



Our December Brunch Speaker: Dr. Karin J. Bohleke

We hope you will join us for our annual December Brunch when Dr. Karin Bohleke will delight us with her broad understanding of historical fashion. Since 2007, Karin J. Bohleke has served as director of the Fashion Archives and Museum of Shippensburg University and also teaches in the Applied History Master's Degree program. She holds a Ph.D. in French language and literature from Yale University, and serves as an assistant adjunct professor of French at Shippensburg.

An avid seamstress, embroiderer, and lace-maker since childhood, she augmented her studies of vintage clothing styles by creating highly accurate reproduction clothing when introduced to vintage social dancing by her future husband. Dr. Bohleke and her husband teach Civil War and historic social dancing, proctor balls, and lecture and perform.

Karin resides near Gettysburg, PA, and continues to pursue her interests in historic fashions, needle arts, languages, social dance, and nineteenth-century women's travel accounts. She is also a member of the Costume Society of America. Karin has been a volunteer at the Adams County Historical Society and the Gettysburg National Military Park Archives and Museum, where she assisted in the identification and dating of nineteenth-century photographs of women and evaluated and dated the costume collections.

Her research interests focus on the nineteenth century and include fashion, early photography, pre-Tutankhamun Egyptomania fashions for women, the dissemination of French fashions in the United States, and women's travel accounts of journeys to Egypt. Her current research project involves the study of clothing in nineteenth-century photos of African Americans, both enslaved and free.

Dr. Bohleke has published widely on topics ranging from historic French fashion and photography, to women's mourning garb to African-American figures in daguerreotypes and early photographs to her most recent contribution of a chapter to "Reading Textiles as Text: Katharina von Bora's Self-Representation through Dress" in *Women Reformers in Early Modern Europe: Profiles, Texts, and Contexts*. Edited by Kirsii I. Stjerna, 2022. Dr. Bohleke's presentation focusing on how changes in women's roles have been reflected in fashion promises to be fascinating.



The Fashions of Fiction from Pamela to Gatsby. Fashion Archives & Museum, Shippensburg University

From the President

It's November once again and time to wish AAUW a very happy 141st birthday! In honor of this momentous milestone, I encourage you to visit the [AAUW website](#) and read about the ways in which AAUW is still making a difference in the lives of women pursuing higher education and seeking career advancement in [Fellowships and Grants](#). Learn about the current issues AAUW has addressed in Washington in [News and Insights](#) and the range of issues AAUW covers in [Explore the Issues](#).

Quoting liberally from - as well as liberally adding to - the "[About AAUW](#)" section of the website:

AAUW has published hundreds of research reports, from an 1885 paper disproving a prevailing myth that college impairs a woman's fertility and, more recently, a study documenting the economic impact of workplace sexual harassment, to our own "Beyond Suffrage: Reclaiming the Future" white paper. AAUW has supported the academic achievements of many thousands of scholars, from scientist Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and astronaut Judith Resnik, the second woman to travel in space, to our own local notable scholars at Dickinson College - Dr. Mireille Rebeiz, Professor of French & Francophone and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies, and Dr. Heather Flaherty, Trout Gallery Curator of Education.

AAUW's advocacy efforts have propelled countless new laws, including the Equal Pay Act, first proposed in 1945 and finally passed in 1963; the Title IX amendment in 1972; the Family and Medical Leave Act in 1993; and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009. Sadly, the long pursued Paycheck Fairness Act did not fare as successfully last year.

We've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go, especially when we consider the dismal Equal Pay Day dates for women such as those for Native Women (November 30th) and Latina's (December 8th)! In many ways, the fight for gender equity is just getting started. Join us!

