

CHICAGO BRANCH NEWSLETTER – November



What: Meet the Fellows and Grantees

We are pleased to announce that three of local Fellows will be attending our Fellows Program.

When: Saturday, November 3rd

Time: 10:00 am

Where: 435 West Erie Street – 24th floor Party Room

Hosted by member Lynda Korn-Cotton

Cost: \$10- for light refreshments

\$5- will go to AAUW Funds.

Transportation/Parking: Public transportation or if driving, street parking.

RSVP: To Paula Perkins at p3perkins@gmail.com or 773-525-1253

The AAUW Opportunities Foundation--the world's largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women--supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW funds is providing more than \$3.7 million in 2018–19 in support of 250 scholars. AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$100 million in fellowships and grants to more than 12,000 women and nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world

NERMEEN MOUFTAH American Fellowship, University of Illinois, Chicago

Degree and Specialization: Publication Grant, Anthropology of religion

Project Name: Read in the Name of Your Lord: Islamic Literacy Activism Between Reform and Revolution

JELENA RADOVIC-FANTA American Fellowship, Governors State University

Degree and Specialization: Publication Grant, Cultural Anthropology

Project Name: Turning the Year Around: Uncertainty and Motherhood in Chile's Fruit Export Industry

NAEEMA TORRES Career Development Grant, Northwestern University

Degree and Specialization: M.F.A, Documentary media

Naeema is currently developing her thesis film on the legacy of the largest slave rebellion in U.S. History.

December Meeting – Jane Addams Day Celebration

JANE ADDAMS HULL-HOUSE MUSEUM



What: Celebrating Jane Addams Day
Program and Reception

When: Monday, December 10

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: Jane Addams Hull-House Museum
800 South Halsted Street, Chicago on the UIC campus

www.hullhousemuseum.org

Food: Light refreshments

Parking: Public Transportation, street parking,
or Halsted St. parking lot

RSVP: To Paula Perkins, p3perkins@gmail.com by
December 8th or 773-525-1253

Join us for a celebration of the Jane Addams legacy with a program, refreshments and visit to the new exhibit in the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum entitled: "*Participatory Art: Crafting Social Change*", a multidisciplinary exhibition that will explore the Social Settlement's influence on visual and performing arts in Chicago through historical and contemporary practices: bookbinding, the origins of art therapy, ceramics, theater and performance. Additional details about the program to come.

Jane Addams was a founding Chicago Inc. branch member. In 1931, Jane Addams became the first American woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. In 2007, the State of Illinois set aside December 10 as a holiday to remember Addams' lifelong commitment to peace and justice. Jane Addams Day is an opportunity to celebrate the Hull-House progressive tradition and the practice of peace, and to bring people together who are working on peace and justice.

Thank you to Jane Addams Hull-House Museum for partnering with the Chicago Inc. Branch and hosting the celebration.

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

December 10	Jane Addams Celebration – Hull-House Museum
January 21, 2019	Sinfonietta – MLK Tribute Concert outing
January 26	AAUW Networking Luncheon – Embassy Suites, Deerfield
Jan 26	Dare to Dream Conference, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn

February 3	GirlForward – 6261 N Clark St – 10am
March	TBD
March 23	AAUW Tech Savvy - Lewis University, Romeoville
April 9	Equal Pay Day Rally – Daley Plaza
April 13	Jane Addams Resource Corp. program – 10:00am
May 18	Celebrate Calendar Year – 435 W Erie St. Party Room appetizer/dessert potluck 3pm



President’s Message

You are no doubt being inundated with political ads urging you to vote for one candidate or another. I’m not going to add to that confusion, except to say that it is essential that you vote in the mid-term elections. If you are uncertain about which candidate to vote for or have an opportunity to attend a candidate’s forum, please use AAUW’s Voter Issue Guide “It’s my Vote” at aauwaction.org to help you focus your inquiries. It outlines the issues that are at stake for women and offers suggested questions that you can ask candidates or their surrogates.

On September 27th, a group of us participated in the Chicago Architecture Center’s “Hotel Boom” walking tour and learned about the creative repurpose of historic skyscrapers into chic new hotels. This was an eye-opening and eye-catching view of six hotels within walking distance of CAC’s new home at 111 E. Wacker Drive. Then on October 10th, we were treated to insights from a panel of local women writers at the Harold Washington Library. Focused on the impact of family in writing fiction and non-fiction, these women offered heart-felt descriptions of how their family members influenced their work as writers.

