



Don't Miss AAUW Colorado's Public Policy Day 2020!



**Saturday, February 1, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn, 7300 West Hampden Avenue, Lakewood 80227**

IMMIGRATION CONVERSATION

Senator Julie Gonzales, Colorado District 34, Keynote Speaker

Senator Julie Gonzales, Colorado Senate District 34 which includes north, west, and downtown Denver, currently serves as Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee. The sixth of seven children, her mother was an elementary school teacher and her father was a rancher and medical cannabis producer. She was born in Arizona and raised in south Texas. Just after graduating from Yale University, Senator Gonzales moved to Denver, where she had previously spent summers working to save money for college. She is a co-founder and former statewide board chair of the Colorado Latino Forum, and an advocate for immigrant rights across Colorado.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Cost: \$45 (includes registration and lunch)

Limited Registration Scholarships are available to current college students - Contact Sally Mathewson at 719-473-0228.

Go to <https://aauw-co.aauw.net/> for more information about Public Policy Day

Online Registration - <https://aauw-co.aauw.net/2020-public-policy-day/>

Mail-In Registration Form- <https://aauw-co.aauw.net/files/2019/10/Public-Policy-Day-2020-Mail-in-Registration.pdf>

Boulder AAUW's February Program on The Reentry Initiative



Speaker: Deborah Simmons, Founder and Board Member

Deborah has an MBA and MS in Addiction Counseling.

The Reentry Initiative provides transitional services to women reentering for incarceration

Date and location of the February meeting is still being determined.

We will notify you as soon as we know.

A Message from Kathy by Boulder AAUW President Kathy Olivier

Report states that erasing the gender pay gap will take years

I hope everyone had a Great Holiday. Here is some bad news from an NBC News article written by Sarah Jackson. According to this article women will have to wait a while for equal pay, roughly until the year 2277. At the current rate of change, the gender gap in economic participation and opportunity won't close for another 257 years, up from 202 years in last year's estimate, according to the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report published last month. The report measured the gender gap across economics, politics, education and health and ranked 153 countries on their closeness to gender equality across those four categories. The time needed to close the gender gap in all four categories went down to 99.5 years for the countries that the report has evaluated every year since its inception in 2006. Iceland was recognized as the most gender-equal country for the eleventh year in a row. Other Nordic countries — including Norway, Finland, and Sweden — and Nicaragua rounded out the top five. Yemen ranked lowest on the list. The United States fell two spots from last year to 53rd on the list, although 101 of the countries assessed increased their scores from last year.



This makes our work in Start Smart and Work Smart very, very important. We have trained approximately 150 women in the last 18 months. We have had at least a half a dozen young women come back and tell us how this workshop made a positive significance in their salary. We still have a lot of work to do. Thanks to all the women in our branch helping with this.

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



Boulder AAUW's Happy Hour

January 22, 2020

5 p.m.

**St. Julien Hotel, 900 Walnut Street
Boulder 80302**

(Ask the doorman for the location of our group)

**Enjoy the stimulating conversation
Bring your friends!**

Mark Your Calendar

League of Women Voters Voter Registration Drive Training – January 25, 2020

AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day – February 1, 2020 – Holiday Inn, Lakewood

Boulder AAUW – The Reentry Initiative -TBA

The Women's Collaborative of Boulder County – International Women's Day Celebration-March 8, 2020

AAUW Colorado State & Regional Convention – Hilton, Fort Collins, CO – June 13-14, 2020



Voter Registration Drive (VRD) Training

January 25, 2020 – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Elevations Credit Union, 2960 Diagonal Highway, Boulder 80301

Boulder AAUW will work with the League of Women Voters of Boulder County by volunteering at VRD events arranged by LWVBC members.

Jeanine Pow, the lead Voter Registration Trainer for the League of Women Voters, will train Boulder AAUW members on the requirements for volunteering in Voter Registration Drives with the LWV. **Even if you have participated in voter registrations in the past, you still need to participate in this training.** There is no charge for the training.

