



## **“IT’S MY VOTE: I WILL BE HEARD”**

Join us on **Saturday, October 6**, at Noon to hear from Trisha Crowley, Past-president of the League of Women Voters discuss the upcoming election. The luncheon program will be held at KoFusion, 1 E. Main Street, Champaign. Please call Helen Miron, 344-4225, by Tuesday, Oct. 4 to let her know you plan to attend.

The Fall 2012 edition of AAUW’s publication, *Outlook*, focuses on the upcoming election. The Champaign-Urbana chapter joins the leadership of AAUW in encouraging women to use their right to vote, with a particular call to young women. Critical issues are at stake each time U.S. citizens go to the ballot box.

Illinois is one of the 15 key states and the Champaign-Urbana Branch is joining in the Get Out the Vote activities in our community. View [www.aauwaction.org/](http://www.aauwaction.org/) to access video info and testimonials, along with access to Facebook , follow the It’s My Vote campaign on Twitter at [twitter.com/itsmyvote](https://twitter.com/itsmyvote) .

AAUW is a partner of the National Voter Registration Day, Sept 25.  
<http://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>

The Voter Registration site in Illinois –  
[http://www.elections.il.gov/voting\\_information/register.aspx](http://www.elections.il.gov/voting_information/register.aspx)



## **MEMBERS ASSUME LEADERSHIP ROLES**

Sallie Miller is serving as District 2 Director on the AAUW-IL., Inc. Board of Directors for 2012-2014. District 2 includes the following branches - Decatur, Springfield, Bloomington, Quincy, and Champaign-Urbana.

Margaret Stewart is filling the unexpired term of the state Co-vice President for Membership. This office serves the three districts in the southern and central parts of the state. Margaret will stay on top of what is happening in the branches, membership-wise, in these three districts, will attend district meetings, write an article for the spring Link, and prepare a report toward the end of the membership year.

Deborah Richie served as Chair of the Review Panel for the Career Development Grants for the 2012-2013 year.



## BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

### ADELANTE



Meets the 4th Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Phyllis Cline, 104 E. Willard St., Urbana. The reading list features books that focus on various aspects of diversity.

Libraries and # of copies:

U = Urbana C = Champaign LINC = Area System  
UI = University of Illinois

### READING LIST

#### SEPTEMBER 25

*A Singular Woman: the Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mother*. Janny Scott (2011)

This study of Ann Dunham's life, from Kansas to Hawaii and Indonesia, offers insights into how Obama's destiny was created early in his life. Dunham died at age 52 before she could see her son go on to his greatest accomplishments.

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#### OCTOBER 23

*Inside Deaf Culture*.

Padden and Humphreys (2006)

A compelling narrative of the historical, cultural, and contemporary forces that influence the lives of the deaf. Many deaf people identify themselves as part of a shared culture that uses American Sign Language as its main means of communication.

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November book - *Kill the Indian, Save the Man: the Genocidal Impact of American Indian Residential Schools*, Ward Churchill (2004).

December book - *Beyond Katrina: A Meditation on the Mississippi Gulf Coast*, Natasha Trethewey (2010).



### Drama Group

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in a member's home. Presentation about play or other theatrical production facilitated by member.

### Upcoming Topics

October 4

Cesaria Lancaster will present a program about *My Fair Lady*.

Helen Miron is the hostess, 612 W. Nevada, Urbana, 344-4225.

November 1

Jackie Terry will present a program about *You Can't Take It With You*.

Phyllis Cline is the hostess, 104 E. Willard, Urbana, 344-4806.

### Drinks & Dialogue

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Wines at the Pines, a local woman-owned business, to discuss an article or relevant current event. Contact Nancy Dietrich, 337-0334,

[nancydietrich@juno.com](mailto:nancydietrich@juno.com).

Wines at the Pines, 2860 S. Philo Road, Urbana.

<http://www.winesatthepines.com/>



## BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

### GREAT DECISIONS

Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in a member's home. Contact Jenny Harvey, 344-5339, [jennygharvey@yahoo.com](mailto:jennygharvey@yahoo.com)

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### WRITER'S GROUP

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 66 E. Market View Dr., Champaign.

All are welcome to attend-beginners as well as more experienced writers.  
Contact Barbara Scott, 352-7364



### SAVE THESE DATES – UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### NOVEMBER 3

AAUW District 2 meeting  
10:30am to 2:30pm at the  
Springfield Public Library, 326  
South 7th St, Springfield, IL.  
Topics will include membership,  
program ideas, public policy, and  
networking. Please mark your  
calendar and plan to attend!

