

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

*AAUW is open to graduates who hold the associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a qualified college or university.*

The Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch of AAUW supports the full range of the AAUW mission through its monthly program meetings, special interest 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 five branches in the St. Louis, MO, area that comprise the AAUW Metro St. Louis Interbranch Council (IBC).

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Click [here](#) to join our FB group

## THE SUPPRESSION OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE

February 15, 2020 (Saturday)

9:30 AM Social Networking/Refreshments, 10:00 AM program

Grand Glaize County Library

1010 Meramec Station Rd, Manchester 63021

*Attacks on voting rights are increasing. In Missouri efforts to restrict voting include the requirement to have a pictorial voter ID and legislative efforts to set limits on the ballot initiative process.*

*Come hear from Sara Baker, legislative and policy director for the ACLU of Missouri, about current efforts to suppress votes and how her office is fighting to protect everyone's voting rights.*



**Sara Baker** is responsible for working with elected officials and community organizations on issues related to the rights of all Missourians. She is returning to her home state after serving as special projects manager and Stephen M. Rivers Memorial fellow at the Center for Democracy in the Americas in Washington D.C.

While at the Center for Democracy in the Americas, Sara provided research on the role of women in Cuba's evolving economy and worked directly with high-level congressional delegations to the island. Her thesis, "Alternative Futures for the Civil Military Relationship in a Post-Castro Cuba," was published on the director of National Intelligence's Virtual Americas Network, widely circulated in the White House, and led to an opportunity for Sara to brief the deputy assistant secretary of defense for western hemisphere affairs.

Prior to her time in D.C., Sara instructed and organized students in the Global Citizenship Program at Washington University in St. Louis. At Wash U, she served as a policy fellow for the American Association of University Women, where she advocated for legislation to curb sexual assault on campus and in favor of equal pay. Outside of academia, Sara worked with the International Institute in Saint Louis to resettle refugees and help them access state and federal benefits.

Sara holds a Bachelor of Arts in International and Area Studies and Spanish, and a Master of Arts in International Affairs, both from Washington University in St. Louis.

## Save the Date

### Upcoming Programs:

**March 28 (Saturday) - IBC Spring Fling**, Greenbriar Hills Country Club. (Thank you to members Bruce and Jane Robert for being our sponsor.) See attached flyer/form.

**April 16 (Thursday)** —STEM program and scholarship awards at Grand Glaize Library. Our speaker will be LaShana Lewis, owner of L. M. Lewis Consulting, whose mission is to improve businesses' diversity and inclusion efforts around the world.

**May** - Banquet and Year-End Celebration. TBA

### STEM Fundraiser Gift Cards

We still have Texas Roadhouse gift cards available for purchase. We receive 10% of the sales. Denominations of the cards are as low as \$5.00 up to \$50. Let Jeannie Webdell know what your order is, and she will arrange to get your cards to you. You can contact Jeanne Webdell by e-mail by phone 573.754.0943 or email [Jeannewebdell@gmail.com](mailto:Jeannewebdell@gmail.com). Think about giving gift cards for a dinner out. And buy some for yourself.



### AAUW FUND

The total raised by K-WG Branch members for 2019 was \$3,685.00! Thanks to all who can and do give to support our mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

“Cautious, careful people, always casting about to preserve their reputations can never effect a reform.”

- Susan B. Anthony

## AAUW METRO ST LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL (IBC)

IBC consists of representatives from each of the St. Louis AAUW branches (Ballwin-Chesterfield, Ferguson-Florissant, Kirkwood-Webster Groves, St. Charles, and St. Louis). The following officers from each branch are members of IBC:

- President
- Program vice president
- Membership vice president
- A member-at-large.

All AAUW members are invited to attend meetings (quarterly, third Tuesday of August, November, February, and May) and participate in IBC activities. The next IBC meeting will be Tuesday, February 25th, 7:00 p.m., at the Thornhill County Library. All AAUW members are welcome to attend.

### IBC BOOK GROUP

This group, started in 1996 as a component of AAUW's diversity outreach program, meets in September, October, and January through May to discuss books written from diverse perspectives. AAUW members from all St. Louis area branches are welcome.



