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SAVE THE DATE! - ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION May 6 & 7

Lisle-Naperville Hilton Doubletree Hotel

Get ready for the long awaited return of an in person State Convention. Please mark your calendars and watch for details in Connection, LINK, and the state website.

Also, watch for future special editions of *Connection* that will provide the details to once again vote online for our annual election of state officers and some changes to our State Bylaws.

Can't wait to see you at the convention!

Lisa

The Elmhurst Area Branch created a memorial edition of their newsletter recognizing the achievements of one of our recently deceased members, Mary Eleanor Wall. [Visit their website](#) to understand what a very special person she was not only a long



Moira Murray, President

Public Policy

We are very thankful to the 10 Branch Public Policy Chairs (from across the state) that were able to attend our virtual meeting in February. We discussed how the shortened legislative session is hampering any movement on Paid Family Medical Leave SB 835/HB 5029, but looking forward to continuing our work on this important bill in the future. Hopefully we will be able to connect with more of our BPPC at State Convention.

Paula Purdue and Tracey Sherman-Falcon

Public Policy Co-Chairs

AAUW IL

Branch News & Notes

With all the participation and excitement around girls' sports today, one might think it has always been that way. However, before Title IX, the federal civil rights law that was passed in 1972, there were no girls sports. Even after the law passed universities and high schools were slow to change.

In 1975, just 3 years after Title IX, Melissa Isaacson was a freshman at Niles West High School. She and the rest of the newly formed girls' basketball team spent all their free time and summers playing basketball, improving skills, with their eyes on the newly instituted state championship. Melissa has written a book, *State: A Team, A Triumph, A Transformation*, that chronicles the journey to a State Basketball Championship in 1979.

On **March 19 at 1:30pm**, the **Schaumburg Branch** of AAUW and the Schaumburg Township District Library will host journalist and author, Melissa Isaacson. Melissa is currently on the faculty of Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism. In the past she was a columnist and feature writer for ESPN.com and the *Chicago Tribune*. Melissa was the principal beat writer for the *Chicago Tribune* during the championship year of the early 90's. She will speak about her book *STATE: A Team, A Triumph, A*

Please register in advance at <https://www.schaumburglibrary.org/events?id=6181568>



The **Champaign-Urbana Branch** invites you to a Zoom meeting on **Saturday, March 26 at 1pm**

"Who Do You Think I am?" Embracing Diversity and Inclusion by Uncovering and Overcoming Unconscious Assumptions."

Deanie Brown is an attorney living in Springfield, Illinois, where she serves as the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer for the Illinois Supreme Court and the Judicial Branch. Deanie is currently director of diversity, equity, and inclusion for the AAUW Springfield Branch, and has also served as 2018-2020 co-president of the Branch, and as college and university relations director for the Branch and AAUW Illinois.

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/81047618169?pwd=U2ZnaStGRzd2UmwyWHp1Tk4zYzBkdz09>

You are invited to our AAUW **Jane Addams Branch** program, on **Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 7:30 - 8:30 pm**, Central Time:

What Can We Learn from Jane Addams?

Where would Jane Addams be today? Would she help dispel urban ethnic stereotypes?

This program shares the details of Jane Addams's life at Hull-House in Chicago, how she became the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931 and raises the question of what lessons we have learned that apply to today's world.

Presenter: Gloria McMillan, Research Associate, Dept. of English, The University of Arizona.

Her recent edited work is *The Routledge Companion to Literature and Class*.



<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZopd-ioqzsqGtzFS8vvTrqcaveJYUh4pvG8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If you have any questions about this online program, contact Kate Skegg, the program registrar, at aauwJaneAddams@gmail.com

Please share this program with others you think may be interested.

AAUW-IL District 5

Educational Opportunities Fund

15th Annual Lunch with Fellows

11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 9, 2022

at Lambs Farm--Rte. 176 & I-294/Illinois Tollway Libertyville, IL 60048

Honorees:

- **Natasha Ferguson, American Fellowship, Rush Univ., Ph.D., Integrated Biomedical Sciences**
- **Monica Reyes, American Fellowship, DePaul Univ., Publication, Writing, Rhetoric and Discourse**

MENU: Cup of Soup, Choice of Salad (Chicken Caesar/Chopped Chicken), Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Soda

COST: **\$25**...includes tax & tip

DEADLINE: Reservations must be received by **April 1**

Make your reservation by sending this form (below) with a check for \$25 - payable to *Deerfield Area AAUW* - to Kay Madden, 425 Village Green, #304, Lincolnshire, IL 60069, to arrive no later than Friday, April 1.

Questions: Contact Kay at 847-287-5720 or kaymadden@outlook.com

Bring a guest!

Hope to see you at this outstanding annual event!

Full Name of Attendee:

Menu Choice:

Have you read *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett?

Here are some of the comments about this book. NAMED A BEST BOOK OF 2020 BY *THE NEW YORK TIMES* * *THE WASHINGTON POST* * NPR * *PEOPLE* * *TIME MAGAZINE** *VANITY FAIR* * *GLAMOUR*, 2021 WOMEN'S PRIZE FINALIST

“Bennett’s tone and style recalls James Baldwin and Jacqueline Woodson, but it’s especially reminiscent of Toni Morrison’s 1970 debut novel, *The Bluest Eye*.” —Kiley Reid, *Wall Street Journal*

“A story of absolute, universal timelessness ...For any era, it’s an accomplished, affecting novel. For this moment, it’s piercing, subtly wending its way toward questions about who we are and who we want to be...” – *Entertainment Weekly*

From *The New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Mothers*, a stunning new novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.

Join the **Jane Addams & Northwest Suburban branches** for a book discussion led by Elaine Fisher on **April 27th, 7:30 pm**. Advance registration required.

Click the link below to

register: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcemsqzspEtPZaDT14PmWCYOY5jUd5u8h>

If your branch has a program you'd like to share, please [email Jennifer Urish](mailto:jennifer.urish@uso2web.org) by the 14th of each month.

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Gender Equity and Economic Security

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Empowering

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