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*Happy Memorial  
Day!*



**Honoring the AAUW NYC Fellows at the Harvard Club!**



The Empire State Virtual NY Branch in collaboration with AAUW NYS and AAUW National, hosted a very successful Dinner Recognition for our AAUW NYC Fellows at the Harvard Club in NYC on Thurs. March 16 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. This event was funded by the NYC Metro Funds. Thirty five friends joined us including AAUW NYC Fellows and AAUW leaders from AAUW NYS Board & District V Branches.

**National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)**



welcomes and encourages undergraduate, graduate, and international students to the conference!

Register today! <https://www.nccwsl.org/registration/>

Wed-Sat, May 31 - June 3, 2017  
University of Maryland, College Park

NCCWSL hosts dynamic, leadership-building workshops.

For details see page 5.

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*“Leadership is the  
capacity to  
translate vision  
into reality.”*



## A LETTER FROM THE EMPIRE STATE VIRTUAL BRANCH PRESIDENT, MARIA ELLIS



Dear Friends,

Congratulations to all who were able to join us in our AAUW NYS Convention in Syracuse, New York on April 21-23, 2017. The theme of the Convention was Women & Power. Some of the speakers included an excellent Town Hall by Mark Hopkins, AAUW Interim CEO. For details please click on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVrV7FPHTPO>

The AAUW NYS Convention was educational and fun and we particularly enjoyed the Team Building and Collaboration Workshop. This workshop, with participants working together in a creative environment, focused on interactive problem-solving, hands-on-activity. As a result, we learned the importance of collaboration and teambuilding in achieving a common goal. The workshop was led by Mary Holland, a Program Coordinator in the Office of Student Activities at Syracuse University where she assists over 300 student organizations. She holds a B.A. in political science and economics and an M.A. in higher education. Cate O'Connor is a graduate student developing and implementing leadership workshops for student leaders. She has been selected as the Assistant Director of Evening and Weekend Programs at the University of North Carolina. For a complete article see page 3.

Congrats to our **2017 Emerging Leaders, ESVB Diversity Director, Heidi Parreno and Dr. Anita Nahal**, PhD., CDP, (Certified Diversity Professional). Anita is our diversity and inclusion (D & I) consultant to our diversity team and member of the Empire State Virtual Branch. Dr. Nahal was one of the original members of the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force of National AAUW. They were both recognized at our recent AAUW NYS Convention in Syracuse, NY.

Many thanks to Julie Kleszczewski for organizing a very successful Spring Great Decisions Tea & Conversation series held every other Thursday from 5:30 pm to 7 pm at the Harvard Club in NYC. The various weekly topics included: The Future of Europe ; Trade and Politics; Conflict in the South China Sea; Saudi Arabia in Transition; U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum; Latin America's Political Pendulum; Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan and Nuclear Security.

Congrats to the Empire State Virtual NY Branch and the Westchester Branch for another very successful, Explore Your Opportunities Workshop for 7th grade girls held at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Bronx, NY on Sat. April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Also, a big thank you to Roli Wendorf and Maria Ellis for another great Start Smart Workshop held on April 11th at the New York Institute of Technology in NYC. **These two events are great examples of the synergy between our branches and how AAUW branches can create and implement AAUW mission based joint programs.**

We are pleased to report that the Empire State Virtual Branch in collaboration with AAUW NYS and AAUW National, hosted a very successful Dinner Recognition for our **AAUW NYC Fellows at the Harvard Club** in NYC on Thurs. March 16 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. This event was funded by the NYC Metro Funds. Thirty five friends joined us including AAUW NYC Fellows and AAUW leaders from AAUW NYS Board & District V Branches.

I would like to extend my special "Thank You" to all the AAUW Fellows who have participated in the Empire State Virtual NY Branch teleconferences held the last Tuesday of every month. Some of the speakers included **Natascia Boeri**, a recipient of the 2015-2016 AAUW American Fellowship. **Erin K. Maher** is a recipient of the 2015-2016 AAUW American Fellowship. Erin is a Musicologist who specializes in twentieth-century concert-music culture in the United States and France. **Charlotte Walker-Said** is an American Fellow. For a detailed list of our Spring AAUW Fellow speakers, see page #3.

The Mentoring Program Closing Dinner at the College of Mount Saint Vincent was successfully held on Campus on May 4, 2017. Special thanks to **Joan Monk** for creating and implementing a "Sock Bundle Service Project" prior to the Mentoring Closing Dinner event. It was well received by the Students, Mentors and Mentees that participated in this community service project funded by the Empire State Virtual NY Branch.

