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Important dates for upcoming year

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| September 29 | Welcome Social |
| October 27 | Southern District Fall Conference |
| November 6 | Election Day |
| November 10 | Program |
| December 10 | Jane Addams Day |
| May 3-4, 2019 | AAUW-IL State Convention, Springfield, IL |

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 29

WELCOME!

Please join us for a welcoming social on Saturday, September 29th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. for coffee and breakfast treats at **Harvest Market** (upstairs). This is a great informal setting in which to meet other members as well as some of our local AAUW fellowship and grant recipients.

Bring guests who are interested in learning more about AAUW.

JOIN US ON November 10

PROGRAM

Saturday, November 10 at noon: Ko-Fusion, 1 E. Main St., Champaign
AAUW International Fellowship recipient in the 1980s, Prof. Pnina Motzafi-Haller, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel and Visiting Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign will present a talk on her work, entitled "Are Batswana women feminists? Reflections on an African three-decade long encounter".



Welcome

Welcome to a new AAUW year. Whether you are a new member or a long-time one, you are part of an organization whose mission “to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy”, is as important today as it ever was.

The past year saw a new awareness of many of the issues that AAUW has promoted. Women’s voices are being heard as never before, and AAUW was often called upon to provide our expertise. An unprecedented number of women are running for office. The state of Illinois finally ratified the Equal Rights Amendment. This year promises to be just as eventful.

I hope you will be part of the action this year by attending our programs or interest group meetings. Our goal is to have activities that keep us informed about the issues, promote our mission, and give us chances to socialize and have fun together. Please feel free to contact me or any of our leadership with suggestions or questions. Our membership is our strength.

Laura Keller
C-U AAUW President

C-U AAUW Board 2018-2019

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FALL CONFERENCE

AAUW-IL holds two fall conferences each year, organized for the districts throughout the state. Our branch is part of the southern conference group and this year we will meet on **Saturday, October 27, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm** at the Lincoln Public Library Carnegie Room North, 326 S. 7th St., Springfield (Parking available in the garage underneath the library).

Registration form is available in the fall *LINK* - https://aauw-il.aauw.net/files/2018/08/LINK_fall2018.pdf
Questions? Contact Judy Griffin, 309-253-8227 or grifjua@gmail.com

PROGRAM

- Remarks by President Jennifer Urish
- Title IX Compliance and Initiatives
- Start Smart/Work Smart
- Our Branches: Mission-Based Programs



Membership

The membership year is July 1-June 30 – thanks to everyone who renewed and welcome to the new members! It is not too late to join – for information, contact our membership Chair Gail Tittle at gatittle@gmail.com or Finance director Pam Erickson at pam.k.erickson@gmail.com. Your support is vitally important – thanks again!

Adelante Book Discussion Group 2018-2019 Booklist

September - **Paradise Beneath Her Feet: How Women are Transforming the Middle East** by Isobel Coleman. An account of the work of women in the Middle East and Asia who are challenging the restrictions placed on them by their societies and helping make change.

October - **The Dark Art: My Undercover Life in Global Narcoterrorism** by Edward Follis. Veteran DEA agent recounts his undercover career and the links between narcotics trafficking and terrorism.

December - **The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women** by Kate Moore. Best-selling account of the young women in early 20th century US who worked painting the dials of clocks with radioactive paint and the catastrophic effects on their health. One factory was in Ottawa, Illinois.

January - **Educated: A Memoir** by Tara Westover. Best-selling story of a young girl who was kept out of school by her survivalist family but went on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.

February - **The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote** by Elaine Weiss. As we approach the 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote, this new book tells the story of the six weeks in 1920 leading up to the momentous vote.

March - **Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison to Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women** by Susan Burton and Cari Lynn. This book is Burton's account of her road from prison to leader in the movement to reform the criminal justice systems.

April - **The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies** by Jason Fagone. This book unveils America's codebreaking history through the life of Elizabeth Smith Friedman, whose work spanned from WW I to the Cold War and whose contributions were erased by the men around her and those in power.

May - **Becoming** by Michelle Obama. This is the long-awaited memoir by the former first lady which will be released in November 2018.



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June - **The Other Einstein: A Novel** by Marie Benedict. Fictional account based on the life of Mileva Einstein, the first wife of the famous Albert. She was also a brilliant physicist whose contributions to Einstein's theory of relativity have been hotly debated.