Explore ways you can get in the game to make a difference on issues that matter most to you by [Taking Action!](#)

Kathleen Gorak
President

A FEW CHANGES FOR YOUR YEARBOOK:

- *December Holiday Brunch* will take place in **SOCIAL HALL EAST IN THE HOLLAND UNION BUILDING (HUB) AT DICKINSON COLLEGE** at 10 am; Dr. Karin Bohleke, "Changes in Women's Roles Reflected in Fashion"
- *February Branch Meeting* will be on **THURSDAY, February 23 in the Courtyard Cafe in the Fowler Building at Carlisle High School** at 10 am
- *April Scholarship Banquet Meeting* location **TBD**
- *May Branch Meeting* will take place at the **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON THE SQUARE in downtown Carlisle** at 7 pm; "Therapeutic Harp" Program and Member Awards

Virginia Mauk, Gail D'Urso, Janet Kacsur

Welcome New Members: Meaghan McDermott and Kathy Gates

Meet Meaghan McDermott

Unlike so many of our new members, Meaghan was actually born and raised in the Mt. Holly Springs area. She resides now in Carlisle, with her family of kitties, 6 in all. Her oldest is Rourke James Roberts, an elderly 10 year old; her youngest, John Barry Richards (JB) is in his terrible twos. There is also Melanie Sue, Isobel Alexandra, Emily Marie and Chesterfield. A volunteer with the Better Days Animal League, she works to dispel the myth of the crazy cat lady by being meticulous about litter and sanitation, vaccination and veterinarian care.

Meaghan is degreed in Latin and Art History with a B. A. from Wilson College, and an M. Ed. in Special Education from Shippensburg University. She taught for 13 years, most recently at Carlisle where she taught Latin and English as a Second Language. As the 2006 recession deepened, she decided to retire, but soon felt restless and sought another career. She discovered that advanced degrees held little value in the 21st century jobs market, where specific skills and speed were valued more than accumulated knowledge and experience. She found her niche, however, in being a home health aide. Her skills and accumulated knowledge and experience were recognized by one of her clients who hired her as a personal assistant to help manage the local estate and assist with her client's husband who is suffering from dementia.

In addition to her volunteer work in animal rescue, she is an avid reader, not of the scholarly and classic as you might expect, but Nora Roberts as well! Her adoptive father was an avid reader, and passed on his love of this pastime to her and her siblings.

A chance conversation with Katie Perkowski about women's issues and the role AAUW plays in giving women a voice to advocate for their needs prompted Meaghan to join the Carlisle branch. She is looking forward to interacting with women who have both experience and a variety of points of view, and to being part of an organization that has been giving women a voice for over 100 years. While commitments have kept her from attending a meeting since she joined in September, she expects to attend in the future and looks forward to meeting you all.

Meet Kathy Gates

The first thing you'll notice about Kathy is her energy, which she lends to organizations that affect the welfare and quality of life for women. Kathy is a native of the Mechanicsburg area, the older of two siblings. She is married to her husband, Jim, and lives in Lemoyne.

A graduate of Mechanicsburg High School, she started her advanced education as a music student at Messiah College. Outside pressures caused her to drop out after her first year, but she attended courses at HACC while also working at Rite Aid Corporate. With her two year degree from HACC in hand, she began working for PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Association Agency) while also taking night courses leading to her B.A. in Business Administration from Elizabethtown University. Her first position at PHEAA was in the Grant Division. She progressed to the Auditing Department, first auditing banks compliance with student loan regulations, later expanding to auditing PA schools for student loan guarantor compliance. When PHEAA started a marketing department as guarantor for other state agencies, including Delaware and West Virginia, Kathy became a marketing representative for Central PA, and as the department grew, became supervisor and mentor to eight additional employees.

In 2008, the Federal Government took over guarantee of student loans, the PHEAA downsized. At the age of 55, after 29 years of service with the State of Pennsylvania, Kathy decided to take the separation package and retire. Her husband, a teacher in the Capital Area Intermediate Unit who specialized in introducing technology into the classroom, decided to

retire as well, and started his own business doing technology integration workshops and trainings in schools. Using her skills and experience, Kathy was the marketing and advertising arm of this business.

After 10 years they closed the business. But no rocking chair on the porch for Kathy. A friend at the Civic Club of Harrisburg got her involved as membership chair of the club; she also served as treasurer, contracts administrator, and newsletter writer and editor. Through this experience, she learned about non-profits, and joined Zonta, an International Service Organization with the mission of advancing the status of women.

Through all of this, Kathy never lost her love of music, and has been a church organist for 44 years.

