

Shattering Stereotypes

Saturday March 7, 2015

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Co-Program Vice-Presidents



Sabrina Alimahomed, assistant professor, CSULB Departments of Sociology and Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, will speak on "Shattering Stereotypes: U.S. Muslim Women's Experiences and Resistance to Discrimination" at the March AAUW meeting. Dr. Alimahomed served as a research fellow in the Civil Rights Department at the Council for American Islamic Relations and also as a prevention educator for Stand Against Domestic Violence. She has published articles in the areas of gender, race, and U.S. Muslims, and is currently working on a research article that examines Muslim women's experiences of violence.

This presentation will discuss the challenges and obstacles Muslim women have faced living in the United States over the last decade. Since 9/11, Muslim women have experienced a



heightened discrimination in public institutions. This talk explores the types of discrimination Muslim women experience in their daily lives. It will also show how Muslim women have organized and led efforts to bring awareness to their identities and communities. She will challenge us to rethink stereotypes about Muslim women in order to reveal a much more complex and

accurate picture of their lives. The AAUW meeting will be held at The Grand Event Center, 4101 E Willow St, Long Beach, CA 90815. Come for social at 9:30 a.m. and a business meeting at 10:00. The program will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. (See back page.)

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

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

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Courtesy

Best wishes to March birthdays!



Spring is (almost) in the air ...We also celebrate...

- 5 -- Purim
- 8 -- International Woman's Day
- 16 --St. Patrick's Day
- 25 --Day to Remember Slavery Victims
- 29 --Palm Sunday
- 31-- Cesar Chavez Day

Send any news or Courtesy items to
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**No matter how long the Winter,
Spring is sure to follow**
~ Proverb

CALENDAR EVENTS & NOTICES

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Meeting—Dinner at The Holiday Inn

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Garden Party—Home of Lamis Hashem

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<http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>



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We're on Facebook!

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/blog/index.cfm/2010/8/5/Were-on-Facebook>



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church at Atherton and Bellflower Blvd. Room 2. Date: April 20.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month, social time 6:30 p.m., and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be at the Unitarian Universalist church, Room 2. Dates: March 16

INCOMING / OUTGOING FULL BOARD MEETING

All current year and next year Board Members, Appointed Officers and Administrative Chairs are expected to attend Monday May 18

Board Briefs:

Regular Board business was conducted at the January Board of Director meeting. Deloris Mayuga presented the following motion for Yearbook Chair, Ellen Mathis, who was not able to attend. The motion moved that the member information in the database chair's database (the information used to produce the yearbook) be verified (and corrected as necessary) by each member as part of the spring "renewal process." This will allow updates to be completed by the database chair before the August 15, 2015 yearbook publishing deadline. The motion was seconded by Deloris Mayuga. The motion did not pass. The Board recommended that this is a procedural change and more study and fact finding is needed to create a reasonable process.





Equal Pay Day will be observed this year on April 14, 2015. The date symbolizes how far into 2015 women must work to earn what men earned in 2014: 4 ½ months more. We often think that the women's 78 cents to men's \$1.00 earnings is because of types of jobs, seniority, work performed etc. However, since the Lily Ledbetter case brought to light the difference in pay in the same workplace, same job description, qualifications and seniority, we have learned that pay discrimination happens because workers don't know what each other make and are discouraged from sharing that information. Ledbetter found out after retirement from a work colleague that she had been underpaid for years, but didn't know it during those years. Her social security was less than her colleagues because her wages were less...and the clock had run out on challenging the issue. Too late-too bad- less income in retirement as well as during working years. It is unfair. For young women of today, it might be good to compare notes with male colleagues – subtly, of course. AAUW is committed to supporting “fairness in compensation, equitable access and advancement in employment, and vigorous enforcement of antidiscrimination statutes.” Are you onboard?

New buzz-word in the nation's capital is “middle-class economics”. These are public policy issues that AAUW has been working on for more than 130 years. Issues also include ending pay-inequity, expanding child care tax credits, expanding paid sick days and paid family leave, making college more accessible and affordable, improving retirement savings, raising the minimum wage and making investments in education. All are on the table for at least the next two years. Enlarging the middle class and making the population at large healthier, happier and more educated is certainly a goal of American democracy. Work on it! Take Action! From AAUW Washington Update. (advocacy@aauw.org) Happy Valentines Day - whenever you celebrate it!



Have you marked the AAUW - LB STEM Conference on your calendar Friday February 27 ? Head for LBCC for a 3:00 start for Volunteers.

Equal Pay Day is coming, April 14, 2015, the date that symbolizes how much longer an average woman has to work to earn the same amount paid to a man in a calendar year. We want to see all branches participating in some way to call attention to this inequity in your communities. Ending gender discrimination is a priority for all Americans. Check out our website, www.aauw-ca.org/publicpolicy for lots of great ideas! The CA Public Policy Committee is ready to assist your branch!



