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**Thursday, March 21
6:00 — 8:00 PM**

**Nadiah Mohajir
HEART:
Women & Girls**

**FREE
Discussion and
Reception**

**JANE ADDAMS
HULL-HOUSE
MUSEUM**



800 S. Halsted Street
Chicago, IL 60607
hullhousemuseum.org

**Bringing Intersectionality:
Sexual Health Education and
Anti-Sexual Assault Advocacy**

Join Jane Addams Hull-House Museum and The American Association of University Women (AAUW) for Women's History Month in conversation with **Nadiah Mohajir**, the founder and executive director of **HEART: Women and Girls**.

The session will explore HEART's year-long anti-sexual assault program on college campuses, a program of Reliance supported by AAUW. The presentation will provide an overview of working with Muslim student populations and Title IX offices, as well as the barriers facing this work and the strategies professionals can use in their advocacy roles.

HEART: Women & Girls promotes sexual health and sexual violence prevention in Muslim communities through education, advocacy, research, and training. HEART educates and promotes culturally-sensitive sexual health to end the silence that perpetuates gender violence and inequality.



RSVP via Event Brite to this free discussion and reception

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bringing-intersectionality-to-sexual-health-and-advocacy-tickets-53319436871>

April 2019 program



What: Jane Addams Resource Corp

When: Saturday, April 13, 2019

Time: 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Where: 4222 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago, IL 60640

<https://www.jane-addams.org/>

Parking/Public Transit: Public transportation or street parking or a lot in front of building as well as a lot that can be accessed south at the end of building

RSVP: To Paula Perkins, p3perkins@gmail.com or 773-525-1253 by April 10

An aging workforce, emerging new technologies, and continuing decline of trades in high schools and community colleges will result in an estimated two million unfilled manufacturing jobs in the U.S. over the next ten years. This is a tragedy when so many people struggle to pay the bills, find a living wage job, and support their families in places like Chicago.

At Jane Addams Resource Corporation (JARC), we support healthy communities and economies by teaching low-income adults and workers the skills they need to earn a living wage. But we go beyond basic skills training. We also connect job seekers with good jobs in the manufacturing sector, and we foster the life skills that create a path out of poverty.

The Jane Addams Resource Corporation (JARC) promotes strong communities, businesses and households to ensure that people who work do not live in poverty.

JARC provides high quality skills training and support services to help lower-income and unemployed workers achieve self-sufficiency. JARC provides economic and workforce development to businesses to improve their competitiveness.

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

March 21	HEART – Women and Girls program- Hull-House Museum Dining Hall- UIC 6:00pm
March 28	Equal Pay Day Rally – Daley Plaza – noon
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

It's official. Chicago now has a street named for an African-American woman! I just returned from the ceremony at the Harold Washington Library to unveil the new street signs for Ida B. Wells Drive. Mayor Emanuel and President Preckwinkle were on hand to speak along with a host of other activists who described why this journalist, teacher, anti-lynching crusader, women's rights activist and civil rights pioneer needs to be remembered by every Chicagoan, as well as every American. I had tears in my eyes as I listened to Ida's great-granddaughter Michelle Duster, who teaches at Columbia College. Thank you to all AAUW members who helped to bring this about.

As a reminder, Chicago Branch members Eleida Gomez and Gerry Oberman are promoting the idea of honoring suffragists on voting day in 2020 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage by placing flowers and "Here lies a suffragist" signs on their gravesites. I urge you to volunteer for the committee that will be identifying and locating the gravesites of suffragists buried in the Chicago area.

Now that we have all weathered some of the coldest January temperatures on record, I hope you are warmed up to the idea of attending several upcoming programs that support the mission of AAUW. On March 21st, Nadiah Mohajir will describe her AAUW-funded project to help college campuses address the unique challenges facing Muslim women in reporting sexual assaults. She is the founder and Executive Director of HEART Women & Girls, a non-profit organization that promotes sexual health education in Muslim communities. On March 28th, you are invited to join women from around the Chicago area in Daley Plaza for this year's Equal Pay Day Rally. Then, on April 13th, we will meet at the headquarters of the Jane Addams Resource Corporation, a non-profit company that is providing skills training to displaced workers to prepare them for manufacturing jobs in the Ravenswood neighborhood. Regan Brewer will tell us about the history of this unique organization, and what they are doing currently to connect local residents with the training needed for today's job market.