You must be registered to participate in the VRDs. Registering is easy: just go to lwwbc.org and look for the link to the Voter Registration Training. Please save the date on your calendar if you are planning to participate.

Jeanine's tag line is, "**Vote Like Your Life Depends on It!**" She is passionate about making sure every eligible person has the information needed to register to vote and she is steeped in the Colorado State process volunteers must follow to enable residents to register to vote.

This is an opportunity for Boulder AAUW members to work directly with the LWV to encourage participation in our single-most important democratic process—the right for everyone to VOTE for candidates and issues of their personal choosing. Voter Registration is a non-partisan activity. It is also part of the mission of the Boulder AAUW.

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AAUW Public Policy Update on 2020 General Assembly

Barbara O'Connor and Betty Flaten, Public Policy Co-chairs



Boulder Branch AAUW Public Policy has an eventful and busy year ahead as we train members to register voters, monitor and contact the 2020 Colorado General Assembly, attend state AAUW Public Policy Day and prepare ourselves to educate ourselves on candidates from local to national level, and then vote wisely.

Dates to put on your calendar:

- Voter Education Training with Boulder County LWV – January 25, Voter Registration Training – (check out Barbara’s information in this bulletin and register to attend.)
- AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day – February 1 at the Holiday Inn, Lakewood - (to register go online to aauw.co.org or look at the information and registration form in this bulletin issue.)
- Colorado General Assembly Convenes – January 8, 2020. When the state Public Policy chairs ask for members to contact their representatives and senators about bills of concern to AAUW, we will notify you and give some talking points to use. Please refer to the list below when making those contacts.

Additional information on the status of bills, legislative hearings, and upcoming votes will be added to the website as we receive information.

You can also attend town hall meetings held by your representatives and speak to the issues that are of interest and concern to AAUW. When speaking for a bill or issue only refer to AAUW if national or state has signed on in support or opposition to the bill.

These Senators and Representatives represent portions or the whole of Boulder County. **(Please keep the following list for reference when contacted by the branch or state to lobby legislators about a particular bill.)**

Senators:

SD15, Senator Kevin Lundberg, Democrat-Boulder
303-866-4853, kevin@kevinlundberg.com

SD16, Senator Tammy Story, Democrat-Boulder
303-866-4873, tammy.story.senate@state.co.us

SD17, Senator Mike Foote, Democrat-Louisville
303-866-5291, mike.foote.senate@state.co.us

SD18 Senator Stephen Fenberg, Democrat-Boulder
303-866-4872, stephen.fenberg.senate@state.co.us

SD23, Senator Vicki Marble, Republican-Fort Collins
303-866-4876, vicki.marble.senate@state.co.us

Representatives:

HD10, Representative Edie Hooton, Democrat-Boulder
303-866-2915, edie.hooton.house@state.co.us

HD11, Representative Jonathan Singer, Democrat-Longmont
303-866-2780, jonathan.singer.house@state.co.us

HD12, Representative Sonya Jaquez Lewis, Democrat-Lafayette
303-866-2920, sonya.jaquez.lewis.house@state.co.us

HD13, Representative K C Becker, Democrat-Boulder
303-866-2578, kcbecker.house@state.co.us

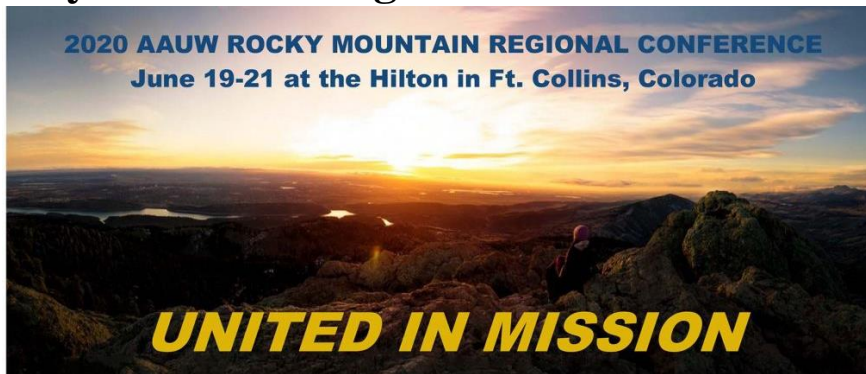
HD33, Representative Matt Gray, Democrat-Broomfield
303-866-4667, matt@mathewgray.us