In closing, please join us at our **Summer Leadership Conference** to be held on **July 21-23, 2017 at Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, NY**. The theme will be "Building Vitality" with great programming and membership ideas for branches. For details and to register, click on the following link:

<http://aaunyswp.aauw-nys.org/wp/>

Kindest Regards,

Maria Ellis, MBA

Empire State Virtual NY Branch President

[https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/NewJoinBranch\\_Enter.asp](https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/NewJoinBranch_Enter.asp)

AAUW NYS Start Smart

AAUW Strategic Communications Task Force

<http://empire-ny.aauw.net>

<https://www.facebook.com/EmpireStateVirtualNY>

Twitter: AAUWVirtualNY

## Empire State Virtual Branch Won Many Awards!



Congrats to all the **ESVB** members and friends who made possible winning many awards  
at the **AAUW NYS Convention**

April 21-23, 2017

Doubletree, Syracuse, NY.

# Awards!

- 1) Award of Platinum for our Programs
- 2) Award of Merit for our quarterly Empire Virtual Times newsletter
- 3) Membership Award with 7% increase for recruiting and maintaining members

## Empire State Virtual Branch Emerging Leaders

### Congratulations Dr. Anita Nahal & Heide Parreño



Dr. Anita Nahal

for being nominated as "Emerging Leaders" for the Empire State Virtual Branch and being recognized at the AAUW NYS Convention

on April 21-23, 2017

at Doubletree,

Syracuse, NY



Heide Parreño



# Spring 2017 NEWS

## Meet AAUW NYC Fellows!

## Team Building and Collaboration Workshop AAUW NYS Convention, April 22, 2017



For over 15 years, **Ronna Popkin** has taught about and conducted research on women's health and adolescent sexual and reproductive health in the United States. In her dissertation, Ronna examines the consequences of recent advancements in genetic testing technologies and how expanded screenings are shaping communication, beliefs, and decisions about genetic risk for breast and ovarian cancer. Her goal is to conduct policy relevant research on gender, sexuality, and health as a university professor.

**Erin K. Maher** is a recipient of the 2015-2016 AAUW American Fellowship. Erin is a Musicologist who specializes in twentieth-century concert-music culture in the United States and France, focusing on issues of exile and migration, national and religious identities, gender, and disability in the lives of musicians. She received her Ph.D. in 2016 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she completed her dissertation, "Darius Milhaud in the United States, 1940-71: Transatlantic Constructions of Musical Identity," as a 2015-2016 AAUW American Fellow. Erin has presented her research at local and national conferences—as well as at last year's annual meeting for AAUW North Carolina—and her guide to scholarship on Milhaud is forthcoming in Oxford Bibliographies Online. She currently teaches at Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.



**Charlotte Walker-Said** is an American Fellow. Charlotte is Assistant Professor of History in the Department of Africana Studies at the City University of New York-John Jay College. She completed her PhD at Yale University and has taught at Harvard University, the University of Chicago, and Webster University. Her research focuses on Christianity and law in Africa and their effects on women's rights. She works on gender and persecution in West Africa has led her to work with female asylum seekers and refugee populations seeking entrance to the

United States and the United Kingdom. Her book on the history of Christianity and Law will be published in 2018.



This workshop, with participants working together in a creative environment, focused on interactive problem-solving, hands-on-activity. As a result, we learned the importance of collaboration and team-building in achieving a common goal. The workshop was led by **Mary Holland**, a Program Coordinator in the Office of Student Activities at Syracuse University where she assists over 300 student organizations. She holds a B.A. in political science and economics and an M.A. in higher education. Cate O'Connor is a graduate student developing and implementing leadership workshops for student leaders. She has been selected as the Assistant Director of Evening and Weekend Programs at the University of North Carolina.

We began the exercise with everyone trying to shake hands with someone as if they didn't want to! So we rose from our chairs and walked around pretending not to like shaking hands! Not easy and impossible for yours truly! Then we took a quiz that established whether we were **blue, gold, green or orange** as category of our basic personalities. Although all of us have bits and pieces of the four color personality types, it is interesting to me to see what challenges each of these four groups face.

For instance, **Gold** is goal oriented, organized, structure oriented and punctual. Golds tend to be very frustrated with lateness, lack of an agenda and see themselves as responsible, reliable, etc. Golds also dislike inefficiency, procrastination, lack of control and changes.

Whereas **Oranges** are spontaneous, optimistic, flexible, easy-going, using humor to lessen tension and are adaptable and understanding. They dislike interruptions, deadlines, criticism and micro-managing.

**Blues**, mediators, are relationship oriented, nurturing, sympathetic. Blues see when other people are being hurt.

**Greens** are logical, independent, interactive, calm etc. and dislike noise, unfairness, control. They resist being boxed in.

