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THE HISTORYMAKERS®

What: The History Makers

<https://www.thehistorymakers.org/>

Where: 1900 S Michigan Ave, Chicago

When: Saturday, October 28, 2023

10:00am – noon

Interested Members will walk to lunch at La Cantina Mexican Restaurant.

The restaurant is right across the street.

Feel free to bring a friend, spouse or family member.

Parking: Public transportation, street parking or nearby paid lots.

RSVP: To chicagoaauw@hotmail.com or

call/text Lori Switzer 773 230 1063 by Thursday, Oct. 26

The HistoryMakers is a national non-profit research and educational institution committed to preserving and making widely accessible the untold personal stories of both well-known and unsung African Americans. Through the media and a series of user-friendly products, services and events, The HistoryMakers enlightens, entertains and educates the public, helping to refashion a more inclusive record of American history.

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

October 5 – Latina Equal Pay Day

October 19-21 AAUW Regional Convention in St. Louis

October 28 – History Makers tour at 10:30am with optional lunch

November 11 – Meet the Fellows program date 10:30am-noon via zoom

December – no meeting

Jan. 13, 2024 – AAUW-IL public policy and Family and Medical Leave Bill via zoom

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 11, 2023.

This year's presenters include:

Aparajita Santra

International Fellowship, India

University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign

Architecture and design: Ph.D., Contemporary urban spatial production of cities of the Global South

Ms. Santra is researching spatial negotiations of working-class women of lower castes in Kolkata, India using the lenses of intersectionality and spatial justice.

Seyma Kabaoglu

International Fellowship, Turkey

Northwestern University

Cultural anthropology: Ph.D., Cultural anthropology

Ms. Kabaoglu is conducting an ethnographic study of politics of doubt and ethical finance in Turkey's Islamic participation banking industry.

Dana Fanslow

Career Development Grant

University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign

Library sciences: M.S., Social Justice & Administration

Ms. Fanslow's work consists of educating others that literary collections, programs, and physical spaces should reflect that the world is not one-dimensional so individuals can learn about themselves, as well as others.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAscuytrz8pE9y9TQ4c_5wnl5DxBx7BZ89

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 more than \$6 million in support of 285 scholars, fellows and grantees in the 2023-24 award year. These exceptional recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls. AAUW has been a leading source of funding, providing more than \$135 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/>

President's Message

Happy Fall!!

Lots of things happening locally in person but also nationally online. Please read and share.

Do you know a 9th-12th grade high school girl? AAUW is working to create equal opportunity for all students to reach their full potential and thrive. Our free online program, STEMEd for Girls, paves the way for success in STEM subjects through high school and into college. Share the information about AAUW's STEMEd. *STEMEd for Girls* is a FREE exciting online program created for high school girls —with a particular focus on girls of color—and the people who support them. Whether you are just starting to explore an interest in science, technology, engineering, or math, or you have already decided to major in STEM in college, this program will help you prepare for the journey. For more info: <https://linktr.ee/stemed4girls>

Upcoming events for girls and parents include:
College Search & Selection (Workbook)
Wednesday October 4, 2023 | 7:00- 8:30 PM EST
Innovation - STEM Topic Exploration: Chemistry
Wednesday October 18, 2023 | 7:00- 8:30 PM EST

Did you know AAUW national has recorded all of their webinars? No worries if you weren't able to attend all of the webinars. You can watch them anytime by visiting the AAUW Webinars page, which includes the recent panel discussion for Mom's Equal Pay Day August 15. Go to www.aauw.org

AAUW joins our coalition partners in calling on Congress to pass a budget that gives federal agencies the resources they need to provide Americans with quality health care, an education free of discrimination, workplace protections, and other critical civil and human rights. While some partisan actors will use these negotiations to score political points, AAUW will continue to be a voice calling for equity for women and girls.

Join AAUW on **October 5** for a social media storm to recognize **#LatinaEqualPayDay**. Latina women, including part-time and seasonal workers, are paid only 54 cents for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men. Latinas are one of the fastest growing, most powerful groups in the United States. Latinas excel in every sector and industry in our country. Despite all of this, in 2022, Latinas continued to face the pay gap that is, on average, an abysmal 52 cents to every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men.

