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Celebrate Chicago Branch 135th Anniversary

Saturday, June 7th at 11:30am

Join us Saturday, June 7th. We have our Year End Meeting and 135th Anniversary celebration at Osteria Via Stato at 11:30am in River North. We will have a three course Italian lunch and celebrate our past success, install new officers, and hear from our speaker and branch member Dr. Yesya Yastrubetska who will present her program ***“From Support to Impact: The Role of AAUW in Promoting Global Awareness of Ukrainian Women Leaders.”***

Cost is \$39- a person. **Please RSVP by June 4th** to Chicagoaauw@hotmail.com. Advance payment accepted via Zelle chicagoaauw@hotmail.com or mail a check to Megan Moser. Validated parking available in the Embassy Suite Hotel 620 N State St, Chicago for \$10-

Dr. Lesya Yastrubetska, Doctor of Economic Sciences, is a professor in the Department of Finance, Money Circulation, and Credit at Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine. She earned her master's degree in economics in 2002. In 2006, she completed her Ph.D. in Economics, and in 2008, she was invited to serve as an Associate Professor. In July 2023, Dr. Yastrubetska successfully defended her doctoral dissertation and was awarded the academic title of Professor. She is the author of over 130 scholarly works, including five books.

In 2024, Dr. Yastrubetska relocated to Chicago. Her research proposal, *Economic Crimes as a Threat to the State's Financial Security: A Comparative Analysis of American and European Experiences*, was accepted by the Chicago-Kent College of Law at the Illinois Institute of Technology, where she is a visiting scholar. She also enrolled in the LL.M. program in Global

Business and Financial Law to deepen her understanding of the U.S. legal system, earning a Master of Laws degree.

President's Message

Thank you to all members for participating in our recent programs. In March, branch members were able to hear from Polly Poskin on women assault support. Thank you to Paula Purdue for inviting her to present to the branch. Thank you to Megan Moser for facilitating the zoom and recording it.

Thank you to Jan Lisa Huttner for leading and organizing the 20th SWAN Day event at the AMC 12 movie theatre in Evanston. Members and guests enjoyed a private screening of "Ghost" starring Demi Moore and Whoopie Goldberg. We also heard from Rebecca Martin Fagerholm from Cinema Femme to share insight into Demi Moore's career and recent awards and Academy Award nominations. Thank you to Dortehea Juul for introducing our speaker. Also thank you to Megan Moser for handling check in.

Lastly, thank you to Loretta Pearson for researching and organizing our April meeting at the Newberry Library. Members and guests heard from a specialist from the Indigenous People D'Arcy area, Analú López, the Edward E. Ayer Librarian. She shared items from the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Collection.

I must give a huge shout out to Anne Foley and Ruth Holst for their help with the revision of the Chicago branch bylaws. We spent months and had meetings to revise the bylaws with how our branch currently operates. The running of branch has changed since COVID, and we wanted to update the bylaws with flexibility. The revised bylaws were sent to all branch members in March and will be voted for branch approval at the June 7th meeting.

Another big thank you to Ruth Holst for hosting our zoom daytime book club. It is appreciated by all members. The book club usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm. She hosts the group via zoom. All are welcome to join or read along.

Thank you to all the steering committee members for all their support and guidance over the year. The branch would not have all the wonderful programs and outings without all the members who have researched, planned and organized on behalf of the branch. We will start planning the programs and outings in late June. We hope you will share any ideas and help with programs for the 2025-26 program year. The Steering committee is open to all members. We meet once a month via zoom. Contact me for more info or the link is in this newsletter.

