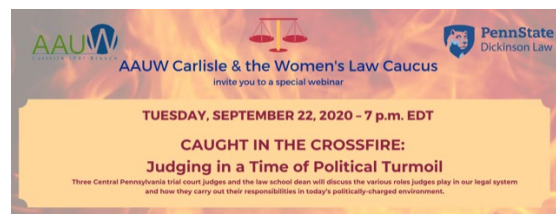


Caught in the Crossfire: Judging in a Time of Political Turmoil

September 22, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom webinar

Today we are facing profound challenges to our democratic institutions. Increased polarization within the legislative and executive branches of government at both state and federal levels has hampered our ability to address present threats to the health of our citizens and to the economic well-being of our nation. But how have these challenges affected the work of the third branch of government, the courts? Three Central Pennsylvania trial court judges and the law school dean will discuss the various roles judges play in our legal system and how they carry out their responsibilities in today's politically-charged environment.

On **September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**, AAUW-Carlisle and the Women's Law Caucus of the Penn State Dickinson School of Law will present a webinar on Zoom exploring this question. We are honored to have three local trial court judges and the dean of the Penn State Dickinson School of Law participate for a panel discussion.



PANELISTS

The Honorable John E. Jones III, Chief Judge, District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
 The Honorable Jennifer P. Wilson, Judge, District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
 The Honorable Christylee L. Peck, Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Cumberland County
 Danielle M. Conway, Dean and Donald J. Farage, Professor of Law, Penn State Dickinson School of Law

MODERATOR

Sarah Niebler, PhD, Associate Professor, Political Science Department Chair, Dickinson College

Registration is free, but attendance is limited and registration must be received by September 21, 2020.

After you register [here](#), you will receive an email with the webinar link.

Cherry France
Program Chair

WATCH for EMAILS from aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com for updates on ALL events

September 3	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Public Policy Committee	Contact Kate Elkins (727) 686-9795
September 9	7:00 pm	PUSHOUT Screening and Discussion	See page 8 for details.
September 10	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Member Engagement Twists and Turns in your Career Path	Zoom meeting; see page 3 for details
September 14	7:00 pm	Book Group	See page 6 for details.
September 15	5:00 pm	Women and the Right to Vote, a History Unfinished	See page 8 for details.
September 22	7:00 pm	Branch Meeting Caught in the Cross Fire	Zoom webinar; see Page 1 for details

From the President

Our new year, FY21, launched with two **very** successful events. Fulfilling our commitment to explore Diversity & Inclusion issues, Wendy Armour Dickinson and Nancy Sigrist created *Racism: Let's Begin the Dialog* on August 18. Read about this fabulous event on page 7. With anticipation, since being cancelled in May, Peggy Jennings shared the story of her great Aunt Julia as our August branch meeting speaker. Read about this impactful presentation on page 4. If these programs are any indication, we are going to have an awesome AAUW year!

The AAUW Carlisle Board is wrestling with the challenges of conducting and delivering the expected, anticipated, normal branch activities in the midst of the COVID pandemic. As I shared in this column in the [August newsletter](#), we determined, that until it is safe for us to gather in person, we would conduct our activities virtually. Board meetings are Zoom meetings. We are holding a socially distanced, outdoors meeting with masks on September 1 to discuss the branch's strategic plan. The venue is a pavilion that seats 120 (for the 15 of us) at West Pennsboro Park.

Our monthly branch meeting format of speaker, business meeting, and social time will be modified to exist as separate elements.

- While we will hold branch meetings, on the fourth Tuesday (see page 6), most will be held in the Zoom world.
- Virginia Mauk and Gail D'Urso, Membership VPs, are holding an AAUW Member Engagement on September 10 (see page 3) as an opportunity for members to socialize and get to know one another.
- Business of the branch will be conducted in separately scheduled Zoom meetings and/or via email announcements. One will need to be held in September for members to pass the FY21 budget. Day and time TBD.
- As a substitute for branch meeting announcements, we must rely on emails (from aauwcarlisleinfo@gmail.com) to keep you informed, in addition to your monthly newsletter.
- The Fundraising Committee, led by Becky Morgenthal, AAUW Funds Chair, will hold creative fundraising events—online.

