

The Chicago Edition



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What: How Survivors of Torture Recover and Share Their Humanity with
guest speaker Nancy J. Bothne

When: Saturday, September 23rd 11:00am

Where: Home of Member Paula Purdue 714 W. Sheridan Rd Apt. 1E, Chicago

Parking: CTA Bus line 8, 36, 151, 146, or 80 or CTA Red Line train
Meter street parking on Broadway – a half block west of her condo.

RSVP: To chicagoaauw@hotmail.com or call/text Lori Switzer 773 230 1063

TASSC, Torture Abolition and Survivor Support Coalition, seeks to abolish torture wherever it occurs and support survivors as they empower themselves, their families and communities. TASSC believes survivors know what is best for them in their approach to healing and empowerment. The interdisciplinary model of care addresses all aspects of a survivor's wellbeing – from community and social connection, to legal, advocacy, mental health, and medical support.

Nancy J. Bothne is an associate professor in the clinical PsyD program of The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Before entering the academic world, Nancy worked in international human rights advocacy. Understanding how human rights abuses create community trauma motivates Nancy's research and teaching. More recently, Nancy has examined how people reconstitute community life following periods of state sponsored human rights abuses and trauma. Nancy earned her PhD in community psychology from DePaul University.

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

September 23 – TASSC program at the home of Paula Purdue

October 19-21 AAUW Regional Convention in St. Louis

November – Meet the Fellows program date TBD via zoom

December – no meeting

President's Message

Happy Summer!! There was a lot going on over the summer in Chicago as we went from a dry and cool June to a hot and wet July. But that did not stop AAUW.

AAUW announced over \$6 million in funding to nearly 285 fellows and grantees in the 2023-24 award year. These exceptional recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative projects to empower women and girls. This is one of the largest gift years ever.

AAUW Denounced the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision on Student Loan Forgiveness
Following the court's decision against student borrowers, especially against the nation's millions of women borrowers, AAUW calls on President Biden to offer permanent solutions, such as student debt cancellation and expanded loan-repayment programs. Amid challenges, AAUW remains committed to advocating for women and communities of color's equal access to affordable, quality higher education.

AAUW celebrated Black Equal Pay Day on July 27th. This recognizing the day that, after seven months of extra work, Black women have finally caught up to the average earnings of a white man in 2022.

I started a new feature in the newsletter. Member spotlight. Thank you to the members who have sent in bios and photos so we can get to know everyone a bit better. I have learned new facts that I did not know about our members. All are welcome to participate, just send your bio to me at chicagoaauw@hotmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. Do you know all the benefits that are included with your membership? Through research, education and advocacy, AAUW empowers women and girls everywhere to achieve their dreams. You can access member benefits when you visit www.aauw.org. These include:

Educational funding opportunities to women pursuing higher education.

Access to our free, online salary-negotiation course.

News and alerts on gender equity that include career advice, need-to-know legislative issues and the actions you can take to drive change.

Research that examines important societal issues through the gender lens.

Exclusive discounts on printing, office supplies, insurance, hotels, cruises, prescriptions.

Access to AAUW programs and volunteer opportunities.

And, AAUW members can take advantage of an exclusive offer of four print issues of **Ms. Magazine!**

Go to sign up for your free subscription -

<https://secure.everyaction.com/sD0p2w4z3UCh2a52jzb35w2>

AAUW is a mission-based organization with so many opportunities to make a difference in our communities. We are so glad you are part of AAUW Chicago branch.

Best – Lori Switzer

Chicago Branch Admin

Lunch Bunch Saturday, August 26th, 11am

Looking for something to do on a Saturday morning? Join us for food (the cost is yours) and conversation. This is just an informal get together. AAUW info might be discussed or the latest True Crime documentary you watched. Or just looking to try out a new restaurant with friends. Everyone is welcome, including non-members.

