

President's Report

Sarah Henderson,

On days like today, when the shadows are a little longer and the temperatures are a little cooler, it is easy to think we are winding down and getting ready for our winter's rest. The prospect of hibernating, wearing cozy sweaters and drinking spiced tea, is tempting. However, there is much to do. We are in an election year and our freedoms are still under attack. Although we will have fewer meetings this year as part of our post-pandemic transition, there are still ways for us to take action and for our voices to be heard. Learn about the candidates and vote! Work to help register other voters. AAUW has a wealth of resources including the AAUW Action Fund which can be found at <https://www.aauwaction.org/>. There is an opportunity to participate in protesting at the National Day of Action to Defend and Expand Abortion Access on October 8, 2022, at 12:00 noon at Downtown Chicago Federal Plaza, 219 S. Dearborn. You can find out more about the event at <https://www.facebook.com/events/625641422270134>. We will have voter registration training and then work with Dr. Audette's students to register voters during the month of October. There are many different ways for us to participate. These are just a few of our upcoming opportunities. If you learn of an opportunity that has not been mentioned by members of the group, please feel free to share with fellow branch members. With so much going on, it is impossible for one person to keep track of everything. We are all in this together!



Program, October 20, 2022

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AAUW Program Calendar 2022-2023

October 20, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in Hewes Library 124 – Dr. Julia Albarracin (*see article next page*)

December 3, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Buchanan Art Center – AAUW/Monmouth Branch Holiday Social

February 2023 at the Buchanan Art Center – Professor Robin Johnson

April 2023 at the Buchanan Art Center – Cammy Davis

Betty Kasper, Dr. Albarracin, Marty Dallmeyer, and Carol Gardner will be arriving early (approximately 5 p.m.) on October 20, 2022, to have dinner with AAUW members before the program. I will not be able to attend due to work commitments. Would someone be able to coordinate the dinner? **Please contact me and let me know if you can coordinate or are interested in joining them for dinner.**

Please note Professor Johnson and Cammy Davis have asked to finalize the dates of their program closer to that time to ensure they will be available to present. Specific dates and times will be sent out to the membership as soon as they are confirmed. Requests for volunteers for the December Holiday Social will be sent out.

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WIU's Albarracin Honored by International Press, Radio, and TV Association

September 28, 2022

MACOMB, IL – Western Illinois University Political Science Professor Julia Albarracin has received the Hispanic Pride (Orgullo Hispano) award from the International Press, Radio and TV Association. The award was presented Tuesday, Sept. 27 at a ceremony in Chicago.

The Orgullo Hispano award was given to recognize Albarracin's work with her non-profit organization, "Western Illinois DREAMers," which supports the immigrant community in Illinois.

"I'm humbled by this award," said Albarracin. " I was able to combine my research experience at WIU with my knowledge of business to create the nonprofit Western Illinois DREAMers. With the right team, we were able to serve many members of the immigrant and refugee communities in Illinois. I have been blessed with the opportunity to do what I love doing in both of my jobs."

The goal of the DREAMers organization is to "empower immigrant communities by informing them of their rights, sharing relevant information, and connecting them to free or low-cost services, including immigration legal services."

For more information about the Western Illinois DREAMers, visit westernillinoisdreamers.org/en.



Congratulations, Michelle!

Jan De Young

Congratulations to our own Michelle Holschuh-Simmons, who was honored with the Hatch Award for Excellence in Teaching at Monmouth College. This is a very prestigious award and well deserved!

The Hatch Award, named for the late alumnus Jerome Hatch, was established in 2004 to recognize outstanding Monmouth College faculty in teaching, service, and scholarship. Michelle was recognized for excellence in teaching but could easily have been cited additionally for service and scholarship!

Her nominator wrote this: Michelle "has found ways to influence the campus beyond her disciplinary bounds.. she is a force on campus, and her contributions to the lives of Monmouth College students, and the College overall, are striking." Michelle is often praised by students for both her rigor and her empathy as a teacher.

One of Michelle's additional contributions to the College is serving as faculty co-advisor to the Midwest Journal of Undergraduate Research.

Congratulations, Michelle!

Voter Registration Training

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Thursday, October 6th at 7 pm in CSB 278 on Monmouth College's campus. This is the same building we used last

year for our meetings. Parking is available in front. We will be joining Dr. Audette's students for the training, refreshments will be served. Dr. Audette thinks the training will last an hour. We will also find out more information about the ways to help register students on campus.

New Members Cammy Davis

Cammy is a South Carolina native, College of Charleston alumni who taught High School ELA for six years in the Low Country of South Carolina. One of her greatest accomplishments was serving with the Peace Corps in Madagascar from 2017-2019 while simultaneously earning her TEFL—Teaching English as a Foreign Language—certificate. A Coverdell Fellowship to pursue her MA in Education Studies at Western Illinois University brought her to Illinois in 2020 and her AmeriCorps service brought her to Monmouth in 2021. During her AmeriCorps service, Cammy volunteered with many organizations in Monmouth including the Warren County Public Library where she primarily focused her efforts on programs for children and young adults.

