



Newsletter of the

## Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch

Founded April 1971 ~ Celebrating 45 Years!

2016-2017, No. 7

**"AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research"**  
**AAUW is open to graduates who hold the associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified college or university.**

### Who we are...

The Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch of AAUW supports the full range of the AAUW mission through its monthly program meetings, special interest study groups, and public outreach events, by engaging in political action, collaborating with local organizations and educational institutions regarding AAUW topics, and by supporting area young women and girls directly. We are one of six branches in the St. Louis, MO, area that comprise the AAUW Metro Saint Louis Interbranch Council (IBC).

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## Spring Fling Luncheon

Each March the IBC-sponsored Spring Fling Luncheon serves as our March monthly branch meeting and program. This fundraiser enables us to send two college students to AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington, D.C.

**This year's event is especially exciting because our very own Kay Meyer is being honored with the prestigious *Barbara Lackritz AAUW Service Award* given to an outstanding AAUW area member.** Kay's dedication to AAUW's issues is evident in the many, many things she does for AAUW. This award could not go to a more deserving person. Show your support by attending the luncheon. Contact Marsha Koch or Jeannie Webdell for carpooling information.

### CONGRATULATIONS, KAY!

**When:** Saturday, March 25, 11:30 am  
**Where:** Glen Echo Country Club  
**Program:** Court Watch  
**Speaker:** Jessica Woolbright, Children's Program Coordinator at St. Martha's Hall, Chair of St. Louis Ending Violence Against Women Network (SLEVAWN)  
**Cost:** \$28 (Registration form attached)

## Pay Equity: The Root Causes

In conjunction with the Press Club of St. Louis, AAUW St. Louis will present a panel discussion on pay equity, one of AAUW's policy issues.

**When:** Thursday, March 30, 12:00 Noon  
**Where:** Missouri Athletic Club, West Wing, 1777 Des Peres Rd, 63131  
**Cost:** Buffet lunch – \$20 (members), \$25 (non-members) – space is limited  
**Contact:** Jan Scott, 314-727-6876  
**Register:** Online [here](#) or call 314-449-8029

This program will consist of a panel on such topics as:

- Statistics and facts about pay equity Issues
- Impact on women of color – the stories behind the numbers
- Labor and union Issues associated with pay equity
- Start Smart – the importance of negotiation skills for women

See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

## Women's History Month Event

Featuring: Pamela B. Jackson, vice president, Technology, Emerson  
Title of Talk: *Women in STEM Careers – Bridging the gender gap to foster innovation and competitiveness*  
When: Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
Time: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM (program); 6:30 PM to 7:15 PM (reception)  
Where: UMSL — JC Penney Summit Lounge & Lobby  
Cost: Free and open to the public  
Sponsors: College of Business Administration, E. Desmond Lee Professor in Developing Women & Entrepreneurs in International Business, UMSL Executive Leadership Consortium, UMSL Gender Studies

Women's History Month events are also being held at:

[St. Louis Community College](#)

[St. Louis University](#)

### March Birthdays!

15 – Tandy Thompson

### Slate of Officers 2017-19

Lynne Roney and Jeannie Webdell are pleased to present the following nominations:

President: Chris Nobbe

Program VP: Marsha Koch

Acceptance of nominations will be at the April meeting.

### April Meeting

The April meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 27**, at the Oak Bend Library. This program will be jam packed with a presentation from one of AAUW's fellowship awardees and recognition of two high school recipients of our STEAM scholarships. Please bring feminine products to donate. Coffee, hot water/tea, and bottled water will be available. More details will be in the April newsletter.

*AAUW is a non-partisan organization that is working hard for all women's rights. With respect to all, please be observant of non-partisanship at branch meetings and events.*

### Guests are Always Welcome

We encourage you to bring guests to our meetings to introduce them to AAUW. If they cannot attend a meeting, ask our membership VP's to contact them; they will send newsletters and links to helpful AAUW information.

New members joining after March 15 get the benefit of membership through June 30, 2018. Joining can be done online at [Join AAUW](#) or by contacting one of our membership VP's.

### Meet 'n Geek Kickoff

A new technology learning group is forming to enable members to learn better ways to use new technologies--Iphones, tablets, Ipads, Google Docs, email, Microsoft Office, etc. At this kickoff session, we will better define our purpose and mission and brainstorm topics for future meetings.

