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Women in Poetry

....because equity still matters!

March Virtual General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021

Time: 12:00 p.m. — Program, Meeting, on Zoom [Note new time]

Program: POETRY by WOMEN "OF A CERTAIN AGE"

Zoom: Your home, or wherever you have a device to receive Zoom, hosted by Pam McDonald.

To Join Zoom Meeting,
Meeting ID: 369 954 7636
Passcode: 504788

Doris Piatak has been a poetry lover since her childhood in New Hampshire, and a member of AAUW since 1966. She is currently a member of Tulsa Branch AAUW.

A graduate of the University of Maine, Doris taught English for 25 years at a small community college in Illinois, then retired to Arizona. She moved to Oklahoma Methodist Manor in 2019.

Doris will share lyric, narrative, and persuasive pieces by poets she enjoys. Time permitting, she will invite you to share a favorite of yours. Come prepared! Here is a teaser:

Orphaned Old

*I feel less lucky since my parents died.
Father first, then mother, have let me
out in a downpour
roofless in cold wind
no umbrella no hood no hat no warm
native place, nothing
between me and eyeless sky.
In the gritty prevailing wind
I think of times I've carelessly lost things:
that white-gold ring when I was eight,
a classmate named Mercedes Williams,
my passport in Gibraltar,
my maiden name.*

Marie Ponsot, in Easy

(Knopf, 2009)



Doris Piatak



President's Corner

After that deep freeze in February, I am ready for Spring! And I'm sure all of you are too. I hope all can Zoom with us to enjoy some beautiful poetry for our March meeting.

As a follow-up to our February meeting we are recommending that after our 12 p.m. GMM this Saturday, March 13, you attend a webinar at Gilcrease Museum, at 2 p.m. This event, "MMIW Virtual Panel Discussion: Giving a Voice to the Missing", concerning missing and murdered indigenous women will offer insight to this epidemic. [See the article in the adjacent column.]

I feel that the MMIW Webinar is important enough that the General Membership Meeting time has been moved earlier, to 12:00 p.m. Mark your calendar:

Saturday, March 13
12 p.m.—AAUW Zoom Mtg.
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 Passcode: 504788

2:00 p.m.—Gilcrease Virtual Panel Discussion
 MMIW

I know a lot of you have received your vaccine, which is so great. I trust all is going well with the after effects. It will be wonderful to see and get together in person once again!

—Pam McDonald
 President, AAUW Tulsa Branch
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"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."
 —Mother Teresa

Our Branch Family

GET WELL WISHES to Ron Unterschuetz as he undergoes cancer treatment.

CONGRATULATIONS to Donna Mathews on her retirement!

Gilcrease Museum offers Virtual #MMIW Panel Discussion: Giving a Voice to the Missing

Saturday, March 13, 2:00 P.M.

Throughout the United States and Canada there are a disproportionate number of Native women and girls who go missing and/or murdered. Oklahoma is rated as one of the top 10 states with the highest number of these incidents in the U.S. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) is a movement to bring recognition to this epidemic affecting Native women and girls.

You are invited to a panel discussion with MMIW experts, artists, and policy-makers about the current issues surrounding MMIW. As part of a series of exhibition programming for Weaving History into Art: The Enduring Legacy of Shan Goshorn, this virtual panel will be moderated by Cherokee nation First Lady, January Hoskin. Advanced registration is required.

This project is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. It is sponsored in part by the Cherokee Nation.

To register for the event, go to www.gilcrease.org. Choose programs, or events, to find the MMIW Panel Discussion. You will need an account with Gilcrease to register; if you are a Gilcrease member you may already have an account. You do not have to be a member to register; there is no cost.



More Follow-up News after February Meeting

The Oklahoma House and Senate both have advanced legislation that would allocate resources to respond to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women epidemic — SB 172, and HB 1790. Contact your legislators to urge passage.

Whitney Anderson, Dragonfly Home's Co-founder and Executive Director, has won the 2021 Award for outstanding Contribution to the Fight against Human Trafficking in Oklahoma. Dragonfly Home is for victims of human trafficking; it is in Oklahoma City.

Interest Groups

AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



Our group has decided to read Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson for our Friday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author has written about a powerful caste system in the U.S. that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Read the Good Reads review at

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/shows/51152447>

The AAUW Tulsa Book Group welcomes all members who are interested in joining our Zoom group for fellowship and book discussion. Please email Rose Unterschuetz at tulsarose@sbcglobal.net for more information and to be added to the group email list.

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MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Mystery book club will Zoom on **March 17**, St. Patrick's Day, at 7:00 p.m. Read any Irish mystery. Please send me an email and your name to join us. I will send the Zoom link, usually on Tuesday before the Wednesday meeting.