Where? Dash of Salt and Pepper, 2201 N Lincoln Ave, Chicago, IL 60614. Street parking. Near Oz Park. website: dashsnp.com

RSVP: To Megan Moser via email meganmoser@hotmail.com or call/text 773-575-1886

Thank You

Thank you to the members and guests who attended the June year end meeting in Andersonville. Those in attendance enjoyed a family style Mediterranean luncheon at Reza's Restaurant and catching up with new and longtime members. There was plenty of food and leftovers for everyone to take home. Thank you to Megan Moser, Ruth Holst, Eleida Gomez and Lori Switzer for planning and organizing the luncheon.

Thank you to all branch members who participated in our summer branch program survey. We had over 50% of our members participate. It was great to hear from you and hear your thoughts and suggestions. Thank you to member Anne Foley for organizing the survey and tabulating the responses.

Thank you to the branch members and steering committee members who met over the summer for the planning meetings. We were able to set up a schedule with in-person and zoom events. We can always use more help if you have suggestions for speakers or locations for meetings.

Chicago Branch Steering Committee Meetings

We will continue to hold monthly Steering Committee meetings on the Second Monday of the month via zoom. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a great way to become more involved with the branch and get to know other members.

Monday, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11 at 6:30pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84111918464?pwd=dW9CbXdXNWVWLWVdzNW05Zy9Ub1grUT09>

Looking Ahead

We will be sending members to the AAUW Regional Convention in St. Louis from October 19-21. There are 11 states participating in this regional convention. What a great way to learn more about AAUW, meet members from our region and become energized about AAUW. Details are below in this newsletter and online. All are welcome to attend.

Once again, we are hosting our most popular meeting – Meet the Fellows and Grantees – in November. All are welcome to attend this program. It will be a zoom program so that our fellows and guests are able to present their projects and studies.

Meet us in St Louis! October 19 -21, 2023



Come to the AAUW Regional Conference

Find details on the [Missouri AAUW site](#)

Early bird registration through Sept 16: \$200

After Sept 16: \$225

Registration includes conference meals

JOIN YOUR FELLOW AAUW MEMBERS FROM 11 CENTRAL STATES
FOR 3 DAYS OF EDUCATION, INSPIRATION, GREAT IDEAS, FUN
AND FRIENDSHIP IN EXCITING ST. LOUIS!

“REACHING NEW HEIGHTS – TOGETHER”

WHEN: OCTOBER 19-21 2023

WHERE: DRURY PLAZA HOTEL, ST. LOUIS (at the Arch)

FEATURING: KEYNOTE SPEAKER, GLORIA BLACKWELL, CEO OF AAUW

FEATURING: KEYNOTE SPEAKER, LISA MAATZ, Public Policy & Organizational Consultant

Plenary and breakout topics:

Voting Rights and Issues, Reproductive Rights and Women’s
Health, Equity and Inclusion, Succession Planning and
Leadership, Women’s Economic Security, Pay Equity, AAUW and
the Future

- AAUW-IL announces the **2023 ARCH Award!** To encourage attendance at the Central State Regional Conference **each branch can help send their administrator,**

president, or her designee to St. Louis. The amount of \$400 will be reimbursed after the event is complete. To qualify for the stipend, applicants will need to complete the Illinois request prior to the conference. [Read the rules for applying for the Illinois ARCH Award.](#) Or see below.

- Small-group sessions will take place during the conference where ideas and dreams will be shared (swapped) in a casual setting. These are **Swap Shops!** Each state will be given a time and day to present projects, programs, and ideas from their branches and state – a total of over 64 new ideas possible from our eleven states!

ARCH AWARD INSTRUCTIONS

AAUW-IL has set aside funds to assist members attending the Central State Regional Conference on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at Noon until Saturday, October 21, 2023, at 1P. The conference is the result of a co-operative of 11 states and the product of extensive planning. The scholarship may be used for registration, hotel rooms and transportation. Registration for the event is located on the AAUW-IL website or the AAUW-MO website and has been emailed through several state and branch communications.

The ARCH Award (AAUW REGIONAL CONFERENCE HELP) is a separate application since the scholarship is for our Illinois Members in particular. The award is restricted to one per branch and is open to the President, Administrator or Designate of the President. The Maximum allowed is \$400 and will be reimbursed retroactively.