I started a new feature last month -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, send your bio to chicagoauw@hotmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. We hope you plan on attending one or more events this year – either in person or on zoom. We have something for everyone and hope to see you soon. 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

Thank You

Thank you to Paula Purdue for opening her home for the September meeting and inviting Nancy Bothne to speak to the branch. Also thank you for the delicious treats. Also thank you to Charlaire Reynolds for her delicious snacks and thank you to Megan Moser for welcoming us at the door. Also thank you to our guest speaker Dr. Nancy J. Bothne from TASSC.

If you are interested in supporting TASSC, their most recent advocacy effort had survivors meet with members of Congress to press for resolution of affirmative asylum claims. These are people who have been awarded temporary asylum without final resolution of their asylum status. Here is the link to TASSC: Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International. I can promise you that donations will be well spent. <https://www.tassc.org/>

Thank you to Megan Moser and Paula Purdue for hosting the Wine N Write on Monday, Sept. 25. Members met online and wrote thank you notes to our Illinois Assembly members to thank them for supporting AAUW focused bills. Contact Megan for your Assembly members if you were not able to attend. You can thank your legislators at any time.

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.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84111918464?pwd=dW9CbXdXNWVWLVVdzNW05Zy9Ub1grUT09>

ABCD, AAUW BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION Group

The AAUW-IL board announces the AAUW-IL Statewide Book Club. The theme is **FAMILIES FIGHTING POVERTY in the US.**

The first Zoom Meeting is organizational, and no specific book will be discussed. Join us on Friday, October 27, 2023, at 6:30PM.

When: Oct 27, 2023, 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcO-hqT8rE9b-DnCNla_8JY5QlsESZvmF

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

List of Upcoming Books:

The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee on Friday, December 8, 23 at 6:30P. This book comes in two different editions—adult version and “teen” version. Read either.

Three Girls from Bronzeville by Dawn Turner-Trice on Friday, January 12, 24 at 6:30PM.

Nomadland, by Jessica Bruder on Friday, February 9, 24 at 6:30PM.

Forgotten Girls by Monica Potts on Friday, March 8, 24 at 6:30PM.

TBD, Wrap up. Hoping to do something at the State Convention.

The first meeting is organizational. We need your help with some logistics and the meeting **will be on Friday, October 27 at 6:30PM.** Thanks to Kate Skegg and Elaine Fisher, Jane Addams

Branch, who will coordinate the Zoom meetings. Contact Carol with questions:
carolheisler@gmail.com

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

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.

Come to the AAUW Regional Conference

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

After Sept 16: \$225

Registration includes conference meals

“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.

Daytime Book Club next meeting – Oct. 18th

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 Last Girl: My Story of Captivity, and My Fight Against the Islamic State*** by Nadia Murad No need to register in advance.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3255659137?pwd=VTduNVN6UmtrV3ZuZVhDTzILQ05PQT09>

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 - *We need a leader for this book.*

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 chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

Member Spotlight

Ruth Holst

Ruth Holst worked as a hospital librarian at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee for 32 years before moving to Illinois to take a job at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she was the Associate Director of the Regional Medical Library for 12 years. That job involved managing a government contract from the National Library of Medicine, which gave her an opportunity to work with librarians around the country. With a BS in education and an MS in Library Science, both from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, she spent 44 years advocating for the benefit of having professional librarians in hospitals and other health care settings. R

She is a self-proclaimed "group process junky" and has joined dozens of library organizations over the years. Her biggest impact was within the Medical Library Association (MLA), for which she served on numerous committees and boards and was elected President of the Association for 2010-2011. She also served as the senior editor for a major publication of the Association called the MLA Guide for Managing Health Care Libraries, published in 2000.

After retiring in 2014, Ruth has become active in AAUW at multiple levels. She has served on the national Governance Committee and as a reviewer for Career Development Grants. She is currently Treasurer of the Chicago Branch as well as Finance Director for AAUW-IL. Working with AAUW has introduced her to many amazing women across the state.

She lives with her husband, Bob Thiel, in River North and loves to travel with her husband and daughter Alexandra, who lives in Des Moines, IA. They just returned from a week in Dublin, Ireland.