New Member

Our newest member is **Margaret Huebner**. Margaret joined us in early February. She is a graduate of Claremont Graduate University with an MS in Human Resources Design and a BA in Political Science. Margaret is currently the Director of Human Resources for the Port of Long Beach. She is also the Chairperson of the HR Advisory Board for CSULB and is active in SHRM Advocacy and is very interested in our STEM Career Conference for middle school girls. Margaret's contact information is as follows:

(818) 641-7070 (C); MAHuebner@aol.com.

Please look for Margaret at our meetings and welcome her to our AAUW branch.

New Member Dinner

We are planning our first New Member Dinner of the year on Friday, March 13, 2015. We welcome any of our newer members who haven't yet attended one of these casual and very social gatherings to come. We will be contacting our newer members this month to invite them to the dinner for an evening of fun, wonderful food and the opportunity to connect with other members of our branch..

Human Sex Trafficking Panel Presentation at CSULB

On February 18, a number of our members attended the Human Sex Trafficking panel presentation at CSULB. This presentation was supported by a grant from AAUW National. Prior to the presentation, our AAUW branch members and AAUW student affiliate members from CSULB staffed an information table at which students and faculty could learn more about AAUW and our AAUW branch and about the new AAUW student affiliate organization at CSULB.

Thank you for Tech Trek support!

University of California, Irvine

New in 2010, this Tech Trek program at UC Irvine is the most recent addition to AAUW-CA's Tech Trek camps.

The UC Irvine campus was dedicated by President Lyndon B. Johnson on June 20, 1964. Today, UCI is among the fastest-growing campuses in the UC system.

The [University of California, Irvine](#) is among the nation's preeminent universities with achievements that have garnered high national and international rankings in a broad range of fields. In the U.S. News & World Report annual college survey, UC Irvine is ranked among the top 50 universities nationally, and ranks tenth among all public universities. UC Irvine is the first public university with faculty receiving two Nobel prizes in two different fields -- chemistry and physics -- in the same year (1995). In addition, Irwin A. Rose received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2004. UC Irvine is one of only 63 universities nationally elected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities.



[Click here for the camp gallery.](#)



CULTURAL ADVENTURES

SAVE THE DATE

May 7, 2015

Take the bus with our Cultural Adventures group to see the Huntington Library and Gardens in San Marino built in 1919 and now brought up to the 21st century.

More details to follow later. Please plan to join us.

JoAnn Kuroda: Phone. # 562.429.6923, sojoinlb@aol.com or

Joan Gustafson: Phone. # 562.439.3130, jwg221@aol.com.



Did you know?

A new poll released by the Girl Scouts shows that even though many girls are interested and experienced in civic engagement, they still see politics as a “man’s world.” According to the survey of girls ages 11—17, 74 percent of respondents believe that if they choose a political career for themselves, they will have to work much harder than a man does to be taken seriously. Girl Scouts CEO Mary Chavez remarked that “girls can’t be what they can’t see,” referring to the shortage of female role models among politicians and influencers.

The poll emphasizes the need for programs like AAUW’s Elect Her, which teaches college women to run for office.

~ AAUW National Outlook



Mary Church Terrell, the daughter of former slaves, was one of the first African-American women to earn a college degree. She may not have known that AAUW existed when she founded the National Association of University Women in 1896, which emphasized early education. She was later a founding member of the NAACP.

[#BlackHistoryMonth](#)

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE **March 18, 2015** **6:30 p.m.**

Marino’s Ristorante Italiano

17126 So. Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower 562.867.4225



The Ristorante has nice home cooking in Southern Italian atmosphere. Enjoy soup and salad family style before you are served your entrée.

Contact: JoAnn Kuroda, 562.429.6923, sojoinlb@aol.com,

Joan Gustafson, 562. 439.3130 jwg221@aol.com.

Small parking lot in back or street parking. Car pools are encouraged.



Supreme Court Will Hear Marriage Equality Cases

Early January 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court finally agreed to hear several cases that challenge same-sex marriage bans across the country. Although the parties in a number of earlier same-sex marriage cases had asked for the court's review, the justices had declined each time.

What's changed? Late last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit upheld same-sex marriage bans in four states. Previously, all circuit courts that considered the issue had ruled that same-sex marriage bans were unconstitutional. The 6th Circuit's decision created a circuit split – contrary rulings from circuit courts on the same legal issue – which made it more likely that the Supreme Court would take at least one of the appeals.

Unlike in most cases, both sides on the issues urged the Supreme Court to grant review. Both sides agree that the states need a clear Supreme Court decision to settle the law. The court will probably hear oral arguments this spring.

Two! Count 'em, Two!

The elections for **AAUW (National)** will take place April 15-May 26 and our AAUW CA (State) elections will happen April 18-May 8. These are separate elections with separate voting codes. Please make sure member contact information is correct in the National Membership files so they will be able to vote in both elections. We will send a separate email broadcast with information for you to share with members about the election.