As the third installment in my series to highlight AAUW's Strategic Plan, let's look at the third mission-based focal area, which is Leadership. The two goals associated with this area are A: Bolster the participation of girls and women in leadership roles throughout their lives; and B: Advance the number of women in leadership particularly in education and nonprofit organizations. To achieve Goal A, the Association intends to empower early and midcareer women to succeed in leadership opportunities and to expand leadership opportunities for women over 55 years of age. As an example, being active in your local AAUW Branch provides opportunities for leadership. For Goal B, the plan calls for AAUW to become a national resource on the impact of leadership development activities for the advancement of women into leadership roles and to increase the inclusion and numbers of women serving on governing and advisory boards. Wouldn't it be great if five years from now, newspapers and policy makers looked to an AAUW-developed rating system that measured the advancement of women in leadership roles.

Stay warm everyone! Spring is on its way.

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President, AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch

Thank You

Thank you to the members and guests who attended the January Martin Luther King Sinfetta concert. We had a nice turnout despite the cold and snow. A BIG thank you to Barbara Harris for organizing the event and distributing the tickets to the attendees. It was a great way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and enjoy the arts.

Unfortunately, our February program was canceled due to a scheduling conflict and the cold/icy/snowy conditions. We hope to reschedule at a later date.

Save the date for the Saturday, May 18 Year End Annual Meeting. We will be celebrating the AAUW program year and thinking about planning for the 2019-2020 year. Hope you are able to attend with a friend.

A New Branch Activity: Honor a Suffragist on Voting Day

In preparation for the 100th anniversary of Woman's Suffrage in 2020, the National Women's History Project (NWHHP) located in Santa Rosa, California has inaugurated the "*Honor a Suffragist on Voting Day*" project. AAUW-Chicago, Inc. will join with many other national women's organizations to help identify, locate the gravesite, and honor the suffragists in the Chicago area. Acting as an "Everyday Historian", Branch members are invited to join a committee which will meet in mid-March, 2019 to plan our efforts to contribute to this project. Once identified, our list will be added to a national registry for suffrage sites to ensure they are remembered and celebrated for years to come. Locally, we can decide to honor our suffragists by placing a flower or some other token on their gravesite as well as a sign labeled, "Here lies a Suffragist" so others will recognize their accomplishments. (Notes: the NWHHP has already provided us with a list to work from and we have located the gravesites of the following: Jane Addams, Frances E. Willard, Louise de Koven Bowen, Julia Clifford Lathrop, and Kate F. O'Connor. A Biographical Dictionary titled, "Women Building Chicago 1790 – 1990" also contains an important index listing of suffrage activists for this project. Chicago has many organizations that can serve us as sources.)

For more detailed information on this project and tips on how we might carry out our work, check out these websites:

- ❖ nwHP.org
- ❖ <http://ncwhs.org/> (National Votes for Women Trail)
- ❖ www.findagrave.com (also contains biographies)

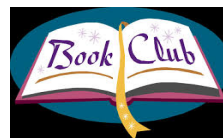
Should you want to join the Branch Suffragists Committee, please email Eleida Gomez (Branch member) and Geraldine Oberman (National Member) at amgglo@aol.com.

Join us for a new Book Club – HerStory Book Club – All are welcome – Monday, April 8

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 second gathering will be **Mon. April 8**. Next book will be ***Coming to My Senses: The Making of a Counterculture Cook*** by Alice Waters.

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 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 bernadettetdorman@gmail.com



Daytime Book Club next meeting – February 20

Do you like to read? If so, join us for a daytime book club that is on **Wednesday, Feb. 20**. We will be meeting from 10:00am – noon at the Starbucks at 600 State Street (near state and Ohio). Our book is *Where did you go Bernadette?* By Maria Semple.