Requests will be accepted until October 10, 2023, so that AAUW-IL can plan for the total monies needed. If you qualify and plan to go, please send an email to carolheisler@gmail.com. Your email must contain this information: In the subject line, put ARCH AWARD Request. In the body of the email list the following items:

Name, Mailing Address, Cell Phone, Current Position in your branch. If you are going as a Designate of your Branch President, please confirm this with her. Please explain the amount you are requesting. For example: hotel room @ \$\$, transportation expense (if you are driving the number of miles x .655 per mile) \$\$, Registration @ \$\$\$. The maximum amount reimbursed is \$400.

After you have returned from the conference and have learned many things, you **MUST** send a brief review of the conference to carolheisler@gmail.com. In your review, please confirm the amount you are requesting. After this wrap-up email is received, the check will be mailed to you. Questions and concerns: carolheisler@gmail.com, cell phone 815-814-3180

Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. Aug. 16th

Do you like to read? If so, join us for Daytime book club on Wed. August 16 via zoom. We will be meeting at 1:00pm. We will discuss ***The Great Displacement: Climate Change and the Next American Migration*** by Jake Bittle. No need to register in advance.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3255659137?pwd=VTduNVN6UmtrV3ZuZVhDTzlLQ05PQT09>
Meeting ID: 325 565 9137 Passcode: 263216

September 20: Things We Lost to the Water: A Novel by Eric Nguyen

October 18: The Last Girl: My Story of Captivity, and My Fight Against the Islamic State by Nadia Murad

Nov. 15: Lessons in Chemistry: A Novel by Bonnie Garmus

Dec. 20: The Nurse's Secret: A Thrilling Historical Novel of the Dark Side of Gilded Age New York City by Amanda Skenandore

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, please contact our book club chair, Lori Switzer chicagoauw@hotmail.com

Member Spotlight



Helen Elkiss

I have been a member of AAUW for over 20 years. I first joined in 2001 when I retired part time to south Florida. Knowing no one in the area a friend suggested I would find kindred souls by becoming a member. Very true indeed. I served the Pompano Beach Branch in almost every capacity, including president. Later I joined the Chicago Branch and have been active here for over 10 years.

Relocating from Detroit, I began my career in Chicago in 1977 where I joined the faculty of the Chicago Labor Education Program, a department of the Institute of Labor & Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. My work involved teaching leadership classes to union members throughout the State in extension programs. My teaching and research focused on women's issues in the labor movement, especially education and equity. AAUW is a great fit for me, meeting both my intellectual and social appetites.

Much of my time since retirement has been devoted to activist work with women's organizations and leadership roles in AAUW. As an avid reader, I belong to 3 book clubs. Social activities include concerts, theater, nature walks with friends and, of course, socializing over meals and a glass of wine!

Charlaine Reynolds

I came to Chicago in 2021 during (supposedly) the worst winter storm in 30 years. It was quite the introduction, but I will say I was impressed with the immediacy of the plowing and the resiliency of the residents. I have decided that Chicagoans are an optimistic lot!

Before moving to Chicago, I lived in Louisville, Kentucky for fifteen years, and before that, sixteen in Houston. I have an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Sociology, and I also earned a master's in public health. Most of my career was spent in geriatric services and I was a care manager consultant in my own business for ten years. Like many, my career goals changed during the pandemic, and I guess you can say I'm retired or maybe just not looking right now.

I learned about AAUW while attending a conference in Houston, and I was impressed enough to think, "This is an organization I want to be a part of". Over the years, I have served as president, vice-president, membership - probably every role except treasurer. While what first impressed me was the longevity and accomplishments of the organization, over the years I have come to appreciate the opportunities AAUW has given me to form friendships with like-minded women. I look forward to getting to know each of you better, and I hope I can contribute to the efforts of our local branch.