When: Friday, March 24, 9-11 am

Where: Egg and I

11692 Manchester Road, Des Peres, 63131  
314-821-3447

Contact: Marsha Koch, 636-256-3746 or  
[mkwk@outlook.com](mailto:mkwk@outlook.com)

### From AAUW Fellow Rachel Reid

Rachel presented her research at one of our branch meetings and at an AAUW MO conference. She is a volunteer for Dignity Period, an organization that provides reusable menstrual pads to girls in rural Ethiopia so that they do not have to miss school. Dignity Period's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Spring Gala is on April 1. For more information visit [Dignity Period](#).

### St. Louis Metro AAUW Interbranch Council (IBC)

#### International Relations Lecture Series

Each program is followed by lunch (bring your own) and further discussion of the topic.

When: March 14, 10:45 am (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Jan - Apr)  
Immigrants and Refugees from a Global Perspective

Where: The Ethical Society  
9001 Clayton Road  
St. Louis, MO 63117

Contact: [Kay Meyer](#), 314-962-7487

### **Downtown Lunch Group**

When: March 21, 11:45 am  
(3rd Tuesday each month)  
Where: Peacemaker Lobster & Crab  
1831 Sidney Street, 63104  
314-722-8858  
Contact: [Kay Meyer](#), 314-962-7487

### **¡Adelante! Book Group**

When: March 23, 1:30 pm  
(4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month)  
Book: Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World by Linda Hirshman  
Reviewer: Lynne Roney  
Where: Barnes & Noble, Chesterfield Oaks Shopping Center, 1600 Clarkson Road  
Contact: [Julie Triplett](#), 314-630-9429

### **IBC Board Meeting**

All members are invited to attend meetings and participate in IBC activities.

When: 7:00 pm Tuesday, May 30  
Where: St. Louis County Library Headquarters, Rm A  
1640 South Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63131  
Contact: [Kay Meyer](#), 314-962-7487

### **From St. Charles (MO) AAUW**

St. Charles invites you to their 6th Annual Ladies Tea Time Trivia for fantastic food, fun, and a good time with friends. Questions are topics of interest to women. NO men's sports! Support the two high school scholarships!! A registration flyer is attached.

When: 1:00- 3:30 pm, Saturday, April 22  
Where: Fellowship Hall  
Faith United Methodist Church  
2950 Droste Road, St. Charles  
Contact: Rose Ann, 636-946-5226

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### **AAUW MO**

By now you should have received the Winter 2017 issue of *Missouri in Motion*. If you have not, please contact [Carol Davis McDonald](#), 636-227-0511.

### **Equity Action Day – Tuesday, April 4**

AAUW along with other coalition organizations will meet in Jefferson City to hear updates on our legislative issue and lobby legislators about our issues. The Missouri

Women's Network (MWN) is a collective of women's organizations and organizes this annual Lobby Day. If you would like an opportunity to speak directly with your representative with the support of a larger organization, please consider attending this Lobby Day. The event will also include other activities and speakers.

To make this day easier for our members to participate, money has been allocated from our impact grant to offset part of the cost of renting buses from both St. Louis and Kansas City. Details will be sent via separate email as soon as they are available. An MWN membership form is attached.

### **State Conference – Saturday, May 6**

Make plans now to attend our state conference in Columbia, MO. Meet members from across the state, get updates on public policy progress, and hear from a pay equity challenger that AAUW is supporting. See the *Missouri in Motion* or the [AAUW MO website](#) for more Information. Let president Kay Meyer know if you will be attending. There may be opportunities for partial branch reimbursement of the registration cost.

### **Public Policy: Gender Pay Gap Activity**

Don't forget to email or call your local representatives with weekly messages about the gender pay gap. Messages for each week of the MO Legislature session are in the January newsletter.

### **Public Policy: Impact Grant—MO Lobby Corps**

To be part of the MO Lobby Corps, contact Karen Francis, Public Policy Co-Chair for AAUW MO at [karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com](mailto:karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com).

### **Public Policy: Court Watch Training**

To volunteer for the St. Louis Ending Violence Against Women Network (SLEVAWN) Court Watch Project, contact Karen Francis, Public Policy Co-Chair for AAUW MO at [karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com](mailto:karenbitzafrancis@yahoo.com).

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### **AAUW**

### **AAUW Art Contest – Deadline for Voting March 5**

Have you voted in the 9th annual [AAUW Art Contest](#) (<http://www.aauw.org/contests/>)? You may vote for up to 10 submissions, and Missouri has 5 entries.

- Green Tea and Sweet Beans
- Peeking Cardinal
- Dragonfly Resting on Sunburst
- Roar
- Kansas Tulips

AAUW hosts this annual art contest to give women artists the attention they deserve. The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards mailed to AAUW members in the spring.

### **National Convention – June 14-17**

Early bird registration ends March 31. Save \$50 by registering early. Let president Kay Meyer know if you will be attending. There may be opportunities for partial branch reimbursement of the registration cost.