*Best – Lori Switzer
Chicago Branch Admin*

Meeting/Activities Dates and Topics

April 25- 26 – AAUW-IL State convention Springfield, IL

June 7– Chicago branch 135th Anniversary luncheon at Osteria Via Stato

Time to renew your membership

Membership renewal has started for 2025-26. Dues are \$104-. There was a \$2- increase in national dues but no increase in state or branch dues. Please see the form at the end of this newsletter. You can renew online via our national website www.aauw.org or you can pay via

zelle to chicagoaauw@hotmail.com Any questions contact Megan Moser meganmoser@hotmail.com or Charlaine Reynolds charlaine.reynolds@gmail.com

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

NCCWSL now managed by NASPA, unites college women from across the nation for a transformative experience in leadership development, networking, and inspiration. Registration is open, and the event will take place at the University of Maryland, College Park, from May 28-30, 2025. Please visit NASPA's NCCWSL page for the most up-to-date information. <https://www.naspa.org/events/nccwsl>

Make Illi-NOISE for Reproductive Rights – Wednesday, April 30th in Springfield

Please see below for an Illinois Lobby Day on Wednesday April 30th in Springfield. Please sign up at the link below and let us know if you are attending so we can meet up in to carpool down or meet in Springfield. Paula Purdue and AAUW-IL state public policy chairs will be attending. <https://www.weareplannedparenthoodaction.org/a/make-illi-noise-reproductive-rights> Join us for our Illinois Lobby Day with Planned Parenthood Great Rivers Action! This is your chance to take action, empower your civic voice, and make a difference. Together, we'll engage with legislators, advocating for the issues that matter most to our supporters—protecting abortion providers and patients from violence, and expanding access to birth control, abortion services, and gender-affirming healthcare. Your voice is crucial in shaping policies that directly impact our communities. Let's stand up and make change together!

Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM CT

Illinois State Capitol, 401 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62701

Sign Up Here <https://www.weareplannedparenthoodaction.org/a/make-illi-noise-reproductive-rights>

Board members needed – Equal Pay Chicago Coalition

The Equal Pay Chicago Coalition is hoping to add new volunteers to its board. I'm hoping you can encourage others in your network to consider joining us in our ongoing efforts to secure pay equity for all. The board meets via zoom and our activities include educating women and other people impacted by pay disparity of their rights, sharing strategies for effective salary negotiations, spreading the word about the wage gap and what we can do to eliminate it, planning activities around equal pay day, awarding scholarships to college students and fundraising to support all of these activities. Please let Lori know if you are interested or have questions. Thanks. Chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

It's now time to vote in the AAUW National Election 2025

The election ends on May 13, 2025, at 5:00 pm ET visit: <https://aauw.simplyvoting.com/>

For more information on the candidates and ballot initiatives, please visit

<https://act.aauw.org/MemberVote2025>.

Thank you for taking the time to vote on these important matters.

Chicago Sky WNBA Game – August 23

Come watch Chennedy Carter, Angel Reese, Brianna Turner, Lindsay Allen, and Kamilla Cardoso! We are planning a branch outing to the August 23 Chicago Sky vs. Connecticut Sun at 3:00pm at the Wintrust Arena. Tickets are \$50.50 (includes taxes and fees) Please RSVP to Megan Moser meganmoser@hotmail.com . Please zelle to

chicagoaauw@hotmail.com or mail check to Megan. Deadline to RSVP is April 22. All are welcome – feel free to invite friends and family.

Chicago Branch Treasurer Report – Megan Moser

As of April 15, 2025

Branch checking account balance: \$2,369.14

Fidelity branch savings account: \$12,587.09

2025-2027 Slate of Officers

We will vote on the slate on June 7th and officers will be installed at the annual meeting.

Secretary – Ruth Holst

Director at Large – Barbara Harris

Director ad Large – Loretta Pearson

2025 Membership Awards

We would like to recognize the following members and say thank you for their continued membership and longtime commitment to AAUW and the Chicago branch.