July - **To Siri With Love: A Mother, Her Autistic Son, and the Kindness of Machines** by Judith Newman. Newman shares a series of stories of life with her autistic son, Gus, and his bond with Siri, the perfect patient companion. Touted as a love letter to her son and to technology, it is also a story of parenthood with an exceptional child.

August - **The Bookseller of Kabul** by Asne Seierstad. A true account of the lives of the Afghan people, especially the women, under the Taliban and the bookseller who bravely provides them with books.

Special Interest Groups

Adelante Book Discussion

3rd Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 pm

Sattherthwaite Conference Rm, Urbana Free Library

Contact Sallie Miller millersallie@hotmail.com or Laura Keller kellerla@comcast.net

Drama Group

1st Thursday, 3 pm (Oct, Nov, March, April, May)

Contact Cesaria Lancaster fwclancaster@yahoo.com or 217 384-7798 or Betty Cook, 815-686-2262 or blcook22@frontier.com

Drinks & Dialogue

2nd Tuesday, 6 to 8 pm

Sun Singer, Champaign

Contact Gail Tittle gatittle@gmail.com

Great Decisions

2nd Wednesday beginning January 9, 2019, 6:30 to 8 pm

Windsor of Savoy

Contact Carol Veit carol_veit@yahoo.com or 892-9591

Champaign-Urbana Local Scholarship Recipients

Thank you for your continued support of our three local scholarship programs. Each year we partner with the Financial Aid office at Parkland College to identify a pool of worthy candidates who are entering college after a break in their educational pursuits. Each scholarship provides the student with \$1,000 for the academic year. The scholarship committee members are: Elaine Peppers and Bette van Es, co-chairs; Sallie Miller; Laura Keller; Deborah Richie. The 2018-2019 recipients are:

2018-2019 National Fellowship and Grant Recipients



American Fellowship

[Jaime Coon](#)

Institution: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Discipline: Natural resources management

Degree and Specialization: Ph.D., Wildlife conservation and management

International Fellowship

[Prapti Kafle](#)



Institution: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Citizenship: Nepal

Discipline: Engineering - chemical

Degree and Specialization: Ph.D., Crystallization of pharmaceuticals

International Fellowship

[Nubras Samayeen](#)

Institution: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign



Citizenship: Bangladesh

Discipline: Interdisciplinary programs

Degree and Specialization: Ph.D., Landscape architecture and architecture



AAUW-IL News

State Board Elections

Fall is here it is time to think about our talented AAUW members who can help lead our branches and state by serving on the AAUW-IL, Inc. State Board! This is an opportunity to serve AAUW and work with members from throughout Illinois.

Nominations are now being accepted for the offices of:

- *President Elect (one year as President Elect followed by two years as President)
- *Membership Vice-President(s) (two-year term)
- Secretary (two-year term)

AAUW-IL NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2018-2020

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Please contact any of the above members of the Nominating Committee if you know of someone who might be interested in serving at the state level, INCLUDING YOURSELF! Nominations are due to the committee by November 30, 2018!! *State Board experience required

Public Policy News

KEEP INFORMED Public Policy co-chairs, Susan Scott and Tracey Sherman-Falcon, will use Google Groups to send out updates and appeals to all branch Public Policy chairs and to any other AAUW-IL members who wish to be informed. Please contact us if you want to be included (or removed from) our AAUW-IL Public Policy Google Group – Susan at susscott1@yahoo.com and Tracey at shermanfalcon@hotmail.com



News from AAUW (<http://www.aauw.org/>)

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BE INVOLVED

AAUW is a nationwide network of 170,000 members and supporters, 1,000 branches, and 800 college/university partners.

Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Values

Nonpartisan
Fact-based
Integrity
Inclusion and
Intersectionality

Vision

Equity for all

Application for Election to the 2019–21 AAUW Board of Directors

For more information on submitting an application, go to <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election-board-application/>

Publication

Broken Ladders: Barriers to Women's Representation in Nonprofit Leadership can be found at <https://www.aauw.org/research/broken-ladders/>

Strategic Plan

AAUW 2018 STRATEGIC PLAN
BEYOND ASPIRATIONS: Advancing Equity for Women & Girls

Available at <https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/>



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