Where: Barnes & Noble, Chesterfield Oaks Shopping Center, 1600 Clarkson Road

When: 1:30 pm the 4th Thursday of the month

Contact: Teri Brecht, [tebrecht@yahoo.com](mailto:tebrecht@yahoo.com)

- Feb 27 *My Black Friend Says: Lessons in Equality, Inclusion, and Cultural Competency* by Heather Flemming. Reviewer: Teri Brecht
- Mar 26 *Myth of the Nice Girl: Achieving a Career You Love without Becoming a Person You Hate*, by Fran Hauser. Reviewer: Lynne Roney
- Apr 23 *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World*, by Melinda Gates. Reviewer: Lorna Anderson
- May 28 *Because of Sex: One Law, Ten Cases, and Fifty Years That Changed America*, by Gillian Thompson. Reviewer: Debbie McWard
- Sep 24 All members share favorite passages from the book *200 Women Who Will Change the Way You See the World*, compiled by Geoff Blackwell and Ruth Hobday

## What the Other Area Branches are Doing

### Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch:

February meeting on Thursday, 2-13, at 10:30, Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd at Hwy 141. The speaker is **Bryan M. Jack**, associate professor of historical studies, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. Using examples from history and popular culture, he explores Missouri's southern identity to help listeners understand how Missouri's geography and culture occupies a unique place in American culture.

### Ferguson-Florissant Branch:

The February meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, 2-17, at Immanuel UCC on Church Street in Ferguson. Pam Meyers will present a program of suffragette music. A potluck lunch will be served. Bring a dish to share.

### St. Charles Branch:

On Thursday, February 6th at 1 p.m., **Storyteller Carole Elaine Simpson** will present the lives of three remarkable women slaves with ties to St. Louis: Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley, personal modiste and confidante of Mary Todd Lincoln; Mary Robinson, a slave at Whitehaven who grew up with Julia Dent Grant; and Lucy Berry, a/k/a Lucy Ann Delaney, African-American author, slave, and activist. First United Methodist Church, 801 First Capitol Drive, St Charles. RSVP to Teri Brecht, [tebrecht@yahoo.com](mailto:tebrecht@yahoo.com). (Great shopping and lunch on Main Street St Charles, only a few blocks from the church.)

### St. Louis Branch:

Please join the branch on February 21st at a pay equity forum - current issues and legislation - including Dr. **Malaika Horne**, St. Louis Branch member and founding director of the Executive Leadership Consortium at UMSL. A luncheon meeting at the Probstein Golf Club facility in Forest Park at noon, cost is \$23 with pre-registration. Additional information: contact Jan Scott at 314-727-6876 or [jan@stlwomenonthemove.com](mailto:jan@stlwomenonthemove.com).

As part of our ongoing public policy work on closing the gender pay gap and at the request of Schlafly Library, **Ellen Irons**, president of the AAUW St. Louis Branch, will present a 90-minute program at the Schlafly Library on March 14, 2020, starting at 2 pm. The program title is "Navigating the Gender Pay Gap" and will cover the most recent facts about the pay gap, as well as having some negotiations skills hands-on activities. It is a free event, and all are welcome.



We invite you to join AAUW members across St. Louis for the 41st IBC luncheon. This year it will be at Greenbriar Hills Country Club on Saturday, March 28. This annual event honors the recipient of the Barb Lackritz Service Award for excellent service and leadership to AAUW, introduces the college women awarded scholarships by IBC to attend the 2019 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), and raises funds for IBC.

Funds raised support projects including the IBC book-marks, the Lackritz Award, dues to the MO Women's Network, the Equality Day ad, a donation to the International Relations Lecture Series, and scholarships to send college women to 2020 NCCWSL. IBC members also are involved in the IBC book club and planning the Legislative Retreat and Equity Day.

Whereas contributions to AAUW support strategic issues that empower women--education and training, economic security, and leadership--contributions to IBC for NCCWSL have a direct impact on shaping future women leaders from the St. Louis area. If you are unable to attend this year's luncheon, please consider making a small donation to NCCWSL or IBC; any amount is encouraged and appreciated. For more information, contact the IBC treasurer, Carol Davis McDonald.

The registration form for Spring Fling is included with this newsletter.