Megan Moser

I have been an AAUW since my mom, an AAUW member, gave me a 'Give-a-Grad' as a gift when I graduated college in 1999. I have been a member of the AAUW Chicago branch since 2003/04 when I met other members at the State conference who encouraged me to join the branch. I have been involved in the evening book group, other community groups within AAUW (Dining and movie, etc.) and other board positions over the years.

I have worked over twenty years in customer service roles and continue to do so for a North Shore Park District. I have also lived in Chicago for over 22 years, and still have a talent for getting lost in my own neighborhood. (Sometimes that's a good thing because you find things you wouldn't have if you didn't get lost.) I enjoy exploring the city and suburbs, especially anything historic. I love diners and I'm always in search of the greatest Patty Melt. I have two nephews who always amuse me with their wit and talents. Nothing better than a child's laughter at their own jokes! My goal is someday to see the hockey hall of fame in Canada and eat my way through Europe!

Loretta Pearson

I have had a long career in mathematics and computer science education. I also managed to acquire a lovely family along the way – who could ask for more? Most of them ended up in math related fields including finance, engineering, accounting, and futures trading.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Ed/Mathematics - Illinois State University, a Master of Science in Mathematics - Northern Illinois University and Postgraduate work in Computer Science, Mathematics &

Instructional Technology from Northern Illinois University and Illinois Institute of Technology.

My first years teaching included jr. high and high school mathematics, physical science, and computer science. In 1983, I joined the faculty at the University of St. Francis in Joliet as an assistant professor of computer science. After many years of chairing the computer science department, I retired in 2005 (had to look that up because I never remember that I retired!). Next I embarked on a new career in online mathematics instruction, working with several online universities.

Now, I spend a lot of time working with college students in online mathematics courses. This delivery system has revolutionized higher education. It has also made higher education available to women with jobs and families who wouldn't otherwise have had the opportunity.

Other interests include contributing to AAUW and the League of Women Voters, increasing my Bridge skills with the Chicago Duplicate Bridge Club, dabbling in abstract art, supporting the Chicago theaters, and cuddling my new great granddaughter as much as possible.

New 2023-2024 Branch Directory

The new 2023-2024 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.

16th Annual No- Dinner Dinner Fundraiser – October 1-December 1, 2023

Again, this year – we are supporting National AAUW Greatest Need Fund for our sixteenth annual No-Dinner Dinner fundraiser. An invitation to the non-event fundraiser has been mailed out. Hope you can participate. Our branch goal is \$2,000- this year which breaks down to \$45- a member. Thanks for your support at any amount.

Please mail checks to Lori Switzer 2541 Ridgeway Ave Evanston IL 60201.

You may also donate online <https://my.aauw.org/donation-product-detail> and indicate the greatest need fund and Chicago Branch affiliation.

Membership Renewal

We are finishing up our membership drive. We have 54 members. Thank you to all our members who have renewed and welcome to our new members. We have less than 5 members left to renew so please take a moment and renew your membership. The form is at the bottom of this newsletter and on our website.

Welcome New Members

We have had two new members join this month. We look forward to meeting you at an upcoming event. Please join me in welcoming them to the branch.

Julia Sarazine julia.sarazine@gmail.com

Michele Stegall yellowburd1928@yahoo.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 Oct. 15th. Thanks -Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com

AAUW Chicago Branch

Budget – 2023-2024

(August 2023)

Revenue	
Dues	990*
Program Fees from Members	100
Donations from Members	200
Grant from AAUW-IL	0
Transfer from Investments (Marston)	1,000
Total Revenue	2,290
Expenses	
Insurance	200
IL Incorporation fees	20
Printing, Supplies, Postage	120
Membership Recruitment	75
Program Expenses	300
Program Planning Meetings	0
Annual Meeting Expenses	150
Public Policy Expenses	75
Contributions to AAUW National	600
Communications Software	350
Travel for State/Regional Convention	400*
Miscellaneous	0
Total Expenses	2,290

Notes:

1. \$990 Dues revenue based on 45 members
2. \$400 Travel item for Multistate Convention in St. Louis

Treasury Report: Checking Account Balance – August 31, 2023 - \$2,679.30



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 **October 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 or 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>

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<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!!