Watch your email for upcoming announcements of our annual program with “AAUW Fellows and Grantees” on November 3rd and a new celebration of one of our favorite local heroes at the Jane Addams Day event on December 10th, in partnership with the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum on the campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Beginning with this issue of our newsletter, I would like to highlight components of AAUW’s new strategic plan “Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls” in each newsletter. The first of the mission-based focal areas in the Plan is Education & Training, with two goals under this umbrella; A: Champion equal access to all levels and fields of education and B: Ensure education at every level is free from sex discrimination. Specifically, AAUW has or plans to develop programs to address environmental barriers to girls and women, to grow educational pathways for women, especially those leading to high-earning careers, to expand compliance with Title IX and other civil rights laws, and to ensure that Title IX coordinators are trained and adequately resourced. Throughout its 137-year history, AAUW has made the focus on education and training a key component of its work providing more than 13,000 women and nonprofit organizations with fellowships and grants. The scholarships and grants will continue, but the work on strengthening Title IX will take on a new urgency to assure that progress toward requiring schools to adopt and publish a policy against sex discrimination and to implement grievance procedures for prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee discrimination complaints is not compromised.

Let me know if you have programming suggestions for the Branch on any of the mission-oriented goals in strategic plan.

Ruth Holst

President, AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch



MLK Tribute Concert

PROGRAM

Beethoven *Egmont Overture, Op.84*
Hailstork *Epitaph for a Man Who Dreamed*
Weston *The People Could Fly*
Coleridge-Taylor *Petite Suite de Concert, Op.77*
Tippett *Five Negro Spirituals from 'A child of our time'*
Lee III *Come Unto Me*

Chicago Sinfonietta has presented a concert to celebrate the birth and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. since its inception, as a testament to its mission of diversity, inclusion, and equity. This season, former Project Inclusion Freeman Conducting Fellows Kellen Gray and Kedrick Armstrong will helm the podium for a breakout performance. Plus, a spoken word performance of Dr. King speeches you won't want to miss! Called “the city’s hippest orchestra” by the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sinfonietta presents innovative concerts that defy the definitions of symphonic music.”

DATE: Monday, January 21, 2019

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Symphony Center
225 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL

TICKETS: \$30- Mail check made out to AAUW to Barbara Harris
1095 S. Park Terrace, Chicago, IL 60605

Deadline to order tickets December 15, 2018.

Only 20 tickets available.

Tickets will be mailed to you in advance- bring a friend or spouse.

Questions – contact Barbara at 312-427-2043 or

brbrharris41@gmail.com

PARKING: Grant Park South Garage, 325 S. Michigan Avenue
Grant Park North Garage, 25 N. Michigan Avenue
Palmer House, 124 S. Wabash

Thank You

Our chapter started the new season with a wonderful program. Twelve of our members participated in a city walking tour – “Hotel Boom.” Our group visited seven chic new hotels which had been repurposed from office buildings. They learned about the history and beauty of each one from the lens of both before and after the re-purposing, and came to understand what made these buildings iconic. A big thank you to Paula Perkins for planning, organizing, and take reservations for the September Chicago Architecture tour.

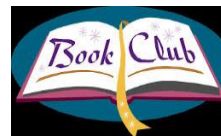
Thank you to Ruth Holst and Paula Perkins for planning and organizing the Women Writers panel discussion at Harold Washington Library last week. Also thank you to the Book Cellar for attending and providing the authors books for purchase.

Join us for a new Book Club – HerStory Book Club – All are welcome – Wed. Dec. 12

The **HerStory Book Club** will read books about women who have taken action. We’ll be using the books suggested by The Action Book Club of The Little Free Library. Our first gathering will be **Wed. Dec. 12**. First book will be *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik

The group will meet at the Book Cellar, 4736 North Lincoln, a short walk from the Brown Line from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. The upcoming meeting dates will be Feb. 13, 2019, April 8, June 13, Aug. 14, Oct. 16.

We’d love to get the word out! Please let your friends, alumni group and community know. The book club will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce potential new members to AAUW. Any questions, please contact Bernadette Pawlik at bernadette.dorman@gmail.com



Daytime Book Club next meeting – Nov. 28

Do you like to read? If so, join us for a daytime book club that is on **Wednesday, Nov. 28**. We will be meeting from 10:00am – noon at the Starbucks at 600 State Street (near state and Ohio). Our book is *The Vanity Fair Diaries* by Tina Brown

December 19 – Mrs. Sherlock Holmes by Brad Ricca

The December meeting will consist of 1 hour book discussion followed by the selection of books for 2019. PLEASE BRING ANY IDEAS YOU HAVE FOR 2019 READING WITH YOU! ALL INPUT APPRECIATED.