March 20 – *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

April 17 – *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeman

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

Branch Financial Report

As of February 1st, branch account has a balance of \$2,796.66, which includes all checks from the MLK Concert. No checks are outstanding. -Megan Moser, branch treasurer



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

Feb 25 - Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz

March 25 - Being Mortal by Atul Gawande

April 22 - Earthly Remains by Donna Leon

May 20 - Flappers by Judith Mackrell

June 24 - 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.thegraffton.com

The Book Club of Chicago, Illinois Branch Inc. of the American Association of University Women 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.



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!** 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 \$59 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

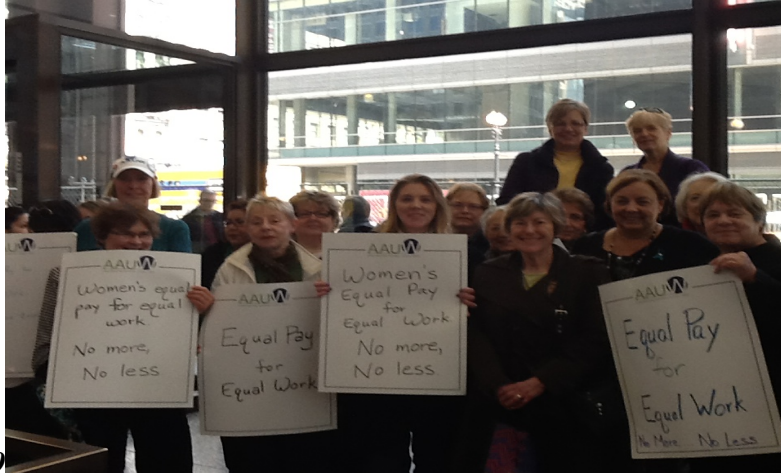
LAF works to combat sex discrimination through community and campus outreach programs, a resource library and online advocacy tools, and various research reports. In collaboration with the Public Policy and Government Relations department, LAF seeks amicus curiae opportunities in cases of discrimination 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

You may donate online if you are interested in a donation. www.aauw.org Donations are tax-deductible.

WITASWAN Movie Club

Movie group outings: March 10, 2019

The WITASWAN Movie Club will meet at an area movie theatre on Sunday, March 10. Please contact Megan Moser to be included on the email list meganmoser@hotmail.com 773-784-2754



Join us for Equal Pay Day 2019

Wear red and join AAUW with other like-minded organization from the Chicago Area to promote Equal Pay for all. **Thursday, March 28 from 12noon – 1:00pm** in the Richard J Daley Center – 50 W Washington St., Chicago IL 60602. Come out to demonstrate your commitment to eliminating the wage gap and hear amazing and insightful speakers.



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. If you 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

Wednesday, Feb 27th AAUW-IL webinar – Fight the Wikipedia Gender Gap

You're invited to register for the Feb. 27th 8 – 9 pm AAUW webinar, **Fight the Wikipedia Gender Gap**.

Popular webinar presenter, ERA advocate, and Chicago Inc. branch member, A.J. Conroy, will present information on the following topics. Will you join us to take on the challenge this winter to update information on our female role models, scientists and historic women? To register and receive the login link, send an email with your name, and (if a member) branch name to aauwJaneAddams@gmail.com

- Learn how women are not represented equally on Wikipedia
- See a demonstration of how to become a Wikipedia editor

After you register you will receive an email reminder, that will contain a link to use to join the webinar. Joining the webinar online is the way to view the presentation and hear the audio. We suggest you login 10 minutes early so you can download/install the GoToMeeting player.

Test your computer or smartphone at this website: <http://link.gotomeeting.com/email-welcome>

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? It is your newsletter. Articles for the May Chicago Edition newsletter are due April. 15st. 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

March 8

International Women's Day

March 28

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

Join the Chicago branch on Facebook:

<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 129th year!!