaken identity that goes back to early childhood when her mother would dress her in blue.



She fascinated guests with tales of her travels to over 60 countries and time spent working for the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland. If you've met Stewart you know that she has extensive knowledge in international trade policy, development issues and international affairs. She spent 12 years abroad and worked for the WTO, where she trained government officials on international trade rules. Stewart has traveled to over 60 countries and is certified in French by the United Nations.

Stewart has a Bachelor's degree in International Business Administration from the American University of Paris, France and a Master's degree in International Relations from Webster University in Geneva, Switzerland. Currently, Stewart is based in Charleston, S.C. and is working as a proposal manager for Modus21, LLC, a company which helps businesses transform their information technology infrastructure.

Stewart is a board member of the SC International Trade Conference, the SC International Trade Coalition and Charleston Women in International Trade. She is also a member of the Charleston Defense Contractor's Association Newsletter Committee, Women in Defense, South Carolina Economic Developer's Association, Charleston Motor Carrier's Association and the Propeller Club. She says she feels that women's groups have the most to offer out of all the networking opportunities because women face different challenges in the marketplace and are more willing to help one another.

## ***CWIT Member on the Move***

Jennifer Dewitt is moving to Greenville to continue her work with The South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance. SCMA is the state's only organization dedicated exclusively to the interests of manufacturers. By acting as a collective voice, the SCMA addresses issues affecting manufacturers and increases awareness in the community about the importance of manufacturing. The SCMA also strives to elevate the quality of life for all South Carolinians by advancing the state's manufacturing industry.



As a regional division of the SCMA, the mission of the Lowcountry Manufacturers Council is to enhance the competitiveness, promote development and impact the manufacturing sector of the Lowcountry of South Carolina. The SCMA also includes councils and divisions for the automotive sector, textiles, chemistry, human resources, plant managers and economic development & taxes. Other newly forming regional divisions include Sumter County and Orangeburg, Bamberg and Calhoun counties. For additional information please visit [www.myscma.com](http://www.myscma.com).

**- Sally Davis, Vice Secretary & Membership Chair**

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## Check it Out!

Stay up to speed on the State Ports Authority's plans to build a new cruise terminal and redevelop the southern portion on Union Pier Terminal:

<http://www.UnionPierPlan.com>

- English Struth, Communications Chair, Webmaster & Annual Banquet Chair



## KUDOS!!

Congratulations to CWIT's Membership Chair, Sally Davis, for being named a finalist for the Charleston Regional Business Journal's Influential Women in Business List!

You can come root on Sally as the winners in each category are announced on October 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Marriott on Lockwood Boulevard in downtown Charleston. For tickets, check out the events page at [www.charlestonbusiness.com](http://www.charlestonbusiness.com). Individual tickets are \$45 each.

Way to go, Sally!

## got tickets?

Have you purchased your tickets for CWIT's fundraiser, the Spring into Fall auction? Tickets are just \$35 for both members and non-members. Register online today through [www.cwitsc.org](http://www.cwitsc.org)! Auction items (as of 9/10) are featured at right.

## Get Ready for CWIT's Annual Event - 'Spring into Fall' Auction!

Access Wellness Gift Certificate  
ATC Group Stainless Steel Barrel Party Cooler  
Authentic Sweetgrass Basket by Artisan Jackie Ford  
Belle Joaillerie Designs by Sally Davis  
Body and Soul Therapy Life Coaching Session with Barbara Fox  
Briggs Plumbing Products Set of Two Above-Counter Sinks  
The Buccaneer \$50 Gift Certificate  
Bulldog Tours Walking Tour for Two  
The Cargo Hold Jewelry  
CEVA Logistics \$50 Restaurant Gift Card  
The Charleston Battery 2011 Season Tickets and Signed Soccer Ball  
Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission Gold Pass  
Charleston Crab House \$40 in CRAB BUCKS Certificates  
The Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina Two-Night Stay  
Charleston Medical SPA Laser Peel Treatment  
Charleston Medical SPA Massage  
Charleston RiverDogs 2011 Family Four Pack  
Charmed Life Products Set of Grill Charms  
Courtyard Art Gallery Framed Print by Colleen Stoiuff  
Dodeline Designs Set of Thank You Cards and \$25 Gift Certificate  
Francis Marion Hotel One-Night Stay  
G & R Services Window Cleaning  
Halls Chophouse Brunch for Four  
Hampton Inn-Mt. Pleasant Patriots Point Two-Night Stay for Two  
Healthsource of Mount Pleasant One-Hour Massage  
Hyman's Seafood \$75 in Gift Cards  
Joanna Studio Gift Certificate for a 16"x20" Commissioned Oil Painting of Your Pet  
McAllister Towing Tugboat Cruise  
McCrary's Restaurant \$100 Gift Certificate  
Meow Mix Gift Basket  
Natural Miessence Personal Care Products from Erin Demory  
Otis Spunkmeyer F  
Pyra Apparel Cheer Outfit.  
Reflections African Jewelry by Sheinata Carn-Hall  
Sandlapper Water Tours Passage for Four  
SC International Trade Conference Full Registration  
Seven Coin Sets Donated by Gerry and Sandy Katz  
Stephen Colbert Autographed Item  
Sterling Silver Southern Gates Round Pendant and Chain donated by Pam Everitt  
Tots On the Go Rentals Baby Gear  
Vari Sienos Mexico 12"x12" Imperial Picture Frame  
The Westin Poinsett, Greenville One-Night Stay  
Wild Dunes Harbor Course Round of Golf for Four  
WineStyles Mt. Pleasant Wine Party for Ten Guests  
ZEUS Golf Gift Set

## Save the Dates for Upcoming CWIT Events!

September 14  
Luncheon

September 21  
Mentor Match-Up

September 22  
Networking at Guy Harvey's

October 7  
Annual Event

October 12  
Luncheon

## Member of the Month: Hycles Montgomery

by Sally Davis



Hycles Capozzoli Diniz Montgomery was born in Brazil. She got her first job at a federal bank while in her second year of high school. She worked full time and went to school at night. She also held two full-time jobs for a year in order to buy her own house at the age of 19. Later she decided to go to college in a town 50 miles away from where her parents lived. She put her house on the market for rent, quit her job at the bank, and moved away.

Hycles earned a bachelors degree in accounting from the College of Charleston. While attending school she also worked full time as a controller at a hotel in downtown Charleston and after graduation got a job at a local accounting firm. Last year she took the summer off to study for the CPA (certified public accountant) exam and passed all 4 parts. Subsequent to meeting all requirements she became fully licensed as a CPA in June 2010. She will participate in the new CPA oath ceremony in November.

Hycles speaks fluent English and Portuguese, intermediate Spanish, and she just started taking Chinese lessons. Hycles believes communication is the key to success for any business, and there is no better way to communicate than to speak different languages. Hycles joined CWIT because she wanted to support professionals and students interested in international trade, since she feels personally connected with this globalized world. Her goals for the future are to find a new opportunity in the accounting/finance field and to be able to help individuals and small businesses to reach their financial goals. Meanwhile she has been sponsored by Carolina Capital Management for the position of Financial Specialist, she has passed the Life and Health Insurance exam, and is working on passing the securities representative exams (Series 7 and 66).

Hycles loves to laugh, and enjoys fine dining, friends, tourism, arts, and fashion. She is a member of CWIT, Charleston Young Professionals, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, S.C. Association of Certified Public Accountants, The Institute of Internal Auditors and the Propeller Club of Charleston. To contact Hycles please email her at [hycles@yahoo.com](mailto:hycles@yahoo.com).



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