Feel free to come even if you don’t have time to read and bring some suggestions for future books. Looking forward to seeing all that are interested! If you have any questions or are interested please contact our new book club chair, Leslee Carver, Leslee.carver@gmail.com



Evening Book Club Please feel free to join the Book Club at anytime.

Oct 22 - *Ida: A Sword Among Lions* by Paula J. Giddens

Nov 26 - *Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kieman

Jan 28 - *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

Feb 25 - *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande

March 25 - *Earthly Remains* by Donna Leon

Apr 22 - *Flappers* by Judith Mackrell

May 20 - *Educated* by Tara Westover

Join members of the book club at The Grafton Pub for dinner at 6:00pm before the discussion. 4530 N. Lincoln Ave (one block south of the library) www.thegrafton.com

The Book Club of AAUW is free and open to the public and meets on the fourth Monday of the month (except December and May) from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Conrad Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.

Membership Update

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of October 15th, we have 74 members – 7 of which are new to the branch! Thank you to everyone who has sent in their application and check. Questions– Megan Moser 4641 N Paulina St Apt 410 Chicago IL 60640
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WELCOME

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest branch members! These women joined the branch during the summer/fall membership drive. We are so excited to have each of them as members and look forward to meeting everyone soon!

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Give a Grad a free AAUW membership

AAUW members can now give a recent grad—a friend, daughter, granddaughter, or niece—a free AAUW membership. At no cost to you or her!

Expose her to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 100,000 members who believe in and advance equity and education.

Expand her networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects. She will experience the rewards of working with and learning from successful AAUW mentors.

Best of all, she will receive a free one-year AAUW membership at no cost to you or her! So send no money! Remember, only members can take advantage of this offer.

Complete the online membership application now at www.aauw.org

Your grad will receive a one-year member-at-large membership—a \$49 value.



Mission: The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for individuals seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Legal Advocacy Fund Update

LAF works to combat sex discrimination through community and campus outreach programs, a resource library and online advocacy tools, and various research reports. In collaboration with the Public Policy and Government Relations department, LAF seeks amicus curiae opportunities in cases of discrimination that disadvantage women in the workplace. LAF is also transitioning toward supporting landmark sex discrimination cases that have the potential to make a difference for all women

Also watch your mailbox for an invitation to participate in a No-Dinner Dinner to raise funds for the Legal Advocacy Fund. It is an easy way to participate in fundraising without dressing up for a big event. **Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to LAF to help balance the scales of justice for women.** Mail checks to AAUW-LAF to Lori Switzer, 2541 Ridgeway Ave, Evanston, IL 60201. Deadline is Dec. 1st. Donations are **tax-deductible**.

Treasurer Report – September

Beginning Balance as of August 31, 2018	\$3,425.69
	Deposits \$66.00
	Withdrawals \$592.01
Ending Balance as of September 30, 2018	\$2,899.68

WITASWAN Movie Club

Movie group outings: October 14, 2018

The WITASWAN Movie Club will meet at an area movie theatre in October and March. Please contact Megan Moser to be included on the email list meganmoser@hotmail.com 773-784-2754

New 2018-2019 Branch Directory

The new 2018-2019 Chicago Branch directory is in the mail in October. Thank you to Lori Switzer, Jeane Lindeke and Loren Lindeke for updating and getting the directory printed and mailed out. Thank you to Megan Moser for helping with the address labels. The Legal Advocacy Fund No-Dinner Dinner fundraiser information will also be included. Hope you are able participate.



Branch Officers/Chairs

In April, we will elect officers that will lead the Branch in the next term (2019-2021). It's not too early to start thinking about what you would like to do in the Branch to be more active. Officers to be elected in April are Program VP, Secretary and two Directors at Large. The various chair positions will be appointed by the President. A Nominating Committee of five members will be appointed this fall. If you would like to serve on the Committee, are interested in serving as an Officer/Chair, or would like to suggest a nominee, please contact Branch President, Ruth Holst at holstruth@gmail.com

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? It is your newsletter. Articles for the Jan/Feb Chicago Edition newsletter are due Dec. 15th. Thanks -Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com

Mission Statement of AAUW: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW membership is open to any graduate who holds an associate or equivalent degree from a qualified educational institution or a baccalaureate of higher degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

AAUW's **Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

Important Dates

January 2019 AAUW Networking Luncheon – Deerfield, IL

March 8 International Women's Day

April 9 Equal Pay Day Rally

May 3-4, 2019 AAUW-IL Convention - Crowne Plaza – Springfield

AAUW National website: www.aauw.org

AAUW-IL website: www.aauw-il.org

Chicago branch website: <http://chicago-il.aauw.net>

For more information, contact us: chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

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<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=16337662299&ref=mf>



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Address correction requested

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 128th year!!