Annie Maier

Annie is a native of Cleveland, Ohio and joined our AAUW after the Kick-Off Dinner (no pressure from sister, Sharon Gilbert!) Annie graduated from Bowling Green State University. She has had a varied career including travelling for a sewing machine company, director of training and quality assurance for eight call centers in the US and Canada. She is now retired and loves to quilt and sew and take care of her two Schnauzers.



Note About Donna Sproston

Annie arranged to meet Donna at the Madison, WI quilt show and reports that Donna is doing very well!



Book Group

Katelyn Audette

October 25, 10:30 ZOOM

Book group's October meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 25, at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Links will be sent out before the discussion takes place. Contact Marilyn Van Ausdall to be added to the email list if you are interested in participating in a lively, thought-provoking discussion with a friendly group of fellow book lovers! We will be discussing *All the Children Are Home* by Patry Francis.

"Set in the late 1950s through 1960s in a small town in Massachusetts, *All the Children Are Home* follows the Moscatelli family—Dahlia and Louie, foster parents, and their long-term foster children Jimmy, Zaidie, and Jon—and the irrevocable changes in their lives when a six-year-old indigenous girl, Agnes, is comes to live with them.

When Dahlia decided to become a foster mother, she had a few caveats: no howling newborns, no delinquents, and above all, no girls. A harrowing incident years before left her a virtual prisoner in her own home, forever wary of the heartbreak and limitation of a girl's life.

Eleven years after they began fostering, the Moscatellis are raising three children as their own and Dahlia and Louie consider their family complete, but when the social worker begs them to take a young girl who has been horrifically abused and neglected, they can't say no.

Six-year-old Agnes Juniper arrives with no knowledge of her Native American heritage or herself beyond a box of trinkets given to her by her mother and dreamlike

memories of her sister. Before long, this stranger in their midst has strengthened the bond in this unusual family, showing them how to contend with outside forces that want to tear them apart. Heartfelt and enthralling, *All the Children Are Home* is a moving testament to how love can survive in the face of devastating losses." (Goodreads)

November's book discussion will also take place on Zoom, and the book we'll discuss will be *On a Cold Dark Sea* by Elizabeth Blackwell. Time and date will be announced to the book group email list following October's meeting.

"On April 15, 1912, three women climbed into Lifeboat 21 and watched in horror as the *Titanic* sank into the icy depths. They were strangers then...

Con artist Charlotte Digby lied her way through London and onto the *Titanic*. The disaster could be her chance at a new life—if she hides the truth about her past. Esme Harper, a wealthy American, mourns the end of a passionate affair and fears that everything beautiful is slipping from her grasp. And Anna Halversson, a Swedish farm girl in search of a fresh start in America, is tormented by the screams that ring out from the water. Is one of them calling her name?

Twenty years later, a sudden death brings the three women back together, forcing them to face the impossible choices they made, the inconceivable loss, and the secrets they have kept for far too long." (Goodreads)

Buchanan Center for the Arts

Kristyne Gilbert

Tickets are available for the BCA Armoury

Players *Arsenic and Old*

Lace. \$5 open seating. Performances are Friday, October 21, and Saturday, October 22. Doors open at 6:30pm with libations and nibbles. Performance begins at 7pm. You won't want to miss this 1940s radio play filled with the shenanigans and hilarious horror of the Brewster family of Brooklyn, New York.

Art Presenter Program

50th Anniversary Celebration! The Buchanan Center for the Arts invites you to share your Art Presenter story. Were you a volunteer? Are you a current volunteer? Were you a student who enjoyed the Art Presenter experience? The BCA staff wants to hear from you as we spend the next year celebrating the Art Presenter Program and honoring the thousands of community volunteers who have made this program a wonderful success! Click the link to share your story: (it won't take more than five minutes!)

<https://forms.gle/MCAGK6HdRG6RYmNX7>

Old Friends Talk Art

"Chemistry, Physics & the Art of Fused Glass" are the topics for the next Old Friends Talk Art featuring guest speakers Monmouth College Professors Ashwani Kumar & Brad Sturgeon and Fused Glass Artist Judi Minor. Join us at 10am Wednesday, October 12, in the BCA Gallery, 64 Public Square, Monmouth. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Taste of the Arts Gala

Each year the Buchanan Center for the Arts hosts a festive evening to raise funds for arts programming in our community. This year we are planning for another exceptional gathering with "Winter Holidays Around the World" 6-9pm Saturday, November 12, in the BCA Gallery.

Tickets are \$60 per guest or \$360 for a table of six that includes a delightful dinner with wine, live music, and lively auctions. Tickets are available at the Buchanan Center for the Arts. See you in the gallery!

Note from Kathy Lowe-Arthur

I think it might be worthy to praise Lisa Morrow for being selected as her work is one of sixty artworks for the BCA 64 juried show. This show started on September 6 and runs through October 28th. Fifty-nine artists will be part of this show. Kristyne has given me some of the statistics. These artists hail from twenty-one states, the farthest distance from the state of Washington.



Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be 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.

Value Promise: By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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