Please note: There have been some changes since the publication of the Winter 2015 issue of California Perspective. This information supersedes that which was published in the newsletter. Currently Donna Mertens is running for President Elect unopposed and Charmen Goehring is running for one of three seats for Director. Additional nominations may be made, with the nominee's permission, until April 4 by following the instructions on the website.

-- **Harriet Tower**, Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee, nominations@aauw-ca.org

NOTE: **Pat Ferrar** would like YOUR vote for CFO of the AAUW—CA Board. We know how qualified she is for this job. Make sure you vote for our Long Beach member next month.



Are you attending this exciting event? Registrations are still accepted.
Let Flo Pickett know if you are interested.

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS

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Joining an interest group (or many) is a great way to get to know other members on a more personal level. Make friends while participating in fun, informative and educational activities. To start a new interest group, submit a description to the President and it will be passed to Ellen Mathis, Interest Group Coordinator for help with implementation.

Antiques and Collectibles, led by **Judith Kaho**, meets several times a year to share their love and appreciation of beautiful/interesting antiques, historical family items and collectables. Light refreshments are served by the hostess, sharing and conversation ensues; held at various homes or at a local retailer. Contact **Judith** at 562-429-2790.



Book Chat Plus Group members present the most interesting book they have recently read, film they have seen or the most exciting travel experience they have had. If time allows, all three! Light refreshments are served along with the intriguing conversation. We meet the 1st Tuesday at 10 a.m. Contact **Betty Thompson**, 562 - 430 - 8438 or bettythom@aol.com



Bridge Group plays at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach on the second Friday from 9:30 - noon. To inquire about a seat at the group meeting, contact **Cathy Cunningham** at 562-424-3166; catherine_j_cunningham@yahoo.com.



Cultural Adventures Group plans trips to museums and other points of interest. It is usually a mid-week tour & lunch scheduled several times a year. Join a group that enjoys checking out museums and cultural interests. Contact **JoAnn Kuroda** at 562-429-6923 or email at sojoinlb@aol.com. Ideas welcome.



Great Books Group reads from an anthology published by the Great Books Foundation. It includes philosophy, poetry and fictional writing of prize winning and world renowned authors. Contact **Linda Patten** at 562-402-6831



Great Decisions Groups meetings are held in February and March. Members prepare by reading one chapter of the *Great Decisions* book; published by the Foreign Policy Association, about a situation of world importance. The self-moderated group meets to discuss the pros, cons, and issues of important topics. Each participant is encouraged to bring other sources of information. Everyone gets a turn/or pass, no one is "wrong" and all opinions are respected. One of the groups meets year round to discuss foreign policy. Each person pays for a copy of the book.



Contact **Adele Brown** at 562-594-6443 or email at abrown511@verizon.net.

International Cuisine Group meets and dines at restaurants of different ethnicity in the local area. It is usually scheduled every few months on a Wednesday within an easy drive of LB. Car pooling is an option. Come join a group who enjoys unique flavors of the world. Contact **Joan Gustafson** at 562-439-3130. The next adventure is being planned.



Literary Ladies Group meets to discuss and compare thoughts on a selected novel, fiction or non-fiction.



Each member takes a turn recommending and leading the group on a recently published book. The ladies come together to hear the thoughts and insights of others in the group. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 pm. There is a maximum of 12, and a waiting list. Contact **Sharon Westafer** at 562-493-4749 if needed, about the meeting location and March book, *Me Before You* by JoJo Moyes

Public Policy meetings, explore, discuss and support the active legislative issues of AAUW, which underscore our mission of promoting equity and education for all women and girls. The group passes on knowledge and information to all branch members and encourage them to become involved with AAUW issues.



This month's meeting will be **March 19** - 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Shelley Arnold's house 4211 Marber Ave, Lakewood, 90713. Contact **Shelley Arnold** email shelleyarnold1@aol.com

Residential Rentals Discussion Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month year round, from 10:00–11:30 am. Anyone with an interest in residential rentals is welcome. We often have a topic, share recent landlord experiences and work to keep our knowledge current. An email/call to **Joan Gustafson** or **Ellen Mathis** will ensure there is a chair at the table for you.



Any new ideas? Submit a plan to the President or to Ellen Mathis.

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Member Name (s) _____

Phone _____

Guest / Note _____

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Yes— I'd like Vegetarian option _____

_____ reservation for the meeting and program only (NO MEAL)

RSVP by February 28th

A meal reservation is a financial commitment and refunds shall not be made.

AAUW BRANCH MEETING Saturday, March 7, 2015

9:30 a.m.	Social
10:00 a.m.	Business Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Program
12:00 Noon	Lunch

Place: The Grand— Long Beach
4101 E. Willow Street
Long Beach 90815

Meal: Cobb Salad—Buttermilk Dressing
Rolls and Butter
Lemon Bundt Cake
Coffee, Tea, Water,
Iced Tea



Vegetarian request available.

Price: \$32.00 per person

Questions about the location ?

Contact Fay Denny email faydenny@yahoo.com

Or JoAnn Kuroda email sojoinlb@aol.com