

# *The Chicago Edition*



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## **AAUW Fellows and Grantees Program**

**Saturday, November 13**

**10:30am – 12:00noon**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqcuCgrTspH9N2j-ZRbS-2XwhofSNI56LP>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### **JOIN US FOR OUR MOST POPULAR MEETING OF THE YEAR**

*Our three presenting fellows are:*

**Melissa Mister, Project Director, After School Matters**

AAUW Community Action Grant:

Pre-Freshman Program in Engineering and Science

**Ramael Ohiomoba, Northwestern University School of Medicine**

AAUW Selected Professions Fellowship

Research: Investigating biological and social risk factors for cardiovascular disease

**Jenny Lopez Alvarado, M.S.W, Loyola University Chicago**

AAUW Career Development Grant

Research: Mental Health in the Latinx Population

The AAUW Funds—as one of 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. AAUW Funds is providing nearly \$5 million in 2021–22 in support of 250 scholars. AAUW has been a leading source of funding, providing more than \$115 million in fellowships and grants to more than 13,000 women and organizations in the US and around the world.

Sponsored by Chicago Inc. branch in partnership with the Jane Addams Online branch of AAUW

For more information, contact [chicagoaauw@hotmail.com](mailto:chicagoaauw@hotmail.com) or <http://chicago-il.aauw.net/>

## *Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics*

October 30 – AAUW-IL state fall conference via zoom  
November 13 – AAUW Fellows and Grantees program 10:30am via zoom  
December – possible social event- TBD  
January 2022 – no meeting



### *Thank you*

Thank you to Paula Purdue and Megan Moser for planning and organizing the October Public Policy program with Il House Rep. Margaret Croke. It was great to get an inside perspective on Illinois public policy and what is happening in Springfield. We are still planning programs for the rest of the year so let us know if you have any suggestions. Also thank you to Barbara Yong and AJ Conroy for hosting and helping plan the Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Latina Equal Pay Day event.

### *2021 AAUW-IL Virtual Fall Leadership Conference*

AAUW members, from branch leaders to experienced members to new members, are invited to attend the 2021 Fall Leadership Conference on **Saturday, October 30 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. This is a state-wide conference with an opportunity for all to learn and share. Calling on the expertise of members of the online Jane Addams Branch, we will use the Zoom format (advance registration link below) instead of the two or more in-person district meetings that were held in past years.

The welcome by AAUW-IL President Lisa Cherry will be followed by two speakers:

**Deanie Brown, Diversity Officer for the Illinois Court System**, will speak on Embracing Diversity and Inclusion by Uncovering and Overcoming Unconscious Assumptions

**Kristin Olson, Grant Writing Specialist and Workshop Facilitator**, will speak on Fundraising for Scholarships

Attendees will then move into breakout groups to share and discuss best practices, ideas, and changes within AAUW. State Board members will lead the breakout groups on topics related to branch leadership positions. Members planning to attend should complete and submit their preregistration -- no registration fee.

Breakout groups are numbered and listed below to enable you to make a selection at the conference for the group you wish to attend.

1. Branch Presidents: Focus on Leadership  
Leader – Lisa Cherry
2. Membership Vice-Presidents: Making Branch Policies/Procedures Guest Friendly  
Leader – Nann Blaine Hilyard
3. Program Vice-Presidents: Best Programs and the “Five Star” Criteria  
Leaders – Becky Glimco and Sharon Lee
4. Finance: Deciphering the Member Services Database and Much More

Leader – Carolyn Schjelderup

5. Public Policy: Advocacy for Upcoming Legislation

Leaders – Paula Purdue and Tracy Sherman-Falcon

6. DEI: Discussing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Leader – Jo-An Takamoto Sabonjian

7. Open Forum: Why AAUW? – Sharing Our Branch Experiences

Leader – Andi Danis

Each breakout leader will report to the entire group on one Key Best Practice from her breakout at the conclusion of the sessions.

**Register in advance for this meeting and you will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the meeting on October 30th:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkdeisgikjGNBLFIKuVGDTrtorPnSouthk>

**Thank you to the Equal Pay Day Chicago Coalition** for organizing and hosting the Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Latina Equal Pay Day event with salary negotiation workshop. It was well put together and represented a variety of voices and experiences with Equal Pay and support of economic justice. Thank you to Barbara Yong and AJ Conroy for their leadership chairing and planning the event.