**Anita Moore**

Anita was awarded a Selected Professions Fellowship from AAUW during the 1995-96 season. In 1996 Anita graduated from DePaul University with a Master of Science degree in Computer Science/Information Systems. She worked as a software developer and software quality assurance analyst for 24 years. Prior to attending DePaul University, Anita received an Associate of Science Degree in Secretarial Science from Joliet Junior College (1974) and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from Northern Illinois University (1976). She taught typing, shorthand, word processing, business communications and bookkeeping at Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) schools. Anita currently works part time as an Office Administrator at a Chicago Law Firm.

Anita initially joined AAUW in 1996 and rejoined in 2008. Anita's hobbies include genealogy, reading and traveling.



Lori Switzer

Lori Switzer joined AAUW in 2000 and is a proud Life Member. When she graduated from DePauw University, her mom gave her a life membership and they have enjoyed sharing AAUW esp. when attending multiple national and state conventions. Lori has continued the tradition and her daughter is a student member of AAUW. Lori has served as branch president multiple times and almost every branch board position.

Currently, she is branch Admin and responsible for branch communication with the branch newsletter, website and all social media. Lori served on the AAUW-IL state board for two terms as Policy and Bylaws chair. She currently is AAUW-IL state membership VP.

When her kids were in school, she was heavily involved volunteering in their classrooms, PTA, and fundraising for their school by creating a highly successful yearly in-person fundraiser and online auction. Her daughter, a junior at Carnegie Mellon, is spending the fall semester in Spain and her son just started his freshman year at Chapman University outside Los Angeles. She loves to travel, spend time with family, and after teaching herself needlepoint during COVID, she is obsessed with needlepoint.

Membership Renewal

We are finishing up our membership drive. Thank you to all our members who have renewed and welcome to our new members. We have less than 10 members left to renew so please take a moment and renew your membership. Form is at the bottom of this newsletter and on our website.

Welcome New Members

We have three new members who joined over the summer. We look forward to meeting you at an upcoming event.

Janice Benton	janice.bensonmd@gmail.com
Diana Slaverio	drdiana@hushmail.com
Suzy Switzer	suzy904@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 October/November Chicago Edition newsletter are due Sept. 15th. Thanks -Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com

2023-2025 Slate of Officers

Please see below for the slate of officers. The branch will continue to run with a Steering Committee. All members are welcome to attend the monthly zoom Steering committee meetings. Board and Steering committee members will be recognized at the June meeting.

2023-2025 Term

Secretary – Barbara Harris

Directors at Large – Helen Elkiss and Charlaine Reynolds

Continuing Officers

Branch Admin – Lori Switzer

Treasurer – Ruth Holst

Membership – Megan Moser

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AAUW Chicago, Inc. Branch
Final Budget Report (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)
Ruth Holst, Treasurer

	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Actual
Revenue		
Dues	990	1,707*
Donations for Program Expenses	100	414
Member Donations	200	102
Transfer from Investment Acct.	1,000	1,000
Total Revenue	2,290	3,223
*includes dues for 2023-24		
Expenses		
Insurance	200	200
IL Incorporation fee	20	58
Printing, Supplies, Postage	100	114
Membership Recruitment	75	0
Program Expenses	300	250
Program Planning Meetings	150	0
Annual Meeting Expenses	100	430
Public Policy Expenses	75	0
Contributions to AAUW National	1,000	500
Communications Software	350	331
Convention Travel Expense	200	0
Miscellaneous	0	0
Total Expenses	2,220	1,884

Chicago Branch Checking Account Balance - June 30 2023: \$2,581.40
(includes \$237.06 for Next Steps Collaborative)

Chicago Branch Investment Account Balance (Marston) - June 30, 2023: \$12,265.39



Chicago, IL. Inc. Branch 2023-2024 Membership Form

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, 2023, and ends June 30, 2024. Annual membership dues are **\$104.00** (\$72.00 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 \$104- ☐ Association Life \$32- ☐ Undergraduate Student \$31.81

☐ Dual Member \$22-

Please make your check payable to AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch

Name

First _____ Last _____ (spouse) _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

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**

To guarantee listing in the Chicago, Illinois Branch, Inc. Membership Directory, your renewal must be received by **September 15, 2023**.

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: chicagoaaauw@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.instagram.com/aauwchicago>



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Address correction requested

The Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 134th year!!