

Boulder AAUW's November Program on Homelessness



Saturday, November 10
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Creek Room, Boulder Main Library

Panel Discussion Speakers:



Tessa Owens is the Youth Violence Prevention Educator at [Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence](#) (SPAN) and serves as one of the co-coordinators of the Peers Building Justice after-school program. Tessa lived in South Carolina for most of her life. She graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL where she majored in Gender & Sexuality Studies and Spanish. In 2016, she joined the Peace Corps and moved to the coastal desert in Peru where she worked with community members and local government to promote sustainable programming for maternal and child health. Before her role as Youth Educator, she was a Housing Advocate for survivors of domestic and interpersonal violence



Angela McMahan is the President and CEO of Arising Hope International, a domestic violence shelter in Denver, Colorado. She started the shelter in her home in November of 2007. Arising Hope is one of the only faith-based shelters in Colorado and provides residential treatment to women, their children, and their pets who are victims of domestic violence. The shelter has received recognition from the American Humane Association as the first PAWS shelter in Colorado and is currently recognized in the National SAF-T (Shelter Animals and Families Together) Program. Arising Hope has also received awards for their efforts to be green and keep clothing and textiles out of landfills.

Join us for this important program!



A Message from Marilyn by Boulder AAUW President Marilyn Thomas Leist, EdD

\$46,000 Raised, 100% to Groups Fighting Human Trafficking

On October 7, 2018, a beautiful cold day, new member to Boulder AAUW, Barbara O'Connor, her daughter, Carol O'Connor Spence and I participated in the Justice Run 5K to raise awareness and money to fight the epidemic of human trafficking in Colorado. While it was great to be with 691 walkers and runners, it was especially interesting to speak with representatives of the organizations who shared information about the work they do every day to raise awareness; to provide victim assistance, preventive and restorative care; and to gather data. I will share information about two of those organizations. Before the race, I asked a woman from Resilience Rising, a residential facility in Denver, what her biggest challenge is, and she said "run-aways." She said, "recovery is a long process and sometimes it just seems easier to go back to their former lives." The caregivers spend hours and days searching for run-aways to bring them back. The Human Trafficking Center is a research and advocacy organization in the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at Denver University. Students and faculty work together to upgrade the research, methodology, and data to contribute reliable and transparent information to enable better understanding of the problems and how to address them.



In 2014, The Polaris Project produced a report on State Ratings on Human Trafficking Laws. The evaluation was based on 10 categories of state statutes to advocate for a basic anti-trafficking legal framework. Colorado was one of 39 states in Tier 1 indicating that Colorado has passed significant laws to combat human trafficking and should continue to take additional steps to improve and implement its laws. At the time of the 10 statutes, Colorado still needed to pass laws for the following: post a Human Trafficking Hotline, pass a Safe Harbor for Protecting Minors law, and fund Victim Assistance. Since that time Colorado has posted a Human Trafficking Hotline and has resources for Victim Assistance, however, the Safe Harbor Statute that would protect sexually exploited minors has not passed, nor has the full statute for Vacating Convictions for Sex Trafficking Victims. Refer to the ratings categories at <https://polarisproject.org/resources/2014-state-ratings-human-trafficking-laws>.

At the national level, AAUW has partnered with the National Council for Jewish Women to produce a Sex Trafficking Tool Kit with fact sheets, messaging, and social media guidelines on the Safe Harbor and Vacatur Laws. <https://www.aauw.org/resource/state-policy-sex-trafficking-tool-kit/>.

In 2014, Colorado House Bill 14-1273 was signed into law. This legislation established a 31-person Human Trafficking Council (The Council) that represents a wide range of agencies including state agencies. The Council is housed under the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office for Victims Programs, and is designed to: bring together leadership from community-based and statewide anti-trafficking efforts, build and enhance collaboration among communities and counties within the state, establish and improve comprehensive services for victims and survivors of human trafficking, assist in the successful prosecution of human traffickers, and help prevent human trafficking in Colorado. More information is available at <https://sites.google.com/state.co.us/human-trafficking-council/the-council>.

Women and girls make up 71% of victims of trafficking. Although the Human Trafficking epidemic affects people of all cultures, social classes, and backgrounds, human trafficking disproportionately affects women and girls. While the Colorado Human Trafficking Council is a step in the right direction as it strives to coordinate efforts and change the course of trafficking, there is still much work to be done!



AAUW: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. In principle and 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.

Boulder AAUW Holiday Party – Don't Miss out!