The workshop leaders asked us, What are your strengths? What makes you feel successful and satisfied? Are you confident, persistent, insightful and inventive? What areas do we need to stretch in? Are you challenged and stressed? Their advice, let it go! Agree to disagree! Discuss: what can we do to make this better?

Respect the other person's gifts. Be aware of buttons you may push that annoy other people.

So, take a deep breath, know thyself and try to see things through the lens of the personality of the person you are working with for optimum results!

Julie Kleszczewski  
ESVB Member

## 2017 AAUW National Convention






**Wed-Sat, June 14 - 17, 2017**

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

Save the Date for Your 2017 Eduvacation!

## 2017 AAUW-NYS Summer Conference

NYS Summer Leadership Conference  
July 21-23, 2017  
Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY



# Spring 2017 NEWS

## AAUW NYS 2017 Convention Pictures



AAUW-NYS President Roli Wendorf



AAUW-NYS Past Presidents: Edwina Martin, Diane Haney, Nancy Mion; AAUW Interim Executive Officer Mark Hopkins; AAUW-NYS President Roli Wendorf



Louise Bernikow  
Saturday morning the opening plenary



Susan Daria Landino (formerly Burhans)  
LAF litigant, speaker at the Saturday lunch



Michelle Rivera Clonch, PhD,  
director of the Omega Women's Leadership Center.  
The keynote speaker for Saturday dinner



Janet Forbes & 2017 AAUW-NYS Emerging Leaders



Empire State Virtual  
Branch Members





## Start Smart Workshop

**Learning to Negotiate the Wage Start Smart Workshop**  
**Sponsored by**  
**AAUW's Westchester and Empire State Virtual Branch!**  
**Place: New York Institute of Technology**  
**Date/Time: Fall 2017**  
**Time: 4 - 6 p.m.**



Suzanne DeChillo/photographer, The New York Times Annie Houle of the WAGE Project uses \$1 bills and play money to show men's pay advantage over different groups of women. Her program teaches women how to negotiate for better salaries.

Did you see the article on the wage gap on the front page of the business section of the New York Times? If you haven't read the article, click on the link below for details:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/16/business/to-solve-the-gender-wage-gap-learn-to-speak-up.html?ref=business&r=1>

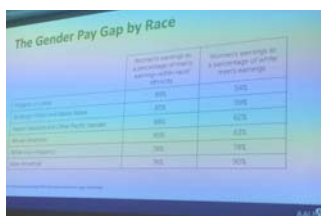
## AAUW Start Smart Salary Negotiation - NYIT

**AAUW**  
**START SMART**  
 salary negotiation for students



My **Start Smart AHA moment** was when I realized that I could have gotten a much higher salary during the role playing exercise. I feel that instead of taking the employer's word, I should have negotiated more; now I know better! I really enjoyed the workshop and I learned quite a bit. I want to thank you and everyone involved for taking the time to share this very valuable information with us.

Maryam Khan, NYIT Student



**YOU ARE  
 YOUR OWN  
 BRAND**

## Ask the President

### What & When Is the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders?

The AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is the premier conference for students to hone their leadership skills, make lifelong connections, and get ready to shape the world!

For more than 30 years, NCCWSL has provided a transformative experience for the next generation of leaders. Past attendees have gone on to lead nonprofits, innovate the corporate world, create disruptive technologies, and more — all while paying it forward for women and girls!

Join nearly 900 college and university women and campus professionals from all across the United States and from around the world in redefining leadership for all women.

The three-day conference includes

More than 40 leadership skill-building sessions

A Graduate School Fair and Career Fair with more than 100 graduate programs and employers

Presentations by inspiring role models, including our Women of Distinction awardees and keynote speakers

A program track specifically designed for campus professionals

Add-on activities for attendees to enrich their conference experience and take advantage of being near the nation's capital

Our next Conference will take place on May 31-June 3, 2017 at the University of Maryland in College Park. To register, click on the following link: <https://www.nccwsl.org/registration/>

### Get Inspired by Women's History in the Nation's Capital



Photo credit: Vietnam Women's Memorial by Cliff (cliff1066), via Wikimedia Commons

Washington D.C remains a hub for cultural enrichment and many sites recognize the hardships and achievements of women throughout history. As you plan to attend the AAUW National Convention in D.C. in June 2017, consider allotting time to visit and be inspired by the extraordinary efforts of the women immortalized in these sites.

**Read More:** <http://convention.aauw.org/2016/09/22/get-inspired-by-womens-history/>

**Image:** [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/4a/Vietnam\\_Women%27s\\_Memorial.jpg/512px-Vietnam\\_Women%27s\\_Memorial.jpg](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/4a/Vietnam_Women%27s_Memorial.jpg/512px-Vietnam_Women%27s_Memorial.jpg)

## Heartfelt Thanks to Friends!

Thank you for your generous and thoughtful donations to the Empire State Virtual Branch!