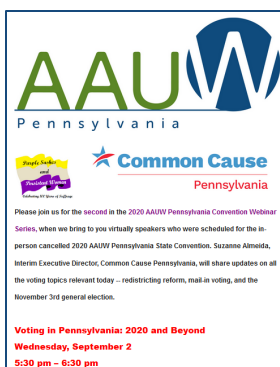
The pandemic also impacted the branch's budget as noted in the [August newsletter](#). We decided not to print a Yearbook. Carmen Eiserman, Yearbook Chair, is working with a team to create a digital version. The goal is to publish a Member Directory and Yearbook, via email, by mid-September.

Finally, a new section will appear in the newsletter as long as necessary. Zoom World will share tips, tricks, and insights to assist us with our learning curve through this brave new virtual world (page 5).

I miss seeing and talking with you. Please stay healthy.

Ann Pehle
President

What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW Pennsylvania



The second Zoom webinar in the **2020 AAUW Pennsylvania Convention Webinar Series** – presenting some of the content scheduled for the in-person convention – was held on September 2nd. Voting in Pennsylvania: 2020 and Beyond presented by Suzanne Almeida, Interim Director Common Cause Pennsylvania. Click [here](#) to watch the recording.

Watch for emails from aauwpainfo@gmail.com with information on future webinars.

News from National AAUW Update

COMMEMORATING THE 19TH AMENDMENT

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of



the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a milestone in feminist history. But the amendment, widely thought of as giving women the right to vote, did not fully deliver on its promise. Native Americans and Chinese

immigrants were not granted voting rights. And, due to Jim Crow laws and other voter-suppression tactics, Black women and Latinas couldn't cast their ballots until the Voting Rights Act was passed 45 years later.

The same inequalities — racism, sexism and voter suppression — that made the amendment an imperfect achievement in 1920 are fueling the social and economic upheaval we see in 2020. Clearly, our work is not done. Here are five suggestions for delving deeper:

- Read AAUW CEO Kim Churches' [reflections on this milestone](#) in NBC's Know Your Value.
- Get insight into Black suffrage activist [Ida B. Wells](#), who faced racism within her own movement.
- Peruse a [roundup of content](#) that puts the anniversary in historical context.
- [Support the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#) and learn [how you can get involved](#) in the 2020 elections.
- [Watch a webinar](#) about how to advance racial and gender equity in 2020.

Catching Up on Email Important messages from AAUW

August 17th email to all members "Notice of potential dues increase in July 2021" from Julia Brown, AAUW Board Chair announced the AAUW Board is evaluating a national dues increase in July 2021. Feedback on the options is requested. Send your comments to connect@aauw.org no later than Friday, September 25, 2020.

August 27th AAUW Washington Update (public policy newsletter sent to all AAUW members) covered the USPS, 2020 Census & Vote – with information and action suggestions. The last bullet is a request for you to complete a 30-second survey about voting concerns to assist the AAUW Policy Team in advocating for you. Click [here](#) to complete.

August 25th webinar Policy vs. Practice Kim Church's webinar presented AAUW's historic contributions to the advancement of women and girls; the work that continues; and introduces the planned bylaw change to eliminate the education requirement for membership. Kim begins the discussion of how we can strengthen our position as we work to be more inclusive in our fight for equity. The webinar recording will be available under [AAUW's 2020 Convening Series](#) the week of August 31st.

Membership

AAUW Member Engagement

"In the time of COVID" ...you know... "Love in the Time of Cholera"
Thursday, September 10 7-8 p.m. Zoom Meeting
Twist and Turns in Your Career Path

The COVID-imposed isolation presents so many challenges to our lives. Among the many impositions, it created a big hole in our agenda this year with the absence of the August Social. This special event traditionally gives us all a chance to get to know each other a bit better. But, no worries, our ability for engagement in the time of COVID, is being enhanced with ZOOM!

