

The Chicago Edition



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What: Media Matters: Chicago Women Journalists
Working in Non-Traditional Media

Maudlyne Ihejirika Chicago - Sun Times Panel Moderator

Shia Kapos - Politico Panelist

Monica Eng Axios - Chicago Panelist

Samantha Smylie - Chalkbeat Chicago Panelist

When: Saturday, October 15th 10:30am-noon

RSVP: With Name and number attending to amywwhp@gmail.com

Saturday, October 15, 2022, 10:30 a.m. to Noon

Grace Place (2nd floor) 637 S. Dearborn St., Chicago

Event is free and open to the public and is accessible by elevator.

Registration is required. RSVP to amywwhp@gmail.com

Women now make up about 50% of American journalists, but barriers remain to retention and promotion in newsrooms across the country. AAUW Chicago Branch and the Working Women's History Project, with co-sponsors Ida's Legacy and the League of Women Voters, invite you to hear from three veteran Chicago journalists if and how new digital media platforms are changing the working environment and career opportunities for women reporters. Monica Eng, Axios Chicago food, dining, and health reporter and host of Chewing Podcast, formerly worked for WBEZ and the Chicago Tribune. Shia Kapos, Politico government and politics reporter and author of its daily Illinois Playbook, previously wrote for the Chicago Sun-Times and Crain's Chicago Business. Samantha Smylie, Chalkbeat Chicago's state education reporter, formerly covered housing education and development for the Hyde Park Herald and City Bureau. Please join us for a lively and informative discussion.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: <https://www.transitchicago.com/planatrip/>

PARKING: <https://www.spotangels.com/chicago/grace-episcopal-church-parking>

<https://www.park1chicago.com/parking-location/601-south-dearborn/>

<https://www.park1chicago.com/parking-location/711-south-plymouthct/PUBLIC>

Co-sponsored by: Working Women's History Project, Ida's Legacy, League of Women Voters of Chicago, Vivian G. Harsh Society, and American Association of University Women Chicago branch

November Program Event

The Chicago Branch, in partnership with the Jane Addams Branch, is once again hosting a virtual meeting via Zoom to showcase three AAUW Fellows and Grantees. **Join us from 10:30 to noon on Saturday November 12, 2022.**

This year's presenters include:

Xiao (Angel) Bohannon, recipient of an American Fellowship for graduate study at Northwestern University to complete her PhD. Her project is "Attending to Leadership Attention: School Leadership during COVID."

Monica Reyes, American Fellowship recipient, to study writing, rhetoric and discourse at DePaul University. Her project is "Shelter Rhetorics: Understanding Narrative Pathways and Assemblages of the U.S. Asylum Process."

Chinyere Oteh, used her Career Development Grant to pursue an M.L.S. degree at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. She is interested in providing library access to information, preservation and resources for underserved populations.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwuf0qDsvHNd0KeD8vCBhsRnpLwovehkA>

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

The AAUW Funds—as one of the world's largest sources 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 2022–23 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 or <http://chicago-il.aauw.net/>

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

Sept 24 – Statewide Fall Leadership Development Conference on Zoom

October 15 – New Media panel discussion 10:30am

November 12 – AAUW Fellows Program via zoom in partnership with Jane Addams AAUW online branch

December 8 – Equal Pay Day Rally

January 2022 – no meeting



President's Message

Thank you to all our members who are working hard planning and organizing events and programs for the 2022-2023 program year. Many members have been working behind the scenes to partner with other organizations, contact speakers, and secure locations for events. We appreciate this commitment to AAUW Chicago branch. Also thank you to the members who have been working on membership renewals and recruiting new members. We have an exciting year plan as we move forward as a branch.

We decided as a branch to have a Branch Steering Committee instead of a president. We are having monthly Steering Committee meetings the Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm via zoom. Please RSVP to Megan Moser to be added to the email list.

Oct 10, 2022, Nov 14, 2022, Dec 12, 2022, Jan 9, 2023, Feb 13, 2023

*<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84802236266?pwd=dWtPc00vWWs1QklzOEVOVmNkQUxRdz09>
Meeting ID: 848 0223 6266 Passcode: 328269*

We have several events coming up. First on Sept 24 is the AAUW-IL fall leadership conference via zoom. All members and potential AAUW members are welcome to attend. Next, on Oct 15th is our New Media Panel discussion at Grace Place. Finally on Nov 12 is our AAUW Fellows and Grantees zoom online program.

*Best – Lori Switzer
Chicago Branch Admin*

Thank you

Thank you to Paula Purdue for planning and organizing the outing to Rockford to the Suffrage Monument. Also thank you to Faye Marcus for hosting the group. It was a great day to get out of Chicago and see something new that our fellow AAUW members in Rockford worked to get built.