5 years

Anne Foley

Carla Funk

Michele Seidl

10 years

AmyJo Conroy

20 years

Ruth Holst

25 years

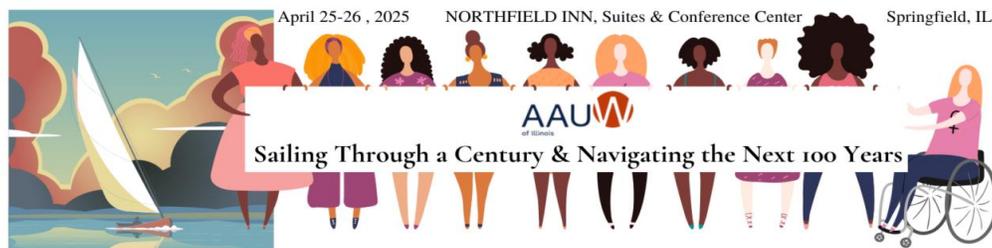
Heather Peet

Lori Switzer

30 years

Amy Laiken

Anita Moore



2025 AAUW-IL State Convention April 25-26, 2025

Springfield, IL NORTHFIELD INN, Suites & Conference Center

It's time to celebrate 100 years of AAUW-Illinois conventions and plan how we'll navigate the next 100 years.

- Friday (5-9pm) will include AAUW-IL President Laura Desmarais' reception, a special guest presentation, plenty of time to connect with

new and on-going friends from across the state, and a delicious plated dinner.

- Saturday (8:30-3:30) will include **AAUW CEO, Gloria Blackwell** as our national speaker, IL Public Policy updates, some fun interactive presentations, and of course a celebration of branch accomplishments over the past year.
- We're also incorporating a service component by having a feminine hygiene products drive. Please bring a feminine hygiene product to donate.

Conference speaker lineup:

Dre Duvendack, M.A. | Program Coordinator, Gender & Sexuality Student Services and Interim | Women's Center, University of Illinois-Springfield, **Emerson Krasnican, BSW** | Gender and Sexuality Student Services Graduate Assistant, University of Illinois-Springfield, **Gloria Blackwell** | Chief Executive Officer, AAUW, **Charlotte J. Warren, PhD** | President, Lincoln Land Community College, **Al Llorens** | President, Illinois Education Association, **Jenni Purdue** | AAUW-IL Lobbyist

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Branch Steering Committee Meeting – May 12

We will meet on Monday, May 12 at 6:30pm via zoom. All are welcome to attend. We are looking for more members to join our steering committee. You can be as involved as your schedule allows. We meet the second Monday of each month. Please join the next meeting or email Lori chicagoaauw@hotmail.com

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81297426120?pwd=C9eJyebaNVuxQkN6VmyqJbFloEbPUZ.1>

Daytime Book Club next meeting – Wed. May 21

Do you like to read? If so, join us for the daytime book club on **Wed. May 21** via zoom at 1:00pm. We will be discussing ***By Any Other Name*** by Jodi Picoult. Here is the Zoom link for the May 21 Book Club meeting. No need to register in advance.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83899924106?pwd=rBGsGWaUKyLit1b68o1OjeCMn70kb6.1>

Upcoming Books 2025

June 18 - *The Women* by Kristin Hannah - leader Margaret Rohter

July 16 - *The Wilds: A Novel in Five Acts* by Louis Bayard - leader Helen Elkiss

August 20 - *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese - leader Barb Yong

Feel free to attend online even if you don't have time to read and bring some suggestions for future books. Any questions, please contact our chair, Lori at chicagoauw@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 June Chicago Edition newsletter is due May 15th. Thanks - Lori Switzer 773/230-1063 or ChicagoAAUW@hotmail.com

**AAUW  Chicago, IL. Inc. Branch 2025-2026
Membership Form**

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2026. Annual membership dues are **\$106.00** (\$74.00 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 \$106-- Association Life \$32- Undergraduate Student Affiliate \$31.81

Dual Member \$22-

Please make your check payable to AAUW Chicago Inc. Branch or we accept payment via Zelle (bank to bank transfer) at chicagoauw@hotmail.com

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 branch activities:

_____ Program planning

_____ Meeting Volunteer

_____Public Policy and Legislative Efforts
_____Community Service
_____Social/Outing planning

SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO:
Megan Moser, 4641 N Paulina St, Apt 410 Chicago, IL, 60640

To guarantee listing in the Chicago, Illinois Branch, Inc. Membership Directory, your renewal must be received by **September 1, 2025**.

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 National website: www.aauw.org

AAUW-IL website: <https://aauw-il.aauw.net/>

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

Chicago, IL branch was founded in 1889. This is our 135th year!