Join other AAUW Carlisle members on Thursday, September 10 from 7-8 p.m. for an hour of social engagement. We'll introduce and welcome our new members followed by a discussion of "twists and turns in your career path" using the smaller breakout room format. Learn a little and share a little about the interesting jobs current members hold or have held over the course of their careers.

To register for the evening use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEudu2gqTgoHdLOG3n18IEEnZ00kFaNzcljv>.

Hope to see you all then!

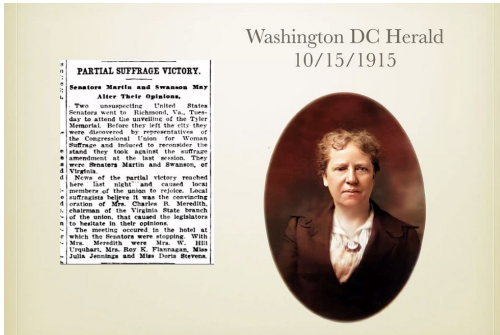
Gail D'Urso & Virginia Mauk
Membership VPs

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Kate Elkins and Katie Perkowski, Public Policy Co-Chairs

Successful Commemoration!

Forty AAUW Carlisle members and nine community guests were treated to a commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage on Tuesday, August 25th. The webinar featured our very own Peggy Jennings' insightful presentation about her great aunt, Julia Jennings and her activism in the suffrage movement. Watch the recording [here](#).



The evening started off with a video message from Carlisle High School graduate Samantha Martin about the history of women's fight for the vote and the importance of exercising that hard-won right, especially for young voters.

We were introduced to Julia, who not only fought for the vote, but also for equal pay and recognition of her value and experience in the

workplace. Peggy spoke movingly about her struggle to reconcile her pride in Julia's advocacy with Julia's racial prejudice as a proud member of the Daughters of the Confederacy.



So many of our ancestors were flawed in many different ways. But this should not negate their accomplishments or the barriers they broke through. Julia was a trailblazer and we are richer for getting to know her through Peggy's revealing and thoughtful presentation.

Kate Elkins
Public Policy Co-Chair

Pennsylvania Election Fight In The Courts

As a result of recent slowdowns with the US Postal Service and concerns about the expected surge of mail-in ballots, multiple lawsuits from opposing sides have been filed in various jurisdictions in Pennsylvania. The Wolf Administration has now asked the State Supreme Court to take over the cases due to the urgency of a timely decision leading up to the Nov. 3rd election.

Courts are weighing:

- Whether to move the ballot application deadline from one week to two weeks before the election, to allow adequate time for the ballots to be mailed out and then returned.
- Whether to allow ballots to be counted which are received up to 3 days after the election, if postmarked by Election Day.
- Whether to allow County Election Bureaus to open ballots, verify signatures, and prepare mail-in ballots to be counted on Election Day, to expedite the process.

THANK YOU

to everyone who donated

**\$275 -- \$300 was collected for
Community CARES**





Zoom is our new best friend. And we want every member to feel comfortable attending AAUW Carlisle events on Zoom.

ZOOM World is intended to share information, hints, tips, and tricks until we are all expert Zoom participants.

General Information

- You can attend a Zoom meeting or webinar from any device—computer, tablet, phone. The options and location of controls vary by device type, so you will have to get familiar with the Zoom interface on your own.
- You don't need to have your own Zoom account or download Zoom onto the device. We have all meetings and webinars set up to be able to attend by simply clicking a link and watching from an internet browser.
- All AAUW Carlisle meetings will allow you to attend by phone with audio only. Dial-in numbers are included in the meeting or webinar link email.
- We will most often require registration for our meetings and webinars as a security precaution. After you register, you will receive an email from aauwcarlislead@gmail.com with the Zoom link information. Save this email in your inbox, so it is easy to find when it is time to attend the meeting/webinar. Many times, the meeting/webinar link email will be resent the day of the event, but don't count on that because to do so depends on a human remembering.
- When attending a meeting you will be placed into a "Waiting Room" and then admitted into the meeting.