### **¡Adelante!**

Join an online chat with Linda Hirshman, author of *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*

When: March 28, 7:00 pm

Where: [AAUW](#)

### **AAUW Membership Benefits**

[DiversityComm](#), the publisher of *Professional Woman's Magazine*, *Black EOE Journal*, *Hispanic Network Magazine*, and *Diversity in STEAM Magazine*, will provide all AAUW members with a digital download of each of their publications. DiversityComm's mission is to promote the advancement of all aspects of business and employment in order to ensure equal opportunity. It is dedicated to educating about and providing equal opportunity within corporate America in order to create a more diverse workplace.

### **Shop at Target, Support AAUW!**

AAUW is pleased to announce a new member benefit with Target. Every time you make a [Target.com](#) purchase, you can now donate to AAUW — and take advantage of weekly flash sales and promotions!

For every Target.com purchase you make, AAUW earns up to 5 percent commission. It's a win-win situation! Simply use AAUW's dedicated link, [bit.ly/AAUWtarget](#), to shop for your favorite items at Target. All sales made through our link will be eligible for supporting AAUW.

Even better, when you sign up for a wedding, baby, or college registry at Target.com via [AAUW's member link](#), AAUW will get a \$4–\$6 donation and \$8 for every Target REDcard registration.

## **Calendar**

### **March – Women's History Month**

- 8 International Women's Day
- 11 Deadline for Spring Fling Luncheon registration
- 14 International Relations Series—The Ethical Society Immigrants and Refugees from a Global Perspective
- 16 Full-Year Dues Gets 15-Month Membership
- 21 Downtown Lunch Group—Peacemaker Lobster & Crab
- 25 IBC Spring Fling Luncheon—Glen Echo Country Club
- 31 Deadline for Convention Early Bird Registration

### **April – Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

- 1 Early Registration for NCCWSL Ends
- 3 Opening Day to Request Paper Ballot
- 4 MO Equity Day Rally—Jefferson City
- 4 Equal Pay Day
- 11 International Relations Series—The Ethical Society The Trans Pacific Partnership
- 14 Voting Begins Online
- 18 Downtown Lunch Group—The London Tea Room
- 27 KWG Meeting—AAUW Fellow Dr. Helina S. Woldekiros and STEAM Scholarship Recipients

### **May 2017**

- 1 Deadline for AAUW to Receive Request for Paper Ballot
- 5 MO Board Meeting—Columbia
- 6 MO State Convention—Columbia
- 16 Downtown Lunch Group—The Garden on Grand
- 20 KWG Spring Banquet—Program TBA
- 22 Deadline for Mailing Paper Ballot
- 31- NCCWSL—University of Maryland at College Park  
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### **June 2017**

- 14-17 National Convention—Washington DC
- 20 Downtown Lunch Group—LuLu Seafood & Dim Sum
- 23 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Title IX
- 30 AAUW Fiscal Year Ends

### **July 2017**

- 15 MO Board Meeting
- 31 Marion Talbot's Birthday

### **August 2017**

- 26 Women's Equality Day



*AAUW St. Louis Metro Interbranch Council*  
*2017 Spring Fling*

Saturday, March 25, 2017 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Glen Echo Country Club, East Room  
3401 Lucas and Hunt Road, St. Louis, MO 63121

*Program: Jessica Woolbright, Children's Program Coordinator at St. Martha's Hall and Chair of St. Louis Ending Violence Against Women Network (SLEVAWN)*

Jessica is a licensed clinical social worker who did her undergraduate work at UMSL and received her master's in social work from St. Louis University.

As stated in AAUW's Public Policy Program, 2015-2017, Public Policy Principles for Action: "We advocate equitable climates free of harassment, bullying, and sexual assault....AAUW believes in the right to privacy and freedom from violence." Learn from one of St. Louis's experts about the facts on domestic violence and sexual assault, their impact on families and children, and what is being done in St. Louis to assist survivors. Hear about the Court Watch Project, "Support of Families in the Justice System."

11 a.m. - Registration, Ticket Raffle for Baskets, Cash Bar  
12 Noon - Welcome, Luncheon, Awards Presentation, and Program  
Raffle Baskets from the branches support IBC.

Menu: Choice of Chef Salad or Chicken Glen Echo (breast of chicken stuffed with cheese, spinach, and tomatoes, topped with sauce). Luncheon cost is \$28. Guests are welcome.

