



Boulder AAUW ZOOM Program

January 23, 2021 - 10 a.m. – 12 noon

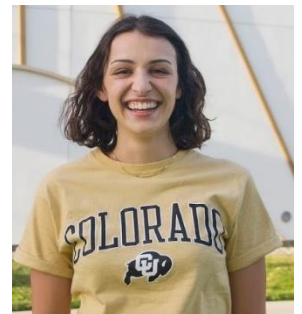
Speakers: 2020-21 BRU Scholars

Lianne Brito, Tara Ippolito, and Paige Massey were selected to receive Boulder AAUW's Brown Ricketts Udick (BRU) Scholarships for 2020-2021. Our three scholarship recipients will share their research and graduate work with Boulder branch members.



Lianne Brito is a first-year PhD student majoring in Geotechnical Engineering. She expects to finish her academic studies in May of 2024. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and her goal is to use her skills to develop safer highways and higher quality bridges that can have a positive impact on people's daily lives. Lianne was born in Cuba and emigrated as a youngster to the Miami area with her mother.

Tara Ippolito is a PhD Student majoring in Environmental Studies. She expects to complete her degree in April of 2024. Tara is applying her background in mathematics and computer science to study the livelihood outcomes (health, income, well-being) of farming communities in the developing world. She is interested in creating intervention strategies that help improve both the amount of food produced and the livelihood of farmers.



Paige Massey is a first-year PhD student majoring in Philosophy. Her goal is to become a professor of analytic philosophy at a research university. She specializes in identifying conditions for rational belief when constraints on available evidence prevent us from achieving certainty. Paige spent six months at Yad Vashem World Holocaust Center in Jerusalem where she prepared a major international seminar to train educators to more effectively and ethically teach the Holocaust.

Don't miss this Branch favorite - Mark your calendar

(ZOOM information will be sent closer to the meeting date.)

A Message from Kathy by Boulder AAUW President Kathy Olivier

“To make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That’s what I think a meaningful life is. One lives not just for oneself, but for one’s community.”

Ruth Bader Ginsburg



It is hard to imagine that the 2021 is almost here, and it will be AAUW’s 140th anniversary. AAUW is continuing to lead with an improved set of goals for our Strategic Plan, called the 2.0 version. The areas of focus have not changed. AAUW continues to fiercely believe that the commitment to Education and Training, Economic Security, and Leadership will further girls and women in all of society. This AAUW Strategic Plan 2.0 focuses more heavily on STEM.

As our nation elevates solutions to combat systemic, structural racism, AAUW too must examine its mission work, advocacy, operations, and programming to ensure that our work centers racial and gender equity at its core. In the midst of a global health pandemic, the worst economic downturn in almost a century, and the start of our nation’s reckoning with hundreds of years of structural racism in every fabric of our society, AAUW works side by side with our members and advocates, partners in industry, and partners in education to affect meaningful and lasting change. Improving policies and laws is only a portion of the need to create sustained and important changes in our society for the advancement of equity for women and girls. AAUW needs scalable programs, accountability and metrics, bold goals, individual human behavioral acceptance, and willingness to change.



I would like to thank all of you who have already sent your Donation in, and humbly ask one more time for those who have not to consider giving at least \$30 or any amount greater than that if you are able. Your donation will ensure that AAUW's mission remains visible, relevant, and sustainable. (Please see page 2 for how to donate.)

We understand that this is an uncertain time, and we thank you for your flexibility. Please reach out with questions, suggestions, and concerns. Most importantly, please stay safe and healthy and take care of yourselves, your family, and your friends.

*Happy New Year,
Kathy Olivier*

We Are Looking for a Nominating Committee

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. This committee will find members interested in serving on the board in 2021- 2022. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Kathy Olivier, katolivier@msn.com or (216) 316-0619.

Please Support the **AAUW Greatest Needs Fund** with Your **Tax-Deductible Donation**

The Greatest Needs Fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly, in our communications and advocacy, to critical issues affecting women as they emerge — whether it’s a new threat to Title IX, an opportunity to partner with employers, or the dawn of a social justice movement like #MeToo. Greatest Needs is what fuels our groundbreaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay laws and other key equity legislation. There is still much to do.