#### MAY 3-5

Illinois/Missouri state  
convention, St. Louis

#### JUNE 9-13

AAUW national convention,  
New Orleans



## AAUW Fellowship and Scholarship Recipients

Each year, the Champaign-Urbana Branch gives three scholarships to women who are returning to college after experiencing an interruption in their education. Two scholarships are awarded to Parkland College students and one to a student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Laura DeAngelis**, an AAUW scholarship recipient, graduated from Parkland College in 2011 with an RN degree. She works at Carle in the Pediatric Sub-specialty department as a genetic nurse and loves the work. She plans to pursue a BS in Nursing from Chamberlain College while continuing to work at Carle. Laura was one of the first recipients of Parkland's Compassionate Care Award.

### MEMBERS DONATE TO AMY KUMMEROW SCHOLARSHIP

C-U branch members have given over \$1000 to the Parkland College Foundation in memory of Amy Kummerow for the Parkland College scholarship in her name. Our heartfelt thanks to members for their generosity in funding this memorial to Amy and her dedication to the principles of AAUW. Along with generous contributions to the scholarship from Amy's family and friends, a total of over \$3000 was donated to the Foundation for the scholarship.

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And, AAUW is providing more than \$4.3 million in funding for more than 278 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2012-13 academic year.

For 2012-2013, Champaign-Urbana had 3 recipients. This newsletter will feature these outstanding women throughout the year and our first is **Hongmei Li**, a Postdoctoral Fellow at Illinois who received the AAUW American Fellowship to support her research of the epigenetics and genetics of insects, including the honey bee and fruit fly.

**Dr. Li will be the featured speaker at the November 17 Noon program at KoFusion, One East Main St., Champaign.** Please call Helen Miron, 344-4225, by Wednesday, November 14 to let her know you plan to attend.

In addition to staying busy with her research, Dr. Li welcomed the second child to her family this summer. As a new member of the Champaign-Urbana Branch, we welcome her and her family to our community.





### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS OF INTEREST**

The Champaign-Urbana Branch is proud to partner with community organizations to sponsor activities and programs consistent with the mission of AAUW. One such program is the Hot Topics Dialogue Series hosted by the Women's Resource Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University YWCA. Hot Topics seeks to provide a space for dialogue on gender and other social identities and social justice. The programs occur every 2nd and 4th Mondays 7:00 to 9:00pm.

Refreshments will be provided. For information, contact Rachel Storm, Program Coordinator, [rstorm2@illinois.edu](mailto:rstorm2@illinois.edu) or 217-333-3137.

The series is free and open to the public.

#### **Upcoming programs**

Sept. 24th: "Women's Stake in the Upcoming Election"

Oct. 8th: "A Community Response to Domestic Violence Rooted in Social Justice"

Oct. 22nd: "Undocumented, Unafraid: Latina Activism"

Nov. 12th: "Incarcerated Sisters: Exploring Women in Prison"

Nov. 26th: "Understanding Human Trafficking"

### **Message from the President**

Welcome to a new year with AAUW! Hopefully you recently received the Membership/Program Directory (put together and sent to you by Financial Officer and member-extraordinaire Phyllis Cline) and checked out the programming your board has organized for the upcoming year.

Getting ready for the upcoming elections (don't forget to vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>!), we welcome Trisha Crowley from the Champaign County League of Women Voters to discuss current issues of interest to voters. We also welcome AAUW American Fellowship recipient Hongmei Li in November to discuss her research on honeybee genetics. December brings our annual Holiday Brunch, followed by our annual fundraiser Wine, Women, and Song in March. We also look forward to the AAUW-Illinois President Andi Danis speaking at our annual meeting and installation of officers in April.

Included in the Program Directory is information outlining our fundraising programs (Local Scholarships, as well as national AAUW's Fellowships and Grants and Legal Advocacy Fund). Please consider contributing to these wonderful AAUW programs.

Over the past year we also lost two long-time C-U Branch members: Betty Hembrough last January and Amy Kummerow this past July. Although sad to hear of their passing, we should be proud of their legacy and the fact that we can call them two of our own as fellow AAUW members.

Please mark your calendars now for our meetings and programs scheduled for the upcoming year. If you have any suggestions for future programs or anything else, don't hesitate to contact me.

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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.*



**Breaking through Barriers**