Directions: Take I-170 to St. Charles Rock Road exit. Turn right on St. Charles Rock Road; go about 3 miles to Lucas and Hunt Road, then left on Lucas and Hunt. Go about 1 mile. Turn left into country club entrance gate in wall, which is *not* well marked. This is about 0.2 mile before the Natural Bridge intersection. Or take I-70 to Lucas and Hunt exit. Go south on Lucas and Hunt 0.2 mile past Natural Bridge. Turn right into country club grounds. You can also enter through St. Mary's Lane off Natural Bridge. Turn at Value Village building with blue awning.

Registration deadline March 11. Mail form and check payable to AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC.  
Send to: Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Dr., Manchester, MO 63011-0511

-----Please cut here and send the form below with your check-----

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one entrée choice: Chef Salad Chicken Glen Echo

Number of people at \$28\* \_\_\_\_\_

Check total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

*(\*If paying for guests, please write their names and entrée choice on the back of this form.)*

*Please list any dietary restrictions here:*



The Tuesday Women's Association of Ethical Society and the American Association of University Women present the:

## 2017 International Relations Lecture Series

Ethical Society of St Louis  
9001 Clayton Road  
St Louis, MO 63117

Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, January to April, in the upper auditorium. The public is cordially invited. There is no fee, but all contributions are greatly appreciated. Free parking is available in the rear of the building. The 45 – 50-minute lecture will be followed by a question and answer period. Attendees are invited to bring lunch and to stay and discuss the day's topic. In case of inclement weather, you may call 314-991-0955, ext. 224

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March 14, 2017

### Immigrants and Refugees from a Global Perspective

Uma A. Segal is professor and baccalaureate program director in the School of Social Work at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. Dr. Segal served 2007-2015 as resident scholar on migration on the Advisory Board of the Katherine A. Kendall Institute (KAKI), an international arm of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). She was editor in chief of the *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies* from 2004-2012, and is coeditor of the book *Immigration Worldwide: Policies, Practices, and Trends*. Dr. Segal has participated in research projects on cross-national comparisons of migration in Athens, Greece, Sofia, Bulgaria, and Tokyo, Japan, and has been an invited speaker in several Asian and European countries. In addition, her research has taken her to Brazil, India, Russia, and the United Kingdom.

Coordinator: Sara Salbego

Assistant Coordinator: Nancy Hutchins

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April 11, 2017

### The Trans Pacific Partnership: Status Update

Dave Robertson, PhD, Professor and chair of the Political Science Department, University of Missouri St. Louis and University of Missouri Curators Teaching Professor. Dr. Robertson's areas of specialization are American institutions and Politics, Political History, American Social and Economic Policy Political Economy, U.S. Constitution, Environmental History, Policy & Politics, Labor Politics, Policy Analysis, and Missouri Politics.

How familiar are we with American trade agreements? Have our two major political parties clearly articulated positions on American trade policy? How are trade agreements negotiated and how do they impact foreign policy? This presentation will give us a contextual overview of American trade policy, recent trade agreements and seek to explain who the drivers are.

Coordinator: Kayla Vaughan

Assistant Coordinator: Carolyn Herkstroeter

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The Missouri Women's Network  
is a coalition of Missouri groups and  
individuals working for equity for women.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To create a network of Missouri women and men to facilitate coordination, to provide an educational and communications system, and to strengthen the advocacy voice for women's issues based on the principles articulated in the *National Plan of Action* adopted by the National Women's Conference Committee in Houston (1977).

**JOIN AND KEEP WOMEN'S ADVOCACY STRONG IN MISSOURI!!**

Enclosed is my check made payable to Missouri Women's Network.  
Mail to: Dr. A. Patricia Shores, 938 Stone Spring Dr., Eureka MO, 63025

MWN Organization Dues ☐ \$30.00    MWN Individual Dues ☐ \$20.00

*Missouri Women's Network Dues are **not** tax deductible*

MWN Educational Fund ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_

*Missouri Women's Network Educational Fund contributions **are** tax deductible*

Other ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

Organization		
Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone	E-mail	

*St. Charles American Association of University Women  
6th Annual Local Scholarship/Education Fundraiser*

## *“Ladies Tea Time Trivia”*

*Coffee, Tea, Soda, Homemade Sweets and Treats Provided  
Feel free to bring additional snacks for your table. No alcohol allowed*

*Saturday, April 22, 2017 1:00- 3:30 pm Doors open at 12:30 pm*

*Fellowship Hall- Faith United Methodist Church 2950 Droste Road St. Charles*

*Directions: I-70 to First Capitol, left to West Clay, right on Droste. Enter parking lot on Norwich.*

*Ladies: Experience a unique trivia featuring ten categories of  
women’s interests and general topics! NO men’s sports questions!!!*