If you have not already contributed, you can help AAUW continue to pave new paths for all American women by donating to AAUW’s Greatest Needs Fund. Your \$30 donation (or more, if you are able) will ensure that the AAUW’s mission remains visible, relevant, and sustainable. By contributing to this fund, we present a united force for our voices to be heard and our presence to be felt to achieve our goals for ourselves and all women.

Your tax-deductible donation may be made by check to Boulder AAUW and mailed 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, & Women’s Issues

Boulder AAUW’s

ZOOM Happy Hour

January 20, 2021 – 5 p.m.



(You will receive ZOOM instructions closer to the date.)

Questions? Contact Carrie Nolting,

carrienolting@gmail.com



Invite your friends to enjoy the stimulating conversation!

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.

AAUW Public Policy Report for January, 2021

Betty Flaten and Barbara O'Connor, Boulder AAUW Public Policy Co-Chairs

Boulder AAUW members have survived an unusual 2020 and we hope you are looking forward to a positive, productive 2021. With a vaccine coming and more changes to in-person contact on the horizon, we have much to anticipate this year. The Inauguration of a new President and installation of Colorado Senator John Hickenlooper and some changes in the U. S. House of Representatives will take place this month. It will be interesting to watch the proceedings of each chamber and see what pertinent legislation comes from the national level.



Closer to home the Colorado Legislature will convene on January 13, 2021. There are several changes in representation due to term limits for districts in which our members live. SD-17 will be represented by Democrat, Sonia Jacquez Lewis, and SD-23 by Republican, Barbara Kirkmeyer. HD-11 by Democrat, Karen McCormick; HD-12, Democrat, Tracey Burnell; HD-13, Democrat, Judith Amabile; HD-49 Republican, Michael Lynch; and HD-63 Republican, Dan Woog.

At this time Capitol room assignments and contact information is not available for the 2021 legislative representatives. That information should be available after the AAUW Colorado Public Policy Day. We will share it on our website and in the newsletter after its publication.

Don't forget to register for AAUW Colorado's Public Policy Day, February 6, 2021. Information about the virtual program and how to register is on page 5 of this newsletter. The legislative agenda as it pertains to AAUW issues will be discussed at this meeting. We will receive information on issues to support, oppose, and/or monitor. Those positions and information on contacting your legislator when asked by AAUW Colorado will also be put on the Boulder website and noted in the newsletter.

Redistricting of Congressional districts and Colorado state senate and representative districts will take place this year. The U. S. Census Bureau will deliver its report to the President on December 31, 2020. The Bureau will release counts to the states by April 1, 2021, and the drafting process will begin after that date. The apportionment by population could change both the congressional and state legislative boundaries for the next ten years as we have seen extensive growth in both metro and rural areas of Colorado.

Boulder AAUW's best line of information on redistricting will come from Boulder County League of Women Voters. Your co-chairs will be in contact with them for the latest information.

If you are not certain you are signed in to National's "Two Minute Activist" you need to do so immediately. 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**. This will allow you to receive updated links to access national legislative status information and contact your senators and congressman when requested by AAUW.

AAUW of Colorado PUBLIC POLICY DAY
The Education Equity Conversation
Saturday, February 6, 2021



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Angie Paccione
 Executive Director, Colorado
 Dept. of Higher Education

[REGISTER](#) for this
Zoom Webinar
TODAY

PANEL

**Focusing on
 equity,
 technology,
 and the
 impact of
 COVID-19 on
 education**



Rico Munn
 Superintendent
 Aurora Public Schools



Dr. Michele Haney
 President
 Red Rocks Community
 College



**Dr. Stephany Rose
 Spalding**
 Panel Moderator

In addition, AAUW members Betty Boyd, Su Ryden and Nancy Todd will provide an update on Colorado legislative issues and the 2021 call to action.