Kathy joined the Harrisburg branch of AAUW, involved with public policy. She developed monthly postings for Facebook, and also publishes the postings as emails with links to important information that helps both our state and the world become a better place for women. Since she enjoys spending time at their cabin in Huntington, she has also joined the Huntington branch. Now a member of the Carlisle branch, she has already joined our Public Policy committee, and stood with us at the Capitol when we presented our White Paper to our legislators in September.

Upcoming Events

Please look over our November calendar of events to be sure you mark your calendars and complete any RSVP or sign-up that may be needed. Use the "Link to Article" section to easily find event details.

AAUW Events

Date	Time	Event	Registration links	Link to Article
Nov 7	1:00 pm	Book Club at Kathleen Gorak's	RSVP here	Page 7
Nov 18	12:00 pm	Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet	RSVP here	Page 6
Nov 19	9:00 am	Breakfast Club at Carlisle Diner	RSVP here	Page 7
Nov 20		Newsletter Submission Deadline – For combined Dec/Jan edition	Submit to ncsigrist@gmail.com and staceygatch@yahoo.com	
Nov 30	7:00 pm	Dine Out at Pizza Grille	RSVP here	Page 7
Dec 3	10:00 am	AAUW Annual Holiday Brunch	RSVP on page 8	Page 8
Dec 9	9:00 am	Mifflinburg Christkindl Market	RSVP here	Page 7

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

HEALTHY STEPS DIAPER BANK

I spoke with a volunteer for the Healthy Steps Diaper Bank when our branch was at the Pennsylvania Capitol in September presenting our White Paper and Equity Quilt. I learned that 1 in 3 families struggles to buy diapers, that neither WIC nor SNAP provide funds for diapers, and that cloth diapers are not accepted at most daycares and cannot be washed in laundromats. If you'd like to learn more about this project, go to www.healthystepsdiaperbank.com.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

Gail D'Urso

JOIN THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE!

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to compile a slate of candidates for our 2023 election of officers. Please contact Kathleen Gorak (kg1562@gmail.com) if you want to serve on this important committee - it's a short and sweet, time limited volunteer opportunity from December 2022 to January or February 2023.

Kathleen Gorak

What's Up in Pennsylvania? News from AAUW Pennsylvania

AAUW Pennsylvania is a Mission-Critical Program series, via Zoom webinars/meetings, covering AAUW mission issues where our advocacy can make a difference in Pennsylvania and/or federally. If you wish to view the events, go to <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/> and follow the links.

August 25, 2022 entitled ***Pennsylvania Reproductive Rights after Dobbs***. The speakers were:

- Sue J. Frietsche, a senior staff attorney and founder and director of the Women's Law Project's Western Pennsylvania office, who discussed a case before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in which she represents abortion providers challenging the state's ban on Medicaid funds covering abortion.
- Dr. Sarah Horvath, Medical Director, Planned Parenthood Keystone spoke about the medical issues of abortion legislation.

September 29, 2022 with the AAUW Pennsylvania Public Policy team presenting ***Where Do Your State Legislators Stand on AAUW Issues? A deeper look at incumbent and candidate voting records or views on the Pennsylvania Constitutional Amendment legislation***. This article was written prior to the event. Definitely make sure you review the preparation information posted with the meeting notice at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-aauw-pa-webinars/>.

Wednesday, October 19, ***Communicating Across Generations***, featured Jordan Glover, AAUW Pennsylvania Central District Coordinator and former Diversity and Inclusion Chair, gave a presentation on learning to work with generational diversity in the branch and in outreach.

October 25, 2022, ***News Savvy***, featured Guest speaker Chris Baxter, Executive Director & Editor in Chief of Spotlight PA — the largest newsroom in Pennsylvania dedicated to holding the Pennsylvania state government to account. The Spotlight PA team of a dozen investigative reporters and editors based in the capital are working every day to keep track of taxpayer dollars and ensure the government is working for the people — and no one else.



THE KEYSTONER
Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research

A new look and publication schedule for the Keystoner. Published electronically every other month, with a preview version emailed to members. Read the September and November issues [here](#).

The AAUW Pennsylvania website has two several new sections to check out.

