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AAUW Fall Membership Meeting: Tuesday, November 15 from 4 - 7pm In the Mezzanine of the Roos House at SUNY Canton

Please join us as we honor SUNY Canton's Dr. Emily Hamilton-Honey with AAUW's 2016 Research Award. The AAUW-St. Lawrence County Branch AAUW Research Award is given to a woman in St. Lawrence County who contributes significantly to academic research.

Dr. Emily Hamilton-Honey is an Assistant Professor of English and Humanities and the Gender Studies Curriculum Coordinator at SUNY Canton. Her first book, Turning the Pages of American Girlhood: The Evolution of Girls' Series Fiction, 1865–1930, was released by McFarland Publishers in March of 2013. Her other research interests are wide, including the women's college relief units of World War I, Louisa May Alcott, online fandom spaces, and Sherlock Holmes. She is also coordinating the February 2017 four college Gender and Sexuality Studies Conference on (Dis)Enfranchisement that will examine gender, voting, political, legal, and/or social (dis)enfranchisement.



Light refreshments will be provided. Drop in and say hello and congratulate Emily. Come find out what AAUW National and the AAUW St. Lawrence Branch has been up to and give us your input. Come late- leave early-Bring a friend and get a discount on membership! This as a **Shape the Future Membership Event**, so two new members can join for half off the national dues, plus state and local dues – just \$48 (down from \$72). Bring your checkbooks!



The SUNY Canton Roos House is in Building F11 on this map (http://www.canton.edu/map/campus_map.pdf) and there is great parking behind the building next to the door you will enter! Just take the left hand "Y" at the new digital sign on the main campus drive. RSVP by Nov. 10 to [JoAnn Rogers](mailto:JoAnn.Rogers@aaunys.org) at 268-3985.

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Here are just a few things ... **YOU can do** as a member of the **St. Lawrence County Branch of AAUW:**

1. **Become an informed citizen**...by attending meetings that include speakers and timely information. See the links on our website for the Newsletter, Calendar, and Public Policy.
2. **Promote the vision and mission**...of AAUW by becoming involved with community AAUW projects like our Professional Clothing Fair, recognition programs like the Agent of Change and Research Awards, North Country Matters, National Girls & Women In Sports Day celebration, and Women's In Engineering Day events, just to name a few.
3. **Advocate for important public policy issues**...relevant to today's women. Contact Congress! Write letters to the editor! Stay up to date on about women's issues via Washington Update, AAUW's weekly public policy newsletter, Washington Update, and AAUW's Action Network.
4. **Develop leadership skills and network**...within the Branch community of St. Lawrence County, District 7, the state level at the AAUW-NYS Leadership Conference at Cazenovia College in July, or the AAUW-NYS Convention in April.
5. **Share AAUW membership**...with your friends, family, colleagues, students, neighbors, and anyone you meet who cares about equity and opportunity!
6. **Encourage your students to become e-student affiliates**. E-student affiliation status is FREE to all undergraduate students attending an AAUW college/university partner member institution. E-student affiliates are eligible to receive electronic copies of AAUW's publications and research. They have access to all AAUW's student leadership resources and benefits. Use this form:
https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/join_esaf_member.asp
7. **Suggest new projects or programs**. The Branch is always ready to help organize and cosponsor campus-related educational forums and programs that further our collective understanding of the many equity issues facing women.
8. **Financially support**...
 - the **AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund** which provides fellowships and grants to women seeking to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.
 - the **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** which provides case support and funding for women who are seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. Buy tickets for our LAF Baskets at meetings or support the creation of Baskets for Convention with donations of items.
 - the premier Branch project, **Open Windows for Girls**, a series of educational enrichment grants for deserving girls ages 10-15 from St. Lawrence County to attend a summer camping experience to broaden their horizons and provide an open window to the future.

From the President:

The question is what is AAUW?

A national organization empowering women through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research since 1881!



Why join St. Lawrence County Branch of AAUW?

You believe in making a difference by empowering women through:

The annual scholarship for female college students awarded by the Branch

- The Open Windows Program disburses grants throughout the County assisting K-12 girls attending camps, conferences and other enrichment programs
- The annual Professional Clothing Fair providing college students and community members with just the right outfit to begin a career
- Supporting Women in Engineering by introducing middle school girls to STEM careers

Hear more about how you can make a difference at the Fall Membership meeting November 15, 4-7 pm at the SUNY Canton Athletic Center, Roos House, Mezzanine. Light refreshments will be served.