*\$120 donation table of 8 \$90 donation table of 6 \$15 donation single ticket  
Baskets Mulligan (5/\$10) Brains or Booty (Heads or Tails) Bonus Round*

*St. Charles AAUW Scholarships have been awarded since 1938 to St. Charles County High  
School Senior Women meeting qualifications of the Branch Scholarship Committee.*

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*Contact’s Name \_\_\_\_\_*

*Phone contact \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_*

*\_\_\_\_\_ Table of eight- \$120 \_\_\_\_\_ Table of 6- \$90*

*Please send one check per table or send all checks together.*

*\_\_\_\_\_ Single- \$15 (Note: Singles will be assigned to a table fewer than 8)*

*Make check payable to: St. Charles AAUW Check number \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_*

*Registration and check to: AAUW 600 Breeze Park Dr Apt 305 St. Charles, MO 63303*

*Questions: Phone contact- Rose Ann at 636-946-5226*

*\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a donation to the local St. Charles Branch AAUW Scholarship Fund*

*\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor a round for \$25. I’ve enclosed a business card / information*





**American Association of University Women - Missouri**  
**ANNUAL STATE MEETING: *Changing the Climate for Women and Girls***

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**  
**Holiday Inn Executive Center**  
**2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, MO**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Registration/Coffee/Networking</b>
<b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>OPENING SESSION – Welcome! Jan Scott, President, AAUWMO AAUW Update – Janet Bunker, AAUW Board</b>
<b>10:00 AM - 10:15 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:15 AM – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>AAUW-MO Business Meeting &amp; Annual Awards Presiding, Jan Scott, AAUW-MO President (Photos: 11:30-11:45 AM)</b>
<b>12:00 Noon – 12:45 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>12:45 PM – 1:15 PM</b>	<b>LAF Speaker Aileen Rizo, Plaintiff, <i>Rizo v. Fresno</i></b>
<b>1:15PM – 1:45 PM</b>	<b>CEDAW – What is it? Gail James</b>
<b>1:45 PM - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:00 PM – 3:15 PM</b>	<b>Public Policy Impact Grant Update: MO Lobby Corps and What's Up in Jeff City? Pat Shores, Karen Francis</b>
<b>3:15 PM – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Wrap-Up – Jan Scott, Presiding</b>

Please mail in the bottom portion of this flyer with your check **BEFORE APRIL 6**

Registration fee: \$60.00 (Late registration \$65.00). Make checks payable to AAUW of Missouri, with "2017 Conference" in the memo line.

Send to: ELLEN JOHNSON, 4505 Headwood Dr., Apt. 7, Kansas City, MO 64111

A block of rooms is being held for Friday night. To make a reservation call 573-445-8531 and say you are with American Association of University Women (use 3-digit code 'AAW').

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**2017 AAUWMO CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ E MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of guests (give their contact information on the reverse side) \_\_\_\_

I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_



*St. Louis Press Club and AAUW St. Louis Branch present:*

***A Luncheon Forum on  
“Pay Inequity: Root Causes”***

**Noon, Thursday, March 30, 2017**

At the [Missouri Athletic Club-West](#) (click for directions)

1777 Des Peres Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131

Come learn about statistics and facts affecting pay equity issues, including “root causes” for women of color, the role of unions, and the Start Smart program of negotiation skills for women.

**Panelists:** Karen Francis, Moderator  
Malaika Horne, Impact on Women of Color  
Joan Suarez, Labor and Unions  
Suzanne Gellman, Start Smart and Work Smart

Lunch buffet: \$20 for Press Club members and \$25 for non-members/guests.

[Click Here for Reservation](#) Or call 314-449-8029

\*\*\*\*\* **PANEL INFORMATION** \*\*\*\*\*



**Karen Francis** was a public school educator for 34 years having been a classroom teacher, counselor and high school administrator. She has a BS in Education from Southwest Missouri State, MA in Education in Guidance and Counseling from UMSL, and a Specialist in Educational Leadership and administration from SIU-E.



**Suzanne Gellman** is a Financial Education Specialist with the University of Missouri Extension. She has more than 20 years’ experience developing financial education materials and curriculum, coordinating and presenting seminars and community events, and consulting on financial planning and financial management practices.



**Malaika Horne** is founding director of the Executive Leadership Consortium – College of Business Administration at the University of Missouri – St. Louis. Previously she served as a professor at Webster University – School of Communications and Journalism.



**Joan Suarez** is coordinator for Bread and Roses Missouri. A life-long activist, she began working for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in 1962. She would eventually rise to International Vice-President of ACTWU (now Workers United). After retiring in 2001 she became a leader in Missouri Jobs with Justice.