- A calendar of AAUW Pennsylvania events, provided to minimize event collisions with branches. <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-pa-board-calendar/>
- Meet the AAUW Pennsylvania Board members. <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/meet-the-aauw-pennsylvania-officers-board/>
- Community HUB is in the main menu and takes you to the AAUW webpage on the subject.

It's not too early to put these on your calendar so you don't schedule over them. More information about the location and agenda will be shared as the dates approach.

2023 Summer Retreat – July 28-29, 2023
2024 State Convention – April 12-14, 2024



Ann Pehle

AAUW Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 10 a.m. Arrive early for the best parking spots!

Social Hall East, Holland Union Building, Dickinson College

\$18 per person

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Cindy Sutton, Community Activities Chair

Tour of Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet

Friday, November 18, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.

5 North Orange St. Carlisle

Back by popular demand! You may have toured this facility a few years ago with the branch, but if you missed it, now is your chance. Mary Brunski has arranged for branch members to tour this prestigious school of dance where students are trained in classical ballet. Founded in 1955, the studio is known throughout the world and highly regarded. Join us as we tour the studio and then enjoy lunch just a short few blocks away at Rustic Tavern, 823 Neville Rd.

Please RSVP to Cindy Sutton at suttonc3@gmail.com or 717-385-0242 by November 15. As always, guests are welcome.

2022 Mifflinburg Christkindl Market

We were disappointed last year when an outbreak of Covid-19 caused us to cancel our excursion, but we will try again this December.

Inspired by the 700 year old German tradition, the Mifflinburg Christkindl Market is a festive event featuring outdoor huts with unique handmade crafts and traditional foods and treats. Live performances and holiday music entertains guests throughout the day. There is no admission charge, but a donation box is at the entrance if you choose to contribute. Website: www.oldchristkindl.com

Join AAUW members and event leader Kate Elkins as we carpool to the market on **Friday, December 9, 2022**. Plans are to leave Carlisle at 9:00 A.M., spend a few hours at the market and then proceed to the Rusty Rail Brewing Company for a late lunch (www.rustyrailbrewing.com). We will return to Carlisle by late afternoon. As always, guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Cindy Sutton at suttonc3@gmail.com or 717-385-0242.

INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

Wendy Armour Dickinson, Interest Group Chair

Upcoming Interest Group Schedule

Book Group: Monday, November 7th at 1:00 pm with hostess Kathleen Gorak to discuss *The Anomoly* by Hervé Le Tellier.

Breakfast Club: Saturday, November 19th at 9:00 am at Carlisle Diner - 800 West High. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson at (717) 514-3322 (call or text) OR warmourdickinson@hotmail.com.

Dine Out: Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00 pm at Pizza Grille – 1007 Ritner Hwy. RSVP to Wendy Armour Dickinson at (717) 514-3322 (call or text) OR warmourdickinson@hotmail.com.

Wendy Armour Dickinson
Interest Group Chair



AAUW ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 10 a.m. Arrive early for the best parking spots!

Social Hall East, Holland Union Building, Dickinson College

Opportunities will be available to take home beautiful seasonal centerpieces.

10:00 Social

10:10 Speaker: Dr. Karin Bohleke from Shippensburg University Fashion Archives and Museum: "Changes in Women's Roles Reflected in Fashion"

10:50 Brunch Buffet

11:45 Brief Business Meeting

BRUNCH MENU:

Quiche, Salad, Fruit, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Water

Brunch cost per member or guest **\$18.00**

Please bring your donations of tampons and pads for the YWCA's Pad Pantry.

Please make check payable to **AAUW Carlisle**

Mail reservation form and check to:

Gail D'Urso, 25 Alters Road, Carlisle, PA 17015 by November 17th.

Member Name _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

Total Check Amount \$ _____

Please note any dietary concerns _____

**AAUW Carlisle
2022-2023 Board Members**

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Contact Virginia Mauk (virginia.mauk@gmail.com) for more information and to discuss your interest.

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Contact Marybeth Ulrich or ulrichm@pa.net

Nominating

Contact Kathleen Gorak (kg1562@gmail.com) to learn more.

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