Learn more about Equal Pay Day Chicago at <https://www.equalpaydaychi.xyz/>, or follow @EqualPayDayChic Twitter, @EqualPayDayChicago on Facebook, and @EqualPayDayChi on Instagram.

### ***Evening Book Club***

The Evening Book Club is on hiatus as the Conrad Sultzer Regional Library is not accepting in person group meetings due to COVID-19. As soon as it is safe to meet, we will share the updated book list and dates. The group usually meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7pm. Please contact Megan Moser for more info on dates and locations of the book club. [meganmoser@hotmail.com](mailto:meganmoser@hotmail.com)

### ***Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. Nov 17***

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on November 17<sup>th</sup> via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. **We will discuss *The Doctors Blackwell* by Janice P Nimura**

You are invited to a Zoom meeting of the AAUW Chicago Branch Book Club

When: Nov 17, 2021 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwud-GoqTsuHdSYZjRpukEaggZpjnfTlwhA>

Dec 15: ***Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literary Society*** - Amy Hill Hearth

Jan 19: ***The Personal Librarian*** - Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Feb 16: ***The Plot: A Novel*** - Jean Hanff Korelitz -

Feel free to attend online even if you don't have time to read and bring some suggestions for future books. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact our book club chair, Lori

### ***Membership Update***

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of Oct 25.1<sup>st</sup>, we have **53** members. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their application and check. For those who haven't sent in your application form and check, it isn't too late to renew or join and be in this year's Membership Directory. All application forms and checks received by **October 15** will appear in the online Directory. Please send it to branch treasurer – Ruth Holst [holstruth@gmail.com](mailto:holstruth@gmail.com)

### ***Be sure AAUW can reach you***

In the spring of 2021, there were problems with emails from national with voting information. To check that AAUW can actually reach you, be sure that you haven't inadvertently unsubscribed from their mailings. (This can sometimes happen if you forward a message to someone else without removing the unsubscribe link in the footer.)

As you may have heard, AAUW is migrating its member database to a new system.

One part is already "live" -- the one that lets you choose which email messages you wish to receive from AAUW national.

If you start at [The AAUW Self Service Portal](#)

you'll be asked to fill in your email address. You'll then Get an email with a new link to update your information When you click that, you'll see the contact info AAUW has for you, and

A Tab labeled "My Email Preferences"

Click the Email Preferences and select at least one (I recommend Mission & Action) to be sure you are "in the loop" for emails from AAUW national.

If you have trouble getting the email with the link to your contact info, check your Spam for a message from "AAUW Member Information" -- it should come almost immediately. As always, [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) would be your next place to check for help.

### ***New 2021-2022 Branch Directory***

The new 2021-2022 Chicago Branch directory is updated and online. *Just a note* – we are not printing a hardcopy of the directory due to budget constraints. We will mail out a copy to members that are not online. The directory and bylaws are available online through our website with a password protected link. – the password is **Illinois**.

Thank you to Lori Switzer for updating the directory and thank you to Megan Moser for creating the branch mailing address labels for our fundraiser mailing.

### ***14<sup>th</sup> Annual No- Dinner Dinner Fundraiser – October 1-December 1, 2021***

***Again, this year*** – we are supporting National AAUW Greatest Need Fund for our fourteenth annual No-Dinner Dinner fundraiser. An invitation to the non-event fundraiser has been mailed out. Hope you are able participate. Our branch goal is \$2,000- this year which breaks down to \$35- a member. Thanks for your support at any amount. A Big **THANK YOU** to the members who have donated so far. We have raised \$200- so far.



### ***Branch Officers/Chairs***

In April, we will elect officers that will lead the Branch in the next term (2022-2024). 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 President, Treasurer, Membership and two Directors at Large. The various chair positions will be appointed by the President. A Nominating Committee 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, Megan Moser at [meganmoser@hotmail.com](mailto:meganmoser@hotmail.com).

### ***The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer***

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? It is your newsletter. Articles for the December/January Chicago Edition newsletter are due November 15th. Thanks -Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or [ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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*Address correction requested*

*Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 132nd year!!*