## 2020 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS LECTURE SERIES



Established in 1929 and presented by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the Tuesday Women's Association (TWA) of the Ethical Society of St. Louis. [www.lectureseries.org](http://www.lectureseries.org)

**Patricia Burroughs Bishop**, AAUW 2020 chairperson.

The public is cordially invited. There is no fee, but donations allow us to continue to provide excellent programs each year. Please be generous. Free and accessible parking is located both in front and at the rear of the building. Presentations are 45-50 minutes long, followed by a Q & A period. Each meeting will begin promptly at 10:45 AM the 2nd Tuesday of the month, January to April, in the upper auditorium of the Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Rd, Ladue. Attendees are invited to bring lunch and enjoy further conversation of the day's topic. In case of inclement weather, check our website or Facebook page for updates, or you may call 314-991-0955, ext. 224.

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(2020 International Relations Lecture Series - continued)

**February 11, 2020 - 10:45 AM**  
**Ethical Society, 9001 Clayton Road, Ladue**



*International Expert on  
Climate Change*  
*Dr. Thomas E. Lovejoy will  
lecture on the Triple Threat of  
Global Warming: Ecological,  
Environmental, and  
Humanitarian Crises.*

Dr. Lovejoy coined the term “biological diversity” and played a central role in the establishment of conservation biology as a science. He helped establish and, since the 1970s, has headed a large-scale experiment to study the effects of deforestation on the diversity of animal and plant species in the Amazon. This work has guided the planning of conservation areas in the region. Lovejoy has advised three U.S. presidents on climate change.

Currently Dr. Lovejoy is a senior fellow at the United Nations Foundation and professor at George Mason University. He will be introduced by Dr. Peter H. Raven, eminent botanist and former director of the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Committee: Deanna Stevenson (TWA) and Jeannie Webdell (AAUW). See above paragraphs for program details and schedule.

March 10: **Cyber (un)Security.**

**Joseph Scherrer** is Washington University in St. Louis’ executive director of the Henry Edwin Sever Institute, director of the Cyber Security Strategic Initiative, and program director of graduate studies in Information Systems Management & Cyber Security Management. Following a distinguished 24-year career as a leader and IT and cyber security innovator with the U.S. Air Force, culminating as the commander of the Air Force’s only combat-coded deployable communications wing, Scherrer retired as a colonel.

Committee: Kay Meyer (AAUW) & Joyce Ryan (TWA)

April 14: **The New Populism: Identity Politics and the Rise of Us-Against-Them Leadership**

**Dr. Debra Leiter**’s focus is comparative politics, primarily Western Europe, and her research examines how the institutional, social, and party system contexts affect the type of information voters have access to, rely on, and use when making political decisions. Leiter joined the

Department of Political Science at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2013. She received her B.A. from the University of California-San Diego and her Ph.D. from the University of California-Davis. She is an award-winning researcher and teacher, having received the Carrie Chapman Catt Prize on Women and Politics and the UMKC CAS Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award.

Committee: Deirdre Gallagher (TWA) & Susie Teicher (AAUW)

**What Local “Sister” Organizations are Doing**

**MISSOURI WOMEN’S NETWORK:**

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: Equity Action Day, Jefferson City, Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ST. LOUIS:**

Advocacy in Action Lunch and Learn - February 20, 11:30 - 1:00, 295 N. Lindbergh Blvd. Topic: Women in Prison.

Elder **Shawntelle Fisher** has a passion for seeing lives transformed and restored. She is the founder and CEO of The SoulFisher Ministries, whose mission is to respond to the needs of youth with incarcerated parents and to promote restorative justice for those currently and formerly incarcerated. She will discuss how she re-empowers formerly incarcerated women to be productive influences in their family and community and to help break the cycle of the school-to-prison pipeline.

Drinks are provided, please bring your lunch. There is no cost to attend. RSVP requested but not required. Please call 314-993-5181.

**WOMEN’S VOICES RAISED FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE:**

February 13, 6:30 p.m. *Life after Lock-Up: The Reality of Re-Entry.* **Shawntelle L. Fisher**, founder of The SoulFisher Ministries, a nonprofit organization that empowers currently and formerly incarcerated women to take back control of their lives and become contributing community members. The Heights, 8001 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, 63117.