Questions?

Call **Linda Brooks**, 918-260-3263, or lshbrooks@yahoo.com

Tulsa Library Presents Award

Tommy Orange, author of There, There, received the Festival of Words Writers Award from the Tulsa City County Library on March 6. Mr. Orange was interviewed by three-time U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo.

The event took place on TCCL's YouTube channel and was recorded; you can watch it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhGDbUzK1FY>

TULSA VOICE

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Looking back over the AAUW accomplishments during the past program year reveals some impressive progress in the face of the pandemic. We will borrow information from the AAUW National website to highlight one.

We ramped up our work with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other minority-serving institutions, thanks to a generous grant from The Coca-Cola Foundation. A total of 29 minority-serving colleges, including 18 HBCUs, now offer AAUW's Start Smart training, bringing the number of colleges and universities hosting the program to 142.

AAUW also offered online versions of the Empower Leadership Training program, including a webinar with fellowship alumna Ashanti Johnson, the first female African American chemical oceanographer, who is an international expert on women in the STEM fields.

Doesn't it give you a sense of pride to know AAUW is continuing our tradition of training leaders to acquire the skills that will give them the savvy to negotiate salaries and start off their careers at a fair market wage.

Thanks so much to the Coca-Cola Foundation for helping AAUW give these women and men the skills to level the playing field and compete successfully.

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News 'n Notes

Equality Act needs our support

Equality means including all people. America's civil rights laws should reflect that promise and protect everyone. That's why it's crucial that Congress pass the Equality Act, which would amend existing federal civil rights laws to provide explicit protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. [Urge your Senators to join the House and solidify protections against discrimination by voting yes on the Equality Act.](#)

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Back the Paycheck Fairness Act

AAUW has worked for decades to pass landmark legislation that advances pay equity. The bill wasn't passed during the 116th Congress. It has already been reintroduced in the 117th Congress with broad support, but quick action is needed to send this important bill to President Biden's desk so it can finally become law.

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Equal Pay Days in March

March, Women's History Month, includes two Equal Pay Days for 2021: Asian American and Pacific Islander Equal Pay Day on **March 9**, and All Women's Equal Pay Day on **March 24**. To advocate for fair pay on these important dates, AAUW has developed talking points and resources to guide outreach to elected officials, writing a Letter to the Editor, and engaging your family and friends in driving change. Find resources on aauw.org, look for Paycheck Fairness Act advocacy toolkit.

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New research reports in 2021

With our help, through donations to AAUW, in addition to advocacy and programs, AAUW will launch new research reports making the case that:

- ◆ Recruiting and retaining women in the manufacturing sector is vital to our nation's economic growth.
- ◆ The U.S. cannot achieve gender equality until we address the deep-rooted and systemic racial inequity in this country.
- ◆ Parents play a key role in encouraging girls to pursue high-paying STEM careers and other jobs of the future.

AAUW is driving change through advocacy work, while also training women everywhere to become their own best advocates in the workplace through salary-negotiation training and other professional development offerings.

—*Angela M. Cooper, AAUW Senior Manager, Advancement & Partnerships*

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More webinars available

In Conversation with Dr. Koritha Mitchell: *"From Slave Cabins to the White House: Homemade Citizenship in African American Culture"* is the webinar held February 23rd. The insightful and informative conversation is with AAUW fellowships alumna Koritha Mitchell, Ph.D., award-winning author, cultural critic, and Associate Professor of African-American literature at Ohio State University. Her new book, *From Slave Cabins to the White House: Homemade Citizenship in African American Culture*, was named a Best Book of 2020 by Ms. Magazine.

In Conversation with Dr. Shanna Benjamin: *"Half in Shadow: The Life and Legacy of Nellie Y. McKay"* is the title of a Webinar held March 4. This was a conversation with AAUW fellowships alumna Shanna Benjamin, Ph.D., Educator and Scholar, in discussion of her upcoming book, which will be published in April. Dr. Benjamin is a biographer and scholar who studies the literature, lives, and archives of Black women. Go to aauw.org to search for webinars still available.

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"Free and old . . . and a little mean."

—Gloria Steinem at 34, when asked what she wanted to be when she grew up.

NCCWSL 2021: A Virtual Experience for Young Leaders

This year, hundreds of college women from around the country will gather for two days of virtual leadership training, inspiration and networking at our annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Go to aauw.org to learn more about this exciting online event on May 25-26, 2021.