Zoom meeting versus Zoom webinar

Zoom meeting and Zoom webinar indicates the difference in the type of event. Which format we will use depends on the event type.

Zoom meetings

- Are designed to be a collaborative event.
- All participants are able to turn on their video (picture of yourself) and audio, see who else is in attendance, and screen share.
- After clicking the meeting link, you will be placed in a "Waiting Room" until admitted by the meeting host.
- To interact, you talk (unmute self), use Chat, Q&A, answering polling questions, or nonverbal signals such as raise hand, clap, thumbs up. We will talk about those in October's column.

Zoom webinars

- Are designed to be a speaker/presentation event.
- Only the host and any designated panelists can share their video, audio and screen. What is seen by webinar attendees is determined by the host.
- After clicking the webinar link, you will be placed into a "Waiting Room" until the webinar begins. The Zoom lingo for this --broadcasting.
- The only way to interact with the host and panelists is via Q&A, Chat, and answering polling questions.

Getting familiar with Zoom

Peggy Jennings conducted three drop-in "get acquainted with Zoom" sessions. This is feedback from attendees.

I found Peggy's presentation excellent. Highly recommend it. Good review of what I knew and filled in a couple of did not knows.

Barb Attivo

I attended two of Peggy Jennings's intro Zoom sessions because I had never used Zoom. She patiently taught me the basic skills needed to feel comfortable using Zoom. In the future I will register for AAUW Zoom meetings or webinars.

Loretta Maddox

I attended the zoom session with Peggy to learn about Zoom and how to use it. She patiently showed me

how to navigate the zoom screen and its features and icons. I had some trouble with the audio, but with Peggy's help, we overcame the problem. The most important tip I learned was to be on time and be prepared for the session. I will be "attending" the August 25th AAUW Carlisle Zoom session about Julia Jennings. "See" you there!

Marjie Mowery

It was reassuring talking to Peggy Jennings about ZOOM a few weeks ago. I have been using the platform since March and thought I was doing ok. She confirmed a lot of information I already knew but gave

me a good tip on how to change your name display in your ZOOM window. It is so easy! If you go to the top of your photo block you will see three dots. Click on the dots and one of the options is rename. This feature allows you to change your phone number to a name, put in your nickname or perhaps an alias for a meeting when you don't want to be called on...you get the idea. Take a look next time you are on ZOOM if you haven't already discovered this hidden feature. Thanks Peggy!

Virginia Mauk

Branch Programs

Stacey Gatch and Judy Wheaton, Program Vice Presidents

The Program Committee has great programs to offer in 2020 over Zoom! Due to the unknowns with COVID-19, scheduling is very fluid. Watch for details as the date approaches.

October 27, 2020 7pm

Financial Workshop #1: A member-led experience to improve our own knowledge on financial topics affecting the resilience of our own membership! Zoom meeting planned with more chances to learn throughout the month.

December 5, 2020 10am Holiday Brunch

Challenges for College Women - Single Parent Scholarship Program at Wilson College (tentative): The hope is to meet in-person for our usual wonderful holiday luncheon, but if not, we will Zoom along from home.

January 26, 2021 7pm

Financial Workshop #2: This month, the workshop started in October will continue. The content this month will depend on member input from the October workshops!

February 23, 2021 11am

Close to home: Business recovery in Carlisle. More details to come.

March 23, 2021 7pm

Women supporting Women: Our own members speak. A panel of AAUW Carlisle members will speak of their experiences with AAUW and beyond. This is a great chance to get to know each other better and share our stories.

April 27, 2021 6pm

The Scholarship Banquet to celebrate the recipients of the Higher Education Scholarship.

May 25, 2021 7pm

We have a few things up our collective sleeves for our May meeting, but aren't quite ready to share the details yet!

INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

BOOK GROUP

Meets the 1st Monday of the month, September - May in members' homes. For Host location, please see page 1 calendar or the Yearbook. We will meet by Zoom until meeting inside is safe. If you are interested in joining a discussion, please advise the hostess by the Friday before the Monday discussion. If meeting via Zoom, the meeting link will be sent to those who RSVP'd. The book descriptions are in Goodreads. See website for current and past reading lists. <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/book-group/>

September 14 7pm

The Splendid and the Vile

Erik Larson

Host: Wendy Armour Dickinson

January 4

Chances Are

Richard Russo

Host: TBD

1 pm

April 5

Rebecca

Daphne du Maurer

Host: Wendy Armour Dickinson

7 pm

October 5

7 pm

The Dutch House

Ann Patchett

Host: Patricia Markowski

February 1

The Moment of Lift

Melinda Gates

Host: TBD

1 pm

May 3

American Dirt

Jeanine Cummins

Host: TBD

7 pm

November 2

1 pm

In the Woods

Tana French

Host: TBD

March 1

Born a Crime

Trevor Noah

Host: TBD

1 pm

June 7

Year-end dinner and select books for 2021 – 2022

Fiddler's at Mayapple

6 pm

Exploring DIVERSITY and INCLUSION

AAUW Carlisle Members Talk about Racism

This country seems to be at an inflection point. Since the death of George Floyd a few months ago, we have seen much of the country stand up and speak out and object to the social injustice that has been woven into the fabric of daily life in the U.S. for hundreds of years. Will we turn in the direction that will result in meaningful change and understanding? Or will this be just another opportunity lost?

On August 18th, AAUW Carlisle's **"Racism: Let's Begin the Dialog"** turned out to be one of our best attended Topic Talk type forums to date with 20+ members convening on Zoom for a lively discussion about racism and how to be an anti-racist.

We were honored that our friend, **Aaysha Noor, Head of Diversity and Inclusion at The GIANT Company**, served as our discussion leader. Aaysha used her professional expertise, personal experiences and calm and kind approach to encourage everyone to share ideas, experiences, thoughts and observations. Those attending came prepared by reading and/or viewing one or more of the materials provided in advance (to access the complete list, click here to see an earlier newsletter announcement that includes the reference list <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/files/2020/08/August-2020-newsletter-FINAL.pdf>).



Our discussion included member experiences growing up in various parts of the country leading us to conclude that racism exists everywhere and is not just something that happens in the Deep South. We gained a deeper understanding of how people of color experience every aspect of their daily lives through the lense of racism. We learned that there are only "racists" and "anti-racists". Being "not racist" has no real meaning. By identifying as "not racist", one is simply being a bystander. Being a bystander means you are a racist because your **inaction reinforces racist ideas and policies**. To be anti-racist, one must become self-aware, admit racism, whether overt or implicit, and stand up when racism is observed. We must do the work of defeating racist ideas and policies, replacing them with anti-racist ideas and policies.

The evening ended with talk of becoming an "ally". What does that mean? An ally is someone who will stand up and call out racism when observed. An ally is there to help those who are being discriminated against. **An ally sees something and does something.**



If you were unable to attend but would like to hear the conversation, click here for the complete recording of **"Racism: Let's Begin the Dialog"**: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/tfVJLpT-8WBLfZ3T423Ce6AfD5bET6a80HUc-qULyUxo4e8HkUFIDe-dfSRH-G4t> Aaysha provided participants an extensive resource list. Anyone interested in receiving a copy of this list, please contact Nancy Sigris at ncsigris@gmail.com.

And finally, we would like to remind everyone that Clarke Forum has rescheduled Ibrim X. Kendi's lecture **"How to be an Antiracist"** for **Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m.** via You Tube live stream. Check out the Clarke Forum schedule for details about this lecture and others that discuss various aspects of racism: <http://clarke.dickinson.edu/schedule-of-programs/>

Wendy Dickinson, Interest Groups
Nancy Sigris, Public Policy

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

While not the same as enjoying an activity together, these events are unique and compliment the topics we have been discussing.



Join WITF in partnership with the Harrisburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on **Wednesday, September 9 at 7pm for a virtual sneak preview of the documentary film "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools"** before its full broadcast premiere on WITF TV. Afterwards, stay with us as a panel of experts discuss the film. This event is supported by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.