**SAFE CONNECTIONS:**

Together! Engaging Women • Empowering Girls - 13th annual brunch, April 25th, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Ritz Carlton, 100 Carondelet Plaza, 63105. After shopping the fabulous silent auction (bidding by cell phone) and partaking in raffles and a gourmet breakfast, you will hear from successful women who will share their stories of moving through personal challenges to make their dreams come true. As always, proceeds raised go to support the programs of Safe Connections preventing and ending domestic and sexual violence while helping victims reclaim their lives as survivors.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ST. LOUIS:

Tuesday, February 11, 10-11 a.m., SSB Auditorium, St. Charles Community College, 4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive. Clean Missouri forum. The panel will discuss what Clean Missouri promised and why some legislators want to change it. Speakers are Nancy Miller, co-president of LWV of Metro St. Louis; former Rep. Scott Dieckhaus; and Ashton Kuehnel, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Missouri Sierra Club.

## AAUW of MISSOURI

Save the date of May 2, 2020, for the AAUW Missouri State Meeting. It will be at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO, the same location as last year. The board will meet on Friday, May 1. Details in the upcoming issue of *Missouri in Motion*, your newsletter from AAUW of Missouri.



## AAUW REGIONAL CONVENTION



AAUW Missouri members are helping to plan the 2020 AAUW Regional Convention at the Hyatt House in East Moline, IL,

June 17-20, 2020. Fourteen states have been invited to participate. With the theme "Remembering the Past [celebrating the Women's Vote Centennial], Building the Future [economic security, education and training, leadership]" this will be a wonderful opportunity to share and learn with members across the region. A dynamic group of speakers, headed by AAUW CEO **Kim Churches**, has been secured, and breakout sessions will encourage individual participation. Registration will open in early 2020. More information at [this link](#). Additional information in the upcoming issue of *Missouri in Motion*, your newsletter from AAUW of Missouri.

## AAUW NATIONAL

IT'S AAUW'S  
ART CONTEST TIME!

### Voting is now open till February 10

AAUW members will be able to vote for the artwork they would like to see featured on a collection of notecards that will be mailed this spring. The back of the cards will include the winning artist's biography, branch affiliation (if applicable), and an interesting fact about AAUW. Visit online for more information or to view last year's gallery of submissions.



In December, the Coca-Cola Foundation awarded AAUW a \$500,000 renewal grant to continue training thousands of women in effective negotiation and

leadership skills. We are truly grateful for all the AAUW members who shared our Work Smart Online tool with audiences around the country. Your work was key to helping us win this new opportunity.

### **Tell Your Senators: Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act**

The House of Representatives passed this important legislation last March, but the Senate has failed to move it forward. On the anniversary of the enactment of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, January 29th, we're calling for action. There is no more fitting way to mark this historic milestone than by making more real, concrete progress in ensuring all women receive fair pay.

Equal pay for equal work is a principle we can all get behind — but we need all senators to show their support for the Paycheck Fairness Act. It's time we put the pressure on! **TAKE ACTION!**

**Our CEO Kim Churches gave live talks** on the state of AAUW. She believes you deserve transparency and credit for the great strides we've made together this year. Watch her webinar "Together in 2019, Together in 2020" to learn more about what we can accomplish together in 2020.



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

Saturday, March 28, 2020 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Greenbriar Hills Country Club, 12665 Big Bend Road, 63122

10:30 a.m. – Registration, Networking, Fun Fundraising

11:15 a.m. – Welcome, Luncheon

12:15 p.m. – Program, Barb Lackritz Award, Announcements

Menu: \$38 includes choice of **Chicken Mushroom Crepe** or **Florentine Quiche**

Both with salad, rolls, and butter and dessert



In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, the program will be a narrated pictorial history of the suffrage movement and its relevance today. **Nancy Price**, St. Louis League of Women Voters Speakers Bureau, will be the presenter. She will highlight the persistent women and a few men who changed the world for the better.



Registration Deadline: March 18, 2020.

Make \$38 check payable to: **AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC** and mail form and check to Carol Davis McDonald, 827 Bergquist Dr., Manchester, MO 63011-4215

For more info, contact Shirley Breeze: 314-831-5359 or sbreeze@mindspring.com

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Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

### Menu Choice: Circle One

- 1) Chicken Mushroom Crepe with salad, rolls, butter, dessert \$38
- 2) Florentine Quiche with salad, rolls, butter, dessert \$38
- 3) Vegetarian, vegan, gluten free upon request \$38 (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I am not able to attend, but want to make a donation to IBC or NCCWSL. Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_