



# NEWS BRIEF



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

C-U AAUW is co-sponsoring a screening of the film, **Miss Representation**, a powerful film that explores how the media's misrepresentations of women have led to the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence. It is being presented on the University of Illinois campus by the Illinois Student Senate and the Panhellenic Council, and co-sponsored by several university programs.

Monday, January 23rd from 7pm to 9pm  
 Activities and Recreation Center(ARC; formerly IMPE) room MP6 on campus  
 201 E. Peabody Dr., Champaign



We received this thank you note from **Susan Creek** and staff after we "showered" them with donations for the "Moms & Babies Program" at the Decatur Correctional Center during our November meeting.

"The Decatur Correctional Center staff and the Reunification Unit offenders want to express their sincere thanks to you for your very generous donations to the Moms & Babies Program and Out-in-a-Week Boutique. The kindness and generosity that you exhibited is sincerely appreciated and will help to carry out the mission of the Moms & Babies Program and the Decatur Correctional Center."

Susan Creek & Phyllis Cline

If you wish to donate additional items, contact Phyllis Cline at 344-4806 or [plcline@comcast.net](mailto:plcline@comcast.net) and she will pick up your items.

**Laura DeAngelis** was one of our Parkland scholarship recipients for 2010-11. She graduated with a degree in nursing. She was one of three recipients of a newly created award, the Gloria Valenti Compassionate Care Award. The purpose of the award is to encourage and foster compassionate care, now and in the future. People in the community who are in a position to observe the student's care make nominations. Laura and the other recipients of this 2012 award were pictured in the *Parkland Update*, a publication of the Parkland College Foundation.



### Great Decisions Interest Group

The Great Decisions interest group meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in members' homes. At the January

18 meeting, copies of the Briefing Book (prepared annually by the Foreign Policy Association), which contains background for the group discussions, will be distributed, and the group will make plans for the upcoming year. The cost of Briefing Book is \$20.00. The following meeting will be February 15 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. The topics for 2012 are:

Middle East realignment

Promoting democracy

Mexico

Cyber security

Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq

State of the oceans

Indonesia

Energy geopolitics

The location of the meetings will be announced later. New members are welcome. If interested, please contact Margaret Stewart at 356-9475 or [mkestewart@aol.com](mailto:mkestewart@aol.com)

**TWO NEW MEMBERS!****Hongmei Li,**

2402 Rolling Acres Dr., Champaign 61822, home phone 765-586-4973, work phone 217-333-6843, email [hmeli@illinois.edu](mailto:hmeli@illinois.edu), She has a Ph.D in Entomology from Purdue Univ. and is currently a postdoctoral research associate at the Dept. of Entomology at the UI. She is interested in the research of genome biology and the social behavior of the honeybee and fruit fly. Her hobbies include beekeeping, camping, hiking, volleyball and running. She volunteers in the International Student and Scholar Services, and at Wesley's Evening Food Pantry. She's married with a daughter Mia and is expecting another child in May.

**Aimee Rickman,**

204 W. California, Urbana 61801, cell phone 646-250-3226, [arickman@illinois.edu](mailto:arickman@illinois.edu). She has a BA from Marquette University, a MEd from the UI in Educational Psychology, and is a doctoral candidate in Human and Community Development at the UI. She is the co-founder and director of GirlZone, and a former Program Coordinator with the UIUC's Women in Engineering office. She is studying rural girls' involvement with technology and new media.

**HOT TOPICS DIALOGUE C-U AAUW is a co-sponsor of this exciting series focusing on feminist issues.**

**Hot Topics Dialogue,**

is a series hosted by the Women's Resources Center and the YWCA on campus. Hot Topics seeks to provide a space for dialogue on gender and other social identities and social justice--and occurs every 2nd and 4th Mondays 7-9pm. Refreshments will be provided. Event is free and open to the public. Should you require any additional accommodations (assistance with food and seating, large print programs, ASL interpreter, visual/audio assistance, etc.), please contact us at your earliest convenience.

**Hot Topics Dialogue:**

"Unpacking Gender and Disability"

**Monday, Jan 30, 2012 7:00 pm**

Women's Resources Center | 703 S. Wright St. MC-302  
Champaign, IL 61820

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Phone 333-3137

Beginning with the assumption that gender is inextricably connected to gender, race, class, and other social identities, panelists will explore the gendered dynamics of representation, body image/personal appearance, sexuality, and accessibility.



Our congratulations to **Tutin Aryanti** who received an International AAUW fellowship to work towards her Ph.D. in architecture at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She is from Indonesia and is majoring in the history of 20–21st century Islamic architecture in Southeast Asia with a minor in gender in Islam. Combining ethnography and architectural methodology, her research will look into women's "empowering space" in Indonesian Muslim society. Upon the completion of her doctoral program, she will continue teaching at Indonesia University of Education to generate gender awareness among current and future architects.

**ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO APPLY FOR AAUW FELLOWSHIP**

**January 10** is the deadline for submitting applications for the Selected Professions Fellowship. This Fellowship provides funding (\$5,000 - \$18,000) for women (US citizens and permanent residents) intending to pursue full-time study as master's students in fields where women's participation has historically been low, including Architecture, Computer Science, Engineering, Math and Statistics. Additional funding is available for women of color in MBA, Law (JD), and Medicine. Full information about applying can be found at [http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships\\_grants/selected.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships_grants/selected.cfm)

**Ginger Lozar**

will do a puppet show for Wine, Women & Song.



Mark your calendar for March 10, 2012

3:00pm to 5:00pm

Wine, Women & Song

Milo's Restaurant

2870 S. Philo Rd., Urbana

**Liz Hageman** (age 93), former AAUW member, passed away on Oct. 17, 2011. She completed a bachelor's degree in nutrition and dietetics at Oklahoma A&M and then a master's degree in nutritional biochemistry, an education that gave her a lifelong career as an extremely able laboratory technician.

**WRITERS' GROUP**

Friday, January 20 and Friday,  
February 17 at 1:30 pm  
Barnes & Noble,  
66 E. Market View Dr., Champaign

Meets the third Friday at 1:30 PM at  
Barnes & Noble, 66 E. Market View Dr.,  
Champaign.



All are welcome to attend-  
beginners as well as more  
experienced writers.

Contact person:  
Barbara Scott 352-7364

**DRAMA GROUP**

Thursday  
February 2 at 7:30 pm  
Home of Phyllis Cline  
104 Willard, Urbana  
344-4806, [plcline@comcast.net](mailto:plcline@comcast.net)  
Presenter: Margaret Stewart  
Program: *QED* by Peter Parnell

The Drama Group meets the first Thursday at 7:30 pm in members' homes during September, October, November, December, February, March, April, and May. Programs about plays and other theatrical productions are presented by members. New members are always welcome. Contact person: Phyllis Cline 344-4806, [plcline@comcast.net](mailto:plcline@comcast.net)



**Book Group**

Meets the fourth  
Tuesday at 2:30 PM at  
the home of Amy  
Kummerow, 1805  
Pleasant St., Urbana. It  
features books, both  
fiction and non-fiction,  
that focus on various  
aspects of diversity.

Contact person: Phyllis  
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**ADELANTE BOOK DISCUSSION**

**JANUARY 24**

*Every Man in This Village is a Liar: An Education in War*

Author: Megan Stake (2010)

Stake is a reporter who covered the war in Afghanistan after September 11 plus conflicts in many other Middle East countries. Her vivid, atmospheric prose and keen empathy make her a superb observer of the region's horrific particulars, and she offers gripping accounts of the sorrows of war and its effects on civilians caught in the middle, as the cost of violence outweighs the elusive promise of freedom and democracy.

**FEBRUARY 28—Black History Month**

*Slaves in the Family*

Author: Edward Ball (1998)

Ball traces his family back to their first arrival on American shores and also traces the lineage of the slaves his ancestors once owned. He follows their stories through the decades, using plantation records, interviews with descendents of both the Balls and their slaves, and travels to Africa and the American South. He has constructed a story of the riches and squalor, violence and insurrection, pride and shame, that make up the history and legacy of slavery in America.

**Drinks & Dialogue**

Drinks & Dialogue meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm at Wines at the Pines in Urbana. Join us for the January 10 and February 14 meetings. Enjoy a glass of wine or a cup of coffee while discussing current events with forward thinking women, and bring a friend! Laura Keller will be facilitating January discussion; topic to be announced. In February, Phyllis Cline will lead discussion about Social Security. For more information, contact Nancy Dietrich at [naneydietrich@juno.com](mailto:naneydietrich@juno.com) or 337-0334.



### What's Happening by Nancy Dietrich, Co-President

AAUW continues to be at the forefront of issues important to women on the National, State, and Local levels. Nationally, AAUW's latest research report, *Crossing the Line*, presents new data on sexual harassment in schools, and reveals some sobering statistics about the prevalence of sexual harassment and the negative impact it has on students' education. To read this report, go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). The AAUW website also has a ton of information about other ways AAUW is advocating for equity for women and girls. At the statewide level, AAUW-IL lobbyists have been actively promoting passage of HB 3027 which, according to the AAUW-IL website, "would create a standard for sexual health education courses that are more medically accurate, age-appropriate, and complete." For more information about this and other statewide initiatives, go to [www.aauw-il.org](http://www.aauw-il.org). Locally, our branch continues to collaborate with the University YWCA through the Women in Leadership program (the YW received a grant earlier this year from AAUW National to fund this program). We also have continued participation in our many interest groups and programs, as well as providing scholarships to local women—mark your calendar for our annual Wine, Women, and Song on March 10th! More information is inside.

As you can see, AAUW is hard at work advocating for women and girls, and your membership in AAUW is critically important to continue these vital programs at all levels. Consider making an extra donation this year to fund our local scholarships, or invite a friend to join AAUW, which helps fund branch programs as well as state and national endeavors. Donations can be sent to our Financial Officer, Phyllis Cline. Have a wonderful Holiday season!

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#### Mission

**AAUW advances equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**

#### AAUW's Value Promise

*By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.*

#### Diversity Statement

*In principle and in 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.*



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