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More AAUW News 'n Notes

Plan Wisely—for Today's Needs and for Tomorrow

How do you take care of the people and things that matter most to you—now and for the future? Through careful planning, you can benefit your loved ones and your charitable interests while investing in equity for women and girls. Some reasons to create a plan include:

- Taking care of loved ones
- Memorializing someone you care about
- Advancing equity for women and girls through AAUW
- Increasing current income for you or others
- Passing more on to heirs with reduced taxes
- Reducing income tax
- Avoiding capital gains tax

As you consider what is important to you and how to reflect that in your legacy, we invite you to reach out to AAUW. Our knowledgeable gift planning staff is available to assist with any questions you may have. You may also request a brochure by calling or emailing AAUW's National Office.

For assistance, contact Heather Miller at: 202-785-7766 or by email, at millerh@aauw.org or speak with Susan Barley, AAUW Legacy Circle Team Liaison, barley702@gmail.com.

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AAUW Election: prep your vote by learning the issues

Starting April 7, AAUW members will be asked to vote to elect members to the national board of directors and on amendments to our Public Policy Priorities and bylaws, including a proposal to eliminate AAUW's longstanding membership degree requirement. Get up to speed on the issues by reviewing the election page on the AAUW website.

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Raise the Wage Act

Raising wages has never been more urgent than during the pandemic. Frontline workers — who are disproportionately women of color — are among the most underpaid workers in the country. The continued stagnation of the minimum wage, combined with the COVID-19 crisis, has reinforced and widened racial and gender wage gaps. Ensuring all workers receive a fair wage is a matter of gender and racial justice. Act now to demand Congress raise the minimum wage.

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March is Women's History Month

Women's History Month is celebrated in March, a national tradition that dates back to the 1980s. Congress passed a law requesting that the president—at the time, Ronald Reagan—enact a Women's History Week beginning on March 7, 1982. In 1987, the week was stretched into a month, after Congress was successfully petitioned by the National Women's History Project to do so.

This year, the Library of Congress has partnered with the Smithsonian museums, The National Archives, the National Parks Service, and more to ensure a socially-distant month of educational events.

The National Parks Service is hosting a month-long, virtual exhibit that aims to honor the "centennial of the passage of the 19th amendment in Congress". The exhibit itself will be housed in the Federal Hall National Memorial, and will feature 44 women across 10 decades, as well as a timeline of the women's suffrage movement. No reservation or payment is required.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum will host a Women's History Month event on March 18 to share the true story of Sara Guralnik, a young Jewish woman from Poland who survived the holocaust.

The museum will host a live conversation about the movie "My Name is Sara," based on Guralnik's life, in partnership with Guralnik's own son and granddaughter. Go to the museum's website to register for the free event and free advance screening of the movie.

The National Archives' Young Learners program, on March 18 will offer kids and their parents the opportunity to virtually meet suffragette Alice Paul—or at least, the live-action version played by actor Taylor Williams of the American Historical Theatre.

Head to YouTube for a meet-and-greet with "Paul", a "suffragist, founder of the National Women's Party, and promoter of the Equal Rights Amendment."



Alice Paul, 1885—1977



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

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold the associate's, baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

*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.*

Our Value Promise:

*"As a member of AAUW,
you belong to a community
that breaks through
educational and
economic barriers
so that all women
have a fair chance."*

Websites: Tulsa Branch—<http://Tulsa-ok.aauw.net/>
Oklahoma AAUW—www.aauwoklahoma.org National AAUW—www.aauw.org



March, 2021 Calendar

March Month-long Virtual Exhibit "From the Suffrage to the New Millennium" by National Parks Service See Page 5.

March 9 Asian American and Pacific Islander Equal Pay Day

March 13 Virtual General Membership Meeting 12:00 p.m. See P. 1.

March 13 Gilcrease Museum presents Virtual Program on MMIW See Page 2.

March 14-26 NGO UN Commission on the Status of Women 65, including AAUW-sponsored session titled, "Policy, Practice & Promise: Advancing Women's Global Economic Power"

March 17 Mystery Book Group See Page 3.

March 18 Movie and Conversation hosted by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum See Page 5.

March 18 National Archives Young Learners Program about Alice Paul See Page 5.

March 20 Deadline for April TULSA VOICE.

March 24 Equal Pay Day (for all women compared to all men)

March 25-May 24 Virtual classes begin for Educators re: Tulsa Race Massacre See February, 2021 Tulsa Voice

March 26 Tulsa Branch Book Group See Page 3.

Looking Ahead . . .

April 7 Voting opens on Open Membership in AAUW See Page 5.

May 17 Voting closes on Election of National Board of Directors and Open Membership. See P. 5.

May 25-26 NCCWSL 2021 Virtual leadership training for college women student leaders. See Page 5.