REGISTER: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IAc9K6EaQlaL1utAaBnLNA

Plan on Attending this Informative Webinar

Marilyn Leist Needs Your Help

In 2006, Doris Hass provided about 47 years of material to add to the Norlin Library Boulder AAUW Archive. Past President Marilyn Leist has continued this effort by reviewing and preparing more recent documents for submission, which includes 1972-2020 information. **She is especially interested in the years between 2004 and 2014.** The items may include **any board or branch meeting minutes, bulletins, financial information, project records, significant events related to the mission, and photos with people identified** just to name a few. Please let Marilyn know if you have some good stuff, and she will come pick it up masked and social distancing. She expects to complete this endeavor by the end of January. Questions? Contact Marilyn at marilynleist42@gmail.com or 720-460-6115.

Loveland Sculptor Jane DeDecker Created 'Every Word We Utter' Sculpture

Loveland artist's sculpture becomes a monument to the suffragist movement



Jane DeDecker, right; her husband, Kyle Dallabetta and friend, Jody Shadduck McNally



Jane DeDecker talks with U.S. Senator Michael Bennet about the quarter-scale model of *Every Word We Utter*

With the stroke of a pen, President Donald Trump brought the dream of Loveland residents Jane DeDecker and Jody Shadduck-McNally one step closer to reality. The president signed into law bipartisan legislation authorizing placement in Washington, D.C. of an outdoor monument honoring the women's suffrage movement, the women who over 70 years fought for the right to vote.

DeDecker's sculpture *Every Word We Utter* features Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth, Harriot Stanton Blatch, Ida B. Wells and Alice Paul.

"It is fitting to close this year — the centennial of women's suffrage — with this strong declaration for the history and legacy of the women's suffrage movement. Women deserve this commemoration, and the battles for equality that continue today deserve it, too," DeDecker said in a statement.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Joe Neguse, a Lafayette Democrat, and cosponsored by every member of Colorado's congressional delegation. "The ratification of the 19th Amendment was a historic moment in our nation's history, and the suffragists who fought to secure the right for women to vote are American heroes," Neguse said in a statement. "This statue will honor their perseverance, commitment, and the long-fought victories gained by all women."

No taxpayer dollars will be used in building or maintaining the monument.

(Many of us fondly remember having the opportunity to hear Jane DeDecker speak about her sculpture at a Boulder AAUW meeting.)

Check out Boulder AAUW's Website: <https://boulder-co.aauw.net/>

Boulder AAUW Interest Groups & Contact Persons 2020-21

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

Great Decisions Linda Groth lkg.reads@comcast.net , 303-449-0713 Arlene Blewitt arleneblewitt@hotmail.com , 303-570-8804	Will meet January-April, 2021, at the George Reynolds Library, 3595 Table Mesa Dr, Boulder 80305, every other Tuesday at 10 a.m.
La Cuisine Joyce Spencer jjandbobs@msn.com , 303-325-5394	Usually meets the third Saturday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in members' homes. Getting together on Zoom.
Mahjong Eileen Koch es.koch@comcast.net , 720-238-0006	Meets in members' homes at 7 p.m. on dates chosen by members. Contact Eileen for the schedule. Getting together on Zoom.
Playgoers Jennie Grisham jennig43@q.com , 303-443-6194	Attend the operas at CU and other local plays on Sunday afternoons during the year. Dinners following at local restaurants are optional.
Wednesday "Bookies" Group Mary McKeever mckeever7868@gmail.com , 303-823-6604	Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. by Zoom (normally in members' homes.) Upcoming book selections are: 1/21/21- <i>The Water Dancer: A Novel</i> by Ta-Nehisi Coates 2/17/21- <i>After the End</i> by Claire Mackintosh
Daytime Non-Fiction & Conversation Helen Holden heleninco@comcast.net , 303-828-3016	Meets the first Thursday of the month by Zoom (normally in members' homes.) 1/6/21 <i>When Heaven and Earth Changed Places</i> by Le Ly Hayslip

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