Betty Connolly, President
St. Lawrence County Branch

Election Day is November 8th! Check out these two Conversations with Candidates:

North Country Matters Conversation with a Candidate: 116th Assembly Candidate Addie Russell

In this Conversation with a Candidate, we talk with Addie Jenne Russell who is running for re-election to her 116th NYS Assembly seat in the "River District." These non-partisan Conversations invite a candidate to explain his or her positions, records, and ideas. They are designed to provide voter education that thoughtfully and civilly discusses issues of public policy and governance vital to our community. (Filmed Oct. 5, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9S3XtYvoNc>

North Country Matters Conversation with a Candidate: St. Lawrence County Treasurer Candidate Renee Cole

In this Conversations with a Candidate, we talk with Renee Cole from Heuvelton who is running for the Office of St. Lawrence County Treasurer. She filed petitions to run on three lines: the Democratic, Conservative, and Women's Equality Party. These non-partisan Conversations invite a candidate to explain his or her positions, records, and ideas. They are designed to provide voter education that thoughtfully and civilly discusses issues of public policy and governance vital to our community. (Filmed Sept. 28, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCEifTE5844>



Sign up for AAUW Conference Call: Analyzing the 2016 Election

November 16, 2016 from 2-3 pm - Want to be the first to know AAUW's analysis of the election results? Sign up for the AAUW Post-Election Conference Call! This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions about the impact of a new president and Congress on AAUW's priority issues.

https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=7966

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

On Nov. 25, the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) will launch the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign. In a global effort, thousands of organizations are working to end violence in their communities as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign.



Now in its 25th year, the 16 Days Campaign, which begins on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (Nov. 25), ends on International Human Rights Day (Dec. 10), emphasizes that such violence is a human rights violation. Since 1991, the annual 16 Days Campaign has mobilized more than 4,100 organizations in 172 countries to raise awareness about the pervasiveness of the multiple forms of violence women face.

The 2016 theme is "From Peace in the Home to Peace in the World: Make Education Safe For All!"

This theme recognizes that structural discrimination and inequality is perpetuated in a cycle of violence that does not end even when girls and young women are in the act of gaining an education. Gender-based violence with respect to the right to education is a consistent threat in public spaces, schools, and homes and is a detriment to the universal human right to education and it is our obligation to focus on the precarious situation of education for girls and boys, young women and men this year through the 16 Days Campaign.

Education is a public good and fundamental human right recognized in Article 26 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights and upheld in various international and regional human rights conventions and treaties. The right to education is subject to political, economic, and social shifts and upheavals, consistently leaving women, girls, people with disabilities, LGBTQI people, migrants, and indigenous people particularly vulnerable and liable to being denied this crucial right. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4 on education makes it clear that education will lead to skills and knowledge for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, as well as gender equality, culture of peace and non-violence, and appreciation for cultural diversity.

The 16 Days dates symbolically link violence against women and human rights, and emphasize that such violence is a human rights violation.

November 25: International Day of the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence

November 29: International Women Human Rights Defenders Day

November 29: International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

December 1: World AIDS Day December 5: AAUW Branch Board meeting at 4 pm at French

December 2: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

December 3: International Day for People with Disabilities

December 5: International Volunteer Day

December 6: The Montreal Massacre

December 9: International Anti-Corruption Day

December 10: International Human Rights Day when the world celebrates the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, largely authored by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Learn more at: <http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/>

Fall 2016 North Country Matters Shows



North Country Matters: Canton Sustainability Committee

Three members of the Canton Sustainability Committee update us on the work and progress on Canton's Community Action Plan which was adopted in 2011 to "strengthen Canton's future through sustainable development." We look at several goals of the Action Plan, including energy, transportation, and food. Joining us are Carol Pynchon, Canton Village Trustee, Klaus Proem, Canton Sustainability Committee (Filmed Oct. 26, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WSl6QyZBXI>

North Country Matters: Potsdam Central School Check Up

NCM hosts Donna Seymour and Ann Carvill talk with Potsdam Central administrators Joann Chambers and Jennifer Gray about new faces and new programs at the district's three schools and how the start of school has gone this year. (Filmed Oct. 19, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7I3i3AAhUw>

North Country Matters: An Update from North Country 350 Alliance

NCM host Donna Seymour talks climate change with Ginger Storey-Welch, the leader of the local North Country 350 Alliance. This discussion looks at new information, how young people are viewing climate change, and what you can do in your own life to address some of the changes. (Filmed Oct. 19, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdFTjSRJfF0>