**December 2, 2018
4 – 6 p.m.**

**at the home of
Leigh Perreault
3785 Longwood Avenue
Boulder 80305**

\$35

Boulder AAUW members and friends are invited to come enjoy the season and the beautiful view from member Leigh Perreault's lovely home. The fee covers the cost of food and drinks. Caterer Cateris Savory Cuisines will have available vegetarian, gluten free, and dairy free choices.

To reserve your spot, please send your \$35/person check to Boulder AAUW to Ann Smith, 857 Hoover Avenue, Louisville 80027-2294 or go online to Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-boulders-holiday-party-tickets-51817163531>

Mark Your Calendar

AAUW Boulder – AAUW Scholarship Awardees Presentation -Meadows Library-Jan. 19, 10:30 to 12:30
AAUW Colorado Fall Leadership Conference - Holiday Inn, Lakewood, CO - August 24-25, 2018
AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day – Holiday Inn, Lakewood, CO – February 2, 2019
AAUW Colorado State Convention – Longmont, CO – April 26-27, 2019



*****Check out the Boulder AAUW Website: <http://boulder-co.aauw.net/>**

You Can Help Eliminate the Gender Pay Gap



The gender pay gap hasn't budged even a nickel in the 21st century, and the current political climate threatens to move women's economic progress backwards. AAUW is taking bold action to end the gender pay gap by 2030 by teaching women the negotiation skills they need to get paid what they deserve through our Work Smart trainings.

Boulder AAUW members received a letter, dated October 15, 2018, from President Marilyn Leist requesting your support to help eliminate the gender pay gap. **Your tax-deductible donation will be used to pay for expenses related to the AAUW Start Smart and AAUW Work Smart training**, including the licenses (\$750), materials for the classes (\$100), and snacks for attendees (\$100). Seven Boulder AAUW member-trainers have trained over 70 women and are scheduled to train more than 50 women this month and next. The next two Work Smart workshops are: October 30, 9-11 a.m. at UCAR for the Earth Sciences Women's Network, and November 1, 9-11 a.m. at Boulder's Mountain View Methodist Church for BoulderNet, a net-tracking group for people seeking a new job.

You may donate by sending your check written to Boulder AAUW (please use the pre-stamped envelope included with your letter) to Ann Smith, 857 Hoover Avenue, Louisville, CO 80027-2294, or go to the Boulder AAUW website to donate electronically, <https://Boulder-co.aauw.net/> under the tab "Donate". Questions? Contact Ann at smithannah@aol.com or 303-284-7411.

Wednesdays, **Wine**, and Women's Issues



Boulder AAUW's
Happy Hour
December 12, 2018 – 5 p.m.

St. Julien Hotel, 900 Walnut Street, Boulder 80302

Enjoy the Holiday decorations and stimulating conversation at the beautiful St. Julien Hotel. Bring your friends!



Don't forget to VOTE!



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Great Decisions Topics for 2019

Great Decisions will meet every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. from January-April at the George Reynolds Library (on Table Mesa) to discuss topics of current interest. Topics and dates for 2019 are listed below. You may purchase a booklet that discusses the topics. Questions? Contact Arlene Blewitt at arleneblewitt@hotmail.com.

January 8, 2019 - Refugees and Global Migration by *Karen Jacobsen*

Today, no countries have open borders. Every state in today's global system has its own laws and policies about who is permitted to cross its borders, and how they will do so. Who determines whether someone is a refugee or a migrant? How have different countries, including the United States, reacted to migration? How effective are the international laws, policies and organizations that have evolved to assist and protect refugees and migrants?

January 22, 2019 - The Middle East: Regional Disorder by *Lawrence G. Potter*

As the presidency of Donald J. Trump passes the halfway point, the Middle East remains a region in turmoil. The Trump administration has aligned itself with strongmen in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt, which along with Israel have a common goal of frustrating Iranian expansion. What will be the fallout from policy reversals such as withdrawing from the Iranian nuclear accord and moving the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem? Does the United States see a path forward in troubled states such as Syria, Yemen, Libya and Iraq? Is the United States headed toward war with Iran?

February 5, 2019 - Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future? by *Ronald J. Bee*

Nuclear weapons have not gone away, and the Trump administration has brought a new urgency, if not a new approach, to dealing with them. The President has met with Vladimir Putin as the New Start Treaty with Russia comes up for renewal in 2021, the first presidential summit ever with Kim Jong-un occurred to discuss denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula, and President Trump has decertified the Obama nuclear deal with Iran. To what degree should past nuclear talks guide future U.S. nuclear arms control negotiations? Can the art of the deal apply to stabilizing our nuclear future?