This feature length documentary takes a deep dive into the lives of Black girls and the practices, cultural beliefs and policies that disrupts one of the most important factors in girls' lives – education. The documentary underscores the challenges Black girls face with insight from experts across the country who have worked extensively in the field of social justice, gender equality and educational equity. These experts give context to the crisis and provide a roadmap for how our educational system and those who interact with Black girls can provide a positive rather than punitive response to behaviors that are often misunderstood or misrepresented. While the challenges facing Black boys in this country have garnered national attention, absent from that conversation was how girls of color, particularly Black girls, are being impacted. PUSHOUT addresses that crisis.

All you need to participate is a computer or tablet with a good internet connection. To register for screening and discussion link here: <https://www.witf.org/2020/08/17/pushout-the-criminalization-of-black-girls-in-schools-screening-discussion/>

Continue the commemoration of the 19th amendment ratification by exploring the rest of the story by attending **"Women and the Right to Vote, a History Unfinished"** sponsored by Chatham University Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics on Tuesday, September 15th from 5-6:00pm.

Dr. Lisa Tetrault is an Associate Professor at Carnegie Mellon University, specializing in the gender, race, and the history of American democracy. Her first book, *The Myth of Seneca Falls: Memory and the Women's Suffrage Movement, 1848-1898*, won the Organization of American Historians' inaugural Mary Jurich Nickliss Book Prize, for the best work in U.S. women's history.

	<p>Women and the Right to Vote, a History Unfinished Date: Tuesday, September 15th Time: 5:00-6:00 PM Location: Zoom Link will be provided to registrants</p>
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An active public historian, Tetrault also lectures widely on the U.S. suffrage movement. In 2019, she delivered the [Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery's Votes for Women Exhibit](#) keynote address. She serves as an historical consultant for the [National Constitution Center's Nineteenth Amendment Exhibit](#), and the documentary ["The Vote"](#) (on PBS's the American Experience). Register [here](#).

Higher Education Scholarship Committee Announcement!

The Scholarship Committee has a vacancy for a three-year term beginning fall of 2020. To learn more about the Higher Education Scholarship and its impact in our Carlisle Branch, please check out <https://carlisle-pa.aauw.net/scholarship/>.

If you have further questions, or are interested, please submit (to me at wongtooth@comcast.net) your name, along with a short paragraph to include why you want to join, what experiences and talents you are bringing to the committee including your level of involvement at the Branch level. Please note that you need to be available for the interviews on February 13, 2021 and the Scholarship Banquet on April 27, 2021.

Lillian Wong
Scholarship Chair

**AAUW Carlisle
2020-2021 Board Members**

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Yearbook – Carmen Eiserman

Branching Out is published August to June by the AAUW Carlisle (PA) Branch.

Articles and photos should be submitted to Shirley Gehringer at shirleygehringer@gmail.com by the 20th of the month. Include the word newsletter and month in the email subject.

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Get Active

Open Board positions

Board members are responsible for a function and are the go-to person for all matters pertaining to that area of responsibility. The officer or appointed Chair (ideally) will form a branch member committee to implement.

The Board meets on the second Tuesday of September, November, January, March, May and June.

College/University Liaison

Branch liaison with Dickinson College and AAUW Dickinson. Promotes AAUW to surrounding colleges and universities.

Community Activities

Coordinates the social activities for branch members to enjoy each other's company and share new experiences.

Diversity & Inclusion

Guide our efforts to purposefully design programming to cover diversity themes and encourage members to be present at community events that support diverse collaborators.

Social Media

Manage branch's Facebook page. Twitter and Instagram too, if interested.

Contact me (apehle@outlook.com or 401-644-6488) for more information and to discuss your interest. It would be great to have you join the leadership team of AAUW Carlisle.

Committees seeking members

Membership

Contact Virginia Maul (virginia.mauk@gmail.com) or Gail D’Urso (gailcdurso@gmail.com) for more information and to discuss your interest.

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