North Country Matters: Adult Literacy Services in St. Lawrence County - NCM host Donna Seymour takes a look at the current state of adult literacy services in St. Lawrence County with Sarah Sachs, the Public Services Manager, and Maria D. Morrison, Literacy Program Coordinator, for Potsdam Public Library. Literacy volunteers work one-to-one with adults who need help with reading, writing, math tutoring or learning English as a second language. (Filmed Oct. 5, 2016) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37_OwxbOFIk

North Country Matters: SUNY Canton Wellness Programs - SUNY Canton is implementing the Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training to make additional strides toward a safer campus. Farren Lobdell, the Health Educator/Wellness Coordinator, and Amanda Rowley, the Title IX Coordinator, at SUNY Canton, discuss the Health and Wellness programs at the college and how these programs are improving the campus climate for all students with NCM host Donna Seymour. (Filmed Sept. 21, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4LLJ8IZeNk>

North Country Matters: Tim Currier, Reframing the War on Drugs - Massena Mayor Tim Currier discusses Reframing the War on Drugs with NCM host Elizabeth Kirnie. They examine the opioid addiction problem through the lens of economics, treatment, and a community-based approach rather than through law enforcement and the courts. (Filmed March 28, 2016 - Published Sept. 2, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbNqK9aOlao>

North Country Matters: Emily Baker, Social Documentation - Emily Baker, a Social Documentation major in the Clarkson Class of 2016, discusses her research on women STEM students and Clarkson for her senior these and two documentaries she has filmed. The first on Barn Quilts for TAUNY, and the second for AAUW on Opening the Gendered Toolbox, which explored the history and experience of women STEM students here at Clarkson. (Filmed April 25, 2016 - Published Sept. 2, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?edit=vd&v=NUyov77fTWA>

North Country Matters: Andrea Montgomery, SLC Office of the Aging - Andrea Montgomery, the Director of the St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging, discusses the changing nature of retirement with NCM host Donna Seymour. They explore the outreach programs available to the county seniors as well as the many volunteer opportunities for newly retired residents. (Filmed April 25, 2016 - Published Sept. 2, 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jAUt5eTyjM>

Dec. 7, 2016: NYS Constitutional Convention 2017 and the Adirondacks

From our friends and collaboration partners at the League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County: Read on for what promises to be an interesting program on the potential impact of a possible NYS Constitutional Convention on the ADKs. A referendum on such a convention will occur in 2017 and all voters need to be informed on the pros and cons. Note that you are requested to RSVP if you plan to attend.

Kathy

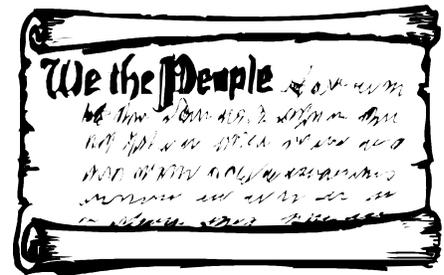
You are cordially invited to a forum sponsored by the Rockefeller Institute of Government and the League of Women Voters of NYS, "NYS Constitutional Convention 2017 and the Adirondacks," a special program designed to acquaint attendees with special issues relating to the Forever Wild Clause (N.Y. Const., Art XIV, sec 1) and how it could be impacted by a potential NYS Constitutional Convention.

The forum will take place Wednesday, December 7, 2016 from 6:30- 8 p.m., at the Auditorium of the Saranac Lake High School.

Moderating the program will be Thom Hallock, Mountain Lake PBS

Panelists include:

- Christopher Bopst, Attorney and expert on the NYS Constitution
- Willie Janeway, Adirondack Council
- Fred Monroe, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board
- John Warren, Adirondack Almanack
- Neil Woodworth, Adirondack Mountain Club



On November 7, 2017, voters will go into voting booths throughout New York State and, as they are every 20 years, will be faced with the constitutionally mandated question, "Shall there be a convention to revise the constitution and amend the same?" (N.Y. Const., Art XIX, sec 2)

In only nine instances in New York State history have we convened a Convention to consider how the State Constitution might be altered, potentially changing how government in Albany works.

Recognizing the importance of this opportunity, the Rockefeller Institute, the Government Law Center at Albany Law School, the Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz, the League of Women Voters of New York State, and the Siena Research Institute have joined forces, often with partner organizations from around the state, to conceive and implement a multi-year campaign designed to ensure that each of New York's voters, made aware of this work, goes to vote with a clearer sense of what a Constitutional Convention could achieve.

To RSVP, please contact Michele Charbonneau at (518) 443-5258 or michele.charbonneau@rockinst.suny.edu.