February 19, 2019 - The Rise of Populism in Europe by *James Kirchick*

Mass migration, and the problems associated with it, have directly abetted the rise of populist parties in Europe. Opposition to immigration was the prime driver of support for Brexit, it brought a far-right party to the German Bundestag for the first time since the 1950s, and propelled Marine Le Pen to win a third of the vote in the French presidential election. In addition to calling for stronger borders, however, these parties are invariably illiberal, anti-American, anti-NATO and pro-Kremlin, making their rise a matter of serious concern for the national security interests of the United States.

March 5, 2019 - Decoding U.S.-China Trade by *Jeremy Haft*

Though arguably the most advanced economy in the world, the United States still uses centuries-old numbers to measure trade. These antique numbers mangle understanding of the U.S.-China trade relationship, shrinking America's true economic size and competitiveness, while swelling China's. Bad numbers give rise to bad policies that ultimately kill U.S. jobs and cede market share to China. What other tools can the United States employ to counter China's unfair trade practices? There are several available, yet they remain mostly unused.

March 19, 2019 - Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics by *Richard Andres*

Cyber conflict is a new and continually developing threat, which can include foreign interference in elections, industrial sabotage and attacks on infrastructure. Russia has been accused of interfering in the 2016 presidential elections in the United States and China is highly committed to using cyberspace as a tool of national policy. Dealing with cyber conflict will require new ways of looking at 21st century warfare. Is the United States prepared to respond to such threats?

April 2, 2019 - The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested by *Michael Shifter and Bruno Binetti*

The United States and Mexico have a long, intertwined history, with both countries prominently featured in each other's politics and agendas. The war on drugs, immigration and trade issues have taxed the relationship over the years. What impact will new leadership in both countries have on this crucial partnership?

April 16, 2019 - State of the State Department and Diplomacy by *Nicholas Burns*

During the Trump administration, the usual ways of conducting diplomacy have been upended. Many positions in the State Department have never been filled, and meetings with foreign leaders such as Kim Jong-un and Vladimir Putin have been undertaken with little advance planning. What effect are these changes having now, and how will they affect ongoing relationships between the United States and its allies and adversaries?

AAUW Boulder Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2018-19

To belong to an interest group, except Great Decisions, individuals need to be a member of AAUW Boulder

<p>Great Decisions Diane Edes dianeE229@gmail.com, 303-465-3272 Arlene Blewitt arleneblewitt@hotmail.com, 303-570-8804</p>	<p>Meets January-April, 2019, at the George Reynolds Library (on Table Mesa) every other Tuesday at 10 a.m.</p>
<p>La Cuisine Joyce Spencer jjandbobs@msn.com, 303-325-5394</p>	<p>Meets the third Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in members' homes.</p>
<p>Third Tuesday Women's Bridge Alice Allen alicedon7@comcast.net, 303-494-8050</p>	<p>Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Carillon for lunch and bridge.</p>
<p>Mahjong Eileen Koch es.koch@comcast.net, 720-238-0006</p>	<p>Meets in members' homes at 7 p.m. on dates chosen by members. Contact Eileen for the schedule.</p>
<p>Playgoers Jennie Grisham jennig43@q.com, 303-443-6194 Georgeanne Beck gebeck112@gmail.com, 303-469-3187</p>	<p>Group attends the operas at CU and other local plays on Sunday afternoons during the year. Dinners following at local restaurants are optional.</p>
<p>Sunday Night Non-Fiction Book Group Beth Rauch etrauch@comcast.net, 303-442-2704</p>	<p>Usually meets the second Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. in members' homes. Spouses and significant others are invited.</p> <p>10/28/18-<i>Brilliant Beacons: A History of the American Lighthouse</i> by Eric Jay Dolin 11/11/18-<i>The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis</i> by Elizabeth Letts</p>
<p>Wednesday "Bookies" Group Mary McKeever mckeever7868@gmail.com, 303-823-6604</p>	<p>Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in members' homes. Upcoming book selections are:</p> <p>11/14/18-<i>Manhattan Beach</i> by Jennifer Egan 12/12/18-Book Exchange</p>
<p>Daytime Non-Fiction Book Group Helen Holden heleninco@comcast.net, 303-828-3016</p>	<p>Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. in members' homes. Upcoming book selection is:</p> <p>11/7/18- <i>Where the Water Goes: Life and Death Along the Colorado River</i> by David Owen 12/5/18-<i>Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI</i> by David Grann</p>