Looking Ahead –

Saturday, September 24 – AAUW-IL State Fall Conference. *This event is being held on zoom due to its success last year and it will be a worthwhile event. Sign up here for the online event - <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/district-conferences/>*

Saturday, November 12 – AAUW Fellows and Grantees program via zoom. *The Fellows' program is always one of our most popular programs. Please invite a friend to attend and learn more about these amazing women and their projects and studies. Thank you to the members who donated to AAUW over the past few years to make these scholarships and fellowships possible.*

12th Annual Equal Pay Day event *will be an in-person reception on Thursday December 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at 300 S. Wacker in their 8th floor convention center. Once again, we are combining our event with Latina Equal Pay Day.*

**American Association of University Women
Chicago Illinois Branch, Inc.**

Treasurer's Report – September 2022
(July & August Activity)

Checking Account

Balance 6/30/22 \$1,614

Deposits 2,481

Withdrawals 1,466

Balance 8/31/22 \$3,362

Investment Account (Marsten)

Balance 6/30/22 \$12,576

Balance 8/31/22 \$11,871

Notes:

1. \$1,000 transferred from Investment Account to Checking Account
2. July and August 2022 deposits and withdrawals were primarily related to dues – 34 memberships were processed

Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. Sept 21

Do you like to read? If so, join us for daytime book club on September 21st via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. **We will discuss *The Swimmers: A Novel* by Julie Otsuka.**

Oct. 19 - *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara. **Time change – we will meet at NOON.**

Nov. 16 - *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

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

When: Sep 21, 2022 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZ0qd-6rpjMrH9HHQ-Z5NyuZJ4WnsTcAB15j>

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

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 Switzer

chicagoauw@hotmail.com

New 2022-2023 Branch Directory

The new 2022-2023 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.

15th Annual No- Dinner Dinner Fundraiser – October 1-December 1, 2022

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 will be mailed out. Hope you are able participate. Our branch goal is \$2,000- this year which breaks down to \$45- a member. Thanks for your support at any amount.

Membership Update

Congratulations on a great summer membership drive! As of Sept 15, we have 45 paid 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 1** will appear in the online Directory. Form is at the end of newsletter. Please send it to branch treasurer – Ruth Holst holstruth@gmail.com

Welcome New Members

Rose Williamson

ERA Postcards for Nevada

Thursday, September 22nd - 11:30a to 1:30p at the Chase cafeteria in the Loop.

10 South Dearborn Street

Supplies provided.

Hosted by AAUW-Chicago, LWV-Chicago, Chicago NOW and ERA Illinois

On their November ballot, Nevada voters can vote for this state constitutional amendment: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this State or any of its political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry or national origin. This expanded Equal Rights Amendment for Nevada is part of a state trend. Oregon and Delaware amended their state constitutions in recent years. The state of New York just approved the first step in a three-part process to amend their constitution for gender equality. Efforts in Minnesota and Maine continue to similarly amend their state constitutions.

Contact AJ Conroy at info@eraillinois.org or text 312-405-4538

More Background

Here's more on the postcard campaign - <https://voteequality.us/postcards/>

Here's more on the Nevada referendum: <https://thenevadaindependent.com/article/poll-nevadans-favor-ranked-choice-voting-equal-rights-ballot-questions>

And the anti-ERA folks are also mobilizing - <http://stopquestion1era.org/>

The Chicago Edition by Lori Switzer

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



Chicago, IL. Inc. Branch 2022-2023 Membership Form

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2023. Annual membership dues are **\$99.00** (\$67.00 for Association, \$22.00 for Chicago Branch, and \$10.00 for AAUW – Illinois). For Association Life members, dues are **\$32.00** (\$22.00 for Chicago Branch and \$10.00 for AAUW – Illinois).

Please check your type of Membership:

- Annual \$99-**
- Association Life \$32-**
- Undergraduate Student Affiliate \$31.81**

Please make your check payable to AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch

Name _____

First/Middle/Last (spouse)

Address _____

City _____, IL Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____ Birthday (Month/Day) _____ (Optional)

College/Universities attended

Degrees Earned

Major/Field of Study

Please check to assist with these committees or branch activities:

- _____ Program planning
- _____ Meeting Volunteer
- _____ Public Policy and Legislative Efforts
- _____ Community Service
- _____ Website/social media

**SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO:
Ruth Holst 645 Kingsbury St., Apt 1709 Chicago, IL 60654**

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.

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>

Join the Chicago branch on Instagram:

<http://www.instragram.com/aauwchicago>



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Address correction requested

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 133rd year!!