New Philibert Cultural Center and Museum in Massena opened on Nov. 3

Massena celebrated the opening of the new Celine G. Philibert Cultural Center and Museum town museum on Nov. 3, named in honor of a former AAUW-St. Lawrence County Branch and Board member. Celine Philibert (1956-2013), who died of cancer in December 2013, moved from France to the United States to teach French in the SUNY Potsdam Modern Language Department in 1990.

Education and Equity News Clips

Lisa Maatz: Care about Working Families? Don't Forget Down Ballot Races! - In an election year like 2016, it's easy to get distracted by the balloon drops, blustery language, and bravado of the top-of-the-ticket presidential candidates. Thousands of state and local candidates are making their cases to voters, and the results will have a huge impact on the policy priorities in executive offices, statehouses, and council chambers across the country. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lisa-maatz/care-about-working-families_b_12772396.html

It will take centuries for women of color to be paid equally - On its present trajectory, then, it will [take 43 years](https://thinkprogress.org/gender-wage-gap-race-c84771114508) for the gap between what men and women earn to fully close. But women of color will have to wait much longer. Black women won't see pay parity for another 108 years, while Hispanic women will have to wait a shocking 232 years.

<https://thinkprogress.org/gender-wage-gap-race-c84771114508>

The Racial Disparity of the Student-Loan Crisis - The gap in debt between black graduates and white graduates more than triples just several years after college, a crucial time for saving and laying the groundwork for retirement. <http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2016/10/why-debt-balloons-after-graduation-for-black-students/505058/>

The Big Difference Between Women and Men's Earnings After College - Though more education brings [higher earnings for men and women alike](https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/education/reports/2016/09/13/143412/the-big-difference-between-women-and-mens-earnings-after-college/), the earnings are much lower for women despite their higher graduation rates. Stakeholders and policymakers should continue to think about solutions beyond education—such as paid family leave, pay transparency, and high-quality child care—they also need to consider the factors in higher education policy solutions that may contribute to the wage gap.

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/education/reports/2016/09/13/143412/the-big-difference-between-women-and-mens-earnings-after-college/>

Child Care Deserts, An Analysis of Child Care Centers by ZIP Code in 8 States - A new report and interactive map by the Center for American Progress examine the presence, capacity, and quality ratings of child care centers across eight states and reveal that 42 percent of children under age 5 live in child care deserts.

<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/early-childhood/reports/2016/10/27/225703/child-care-deserts/>

The surprising number of parents scaling back at work to care for kids - More than three-quarters of mothers and half of fathers in the United States say they've passed up work opportunities, switched jobs or quit to tend to their kids, according to a new [Washington Post poll](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/the-surprising-number-of-moms-and-dads-scaling-back-at-work-to-care-for-their-kids/2015/08/06/c7134c50-3ab7-11e5-b3ac-8a79bc44e5e2_story.html).

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Yes, contraceptives have side effects – and it's time for men to put up with them too - Apparently women can have such ailments as depression and acne thrust upon them for the greater good of preventing an unwanted pregnancy, but the same level of discomfort cannot be expected of men.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/male-contraceptive-injection-successful-trial-halted-a7384601.html>

You risk a ragged retirement if you're counting on these numbers - If you're making only 72 cents to a man's dollar, saving the same percentage of salary as your male peers do won't cut it in retirement. Difficult as it is, women should try to save a lot more than men, definitely more than the unisex rules of thumb. That could also mean not retiring as soon as your husband has done, if you're the younger spouse.

<http://www.lifehealthpro.com/2016/11/01/you-risk-a-ragged-retirement-if-youre-counting-on>

School Bullying Can Leave Lifelong Scars - When students are bullied as children, the emotional damage doesn't just go away—it leaves an impact that can last decades. An estimated [5.4 million students ages 12 to 18 reported being bullied](https://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/bookmarks/2016/11/school-bullying-scars-are-lifelong.html)—about one in five students—and 1.7 million experienced cyberbullying in 2013, according to a 2015 report from the U.S. Department of Education.

<https://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/bookmarks/2016/11/school-bullying-scars-are-lifelong.html>

The AAUW Calendar of Events

November 8: General Election Day

November 11: Veterans Day

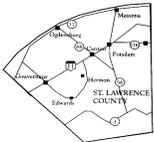
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November 16–20: National Education Week

November 24: Thanksgiving

November 28: [AAUW's birthday](#)

The **American Association of University Women** advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW is a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls. The **AAUW Educational Foundation** provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. The **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund** provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.



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