HD49, Representative Perry Buck, Republican-Windsor
303-866-2907, perrybuck49@gmail.com

HD63, Representative Lori Saine, Republican-Firestone
303-866-2906, lori.saine.house@state.co.us

Even if you have been receiving the Two Minute Activist you need to sign up again for 2020. Go to www.aauw.org, sign in with **your member number** and **password**, In the **Member Center**, click on **What We Do**, go to Public Policy, click **Two Minute Activist** and register.

2020 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference – June 19-21



Arizona-Colorado-New Mexico-Nevada-Utah-Wyoming

Hotel reservations at the Fort Collins Hilton can be made by calling 970-482-2626 and requesting American Association of University Women conference room block. The guest code is AAUW. The reservation deadline for the discounted rate: May 19, 2020.

Meet New Member Bernice German



Bernice German is new to AAUW, but she has lived in the Boulder area for 31 years. AAUW's mission of supporting women and girls drew her to Boulder AAUW.

Bernice is the President of Math Whisperers LLC. Her favorite part of her career is watching students that she taught and tutored as children, who thought they couldn't learn math, excel and, in some cases, become engineers.

Bernice belongs to Soroptomists in Peterborough, Ontario, where she participates in many volunteer activities, including tutoring newcomers to Canada, either in person or by Skype. She also does coat and clothing drives for isolated communities such as Nunavet.

Welcome to Boulder AAUW, Bernice!

Bernice German, 3675 Darley Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80305, bernice@mathwhisperer.com, 303-903-1367 (c), Washington University BA, Washington University MA, University of Colorado PhD



International Women's Day is March 8, 2020 *Save the date!*
More information about the Women's

Collabotative of Boulder County's International Women's Day event in the February Bulletin.

Boulder AAUW Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2020

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

<p>Great Decisions Linda Groth lkg.reads@comcast.net, 303-449-0713 Arlene Blewitt arleneblewitt@hotmail.com, 303-570-8804</p>	<p>Will meet January-April, 2020, at the George Reynolds Library, 3595 Table Mesa Dr, Boulder 80305, every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. 1/14/20-<i>Climate Change and the Global Order</i> 1/28/20-<i>India and Pakistan</i> 2/11/20-<i>Red Sea Security</i> 2/25/20-<i>Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking</i> 3/10/20-<i>U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle</i> 3/24/20-<i>China's Road into Latin America</i> 4/14/20-<i>The Philippines and the U.S.</i> 4/28/20-<i>Artificial Intelligence and Data</i></p>
<p>La Cuisine Joyce Spencer jjandbobs@msn.com, 303-325-5394</p>	<p>Usually meets the third Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in members' homes.</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>Attend the operas at CU and other local plays on Sunday afternoons during the year. Dinners following at local restaurants are optional.</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: 1/15/20-<i>The Heart's Invisible Furies</i> by John Boyle 2/19/20-<i>The Great Alone</i> by Kristin Hannah 3/18/20-<i>This is How It Always Is</i> by Laurie Frankel</p>
<p>Daytime Non-Fiction & Conversation 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 selections are: 1/8/20-<i>The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness</i> by Sy Montgomery 2/5/20-<i>The Woman Who Smashed Codes</i> by Jason Fagone 3/4/20-<i>How Democracies Die</i> by Steve Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt</p>

AAUW: Mission, Vision, and Values



Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision: Equity for all.

Values: Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.

Check Out Our Website: <https://boulder-co.aauw.net/>