Maria Ellis

Dr. C.S. Rani

Dot McLane

Joan Monk

Marilyn Tedeschi

# Diversity, Inclusion, and Unconscious Bias Intersectionality

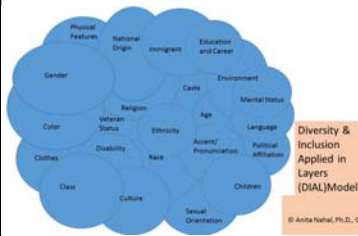
# Public Policy

## Diversity, Inclusion, and Unconscious Bias Intersectionality

By Anita Nahal, PhD, CDP, D&I Consultant, ESVB

&

Heide Parreño, Diversity Director, ESVB



**"Perspectives:** Have there been times when you were personally discriminated against?

**Crenshaw:** I have a story I tell a lot. A member of our study group at Harvard was the first African American member of a previously exclusive white club. He invited the rest of the group—me and another African-American man—to visit him at this club. When we knocked on

the door, he opened it, stepped outside, and shut it quickly. He said that he was embarrassed because he had forgotten to tell us something about entering the building. My male friend immediately bristled, saying that if black people couldn't go through the front door, we weren't coming in at all. But our friend said, "No, no, no, that's not it—but women have to go through the back door." And my friend was totally okay with that.

**Perspectives:** How did that affect you?

**Crenshaw:** I understood that we can all stand together as long as we think that we are all equally affected by a particular discrimination, but the moment where a different barrier affects a subset of us, our solidarity often falls apart. I began to look at all the other ways that not only the race and civil rights agenda but the gender agenda are sometimes uninformed by and inattentive to the ways that subgroups experience discrimination."

([http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publishing/perspectives\\_magazine/women\\_perspectives\\_Spring2004CrenshawPSP.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publishing/perspectives_magazine/women_perspectives_Spring2004CrenshawPSP.authcheckdam.pdf))

The term "intersectionality" was first coined by legal scholar Kimberlé Crenshaw in 1989, a snippet of whose conversation in an interview appears above. Crenshaw had argued in her research that "...the experience of being a black woman cannot be understood in terms of being black and of being a woman considered independently, but must include the interactions, which frequently reinforce each other." This same kind of intersectionality, many individuals feel and go through, though not always due to race or gender. It could be these two, plus nationality or religion or sexual orientation, or immigrant status. Or it could be any other combination as well. When individuals find themselves standing at the center of various intersections that can define them within their own understanding, or others can employ to define them, it becomes a challenge for diversity and inclusion. And since the intersection is not stagnant or set in stone, individuals keeps interacting with so many diversities (their own and those of others), they can lap and overlap causing even more confusion. That is why the DIAL method for understanding our various layers was developed (Nahal). It stands for Diversity and Inclusion Applied in Layers. Read more here <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/layered-applied-diversity-inclusion-ladi-model-nahal-ph-d-cdp>. In another write up we shall discuss this more. Indeed the concept of intersectionality is very critical, one that Michelle Rivera-Clonch, PhD, Director of the Omega Women's Leadership Centerone also noted it in her keynote speech at the 2017 NYS AAUW convention.

We need to remember that individuals are not mono-lithic, and no one race, group, etc. is monolithic either. Thus we need to make sure when interacting with individuals that we don't type cast them. We need to reduce the impact of our pre conceived notions, and unconscious bias that our first visual impressions give us. Princeton University psychologists Janine Willis and Alexander Todorov conducted research published in the July 2006 issue of *Psychological Science*, which showed that it only takes seven seconds to form an opinion about others. However, that is based on simply visual representation. And individuals are much more than what is apparent to the eye. Next time we will discuss the Iceberg theory related to this. Cheers!



## Vote in the AAUW Elections

**"SUFFRAGE noun"** a vote given in deciding a controverted question or electing a person for an office or trust" Merriam-Webster

We, members of AAUW, have a vote in determining AAUW's tomorrows. As Mark Hopkins, interim AAUW CEO (New one will start June 1) says "Every two years AAUW members have a unique opportunity to shape the future of this storied organization. What will be our focus? Who will be our leaders? These questions are too important to let someone else answer for you"

On April 17 and again on May 8<sup>th</sup> those of you with an AAUW **up-to-date email address** received an email with instructions on voting online in AAUW's 2017 National Election. The email address containing the information and your personal voting code number is [1member1voteAaaauw.org](mailto:1member1voteAaaauw.org). Voting will end June 15. You will be voting on members of the Board of Directors and proposed By-Laws changes, such as the membership requirement, and the Public Policy Platform. Be an informed voter.

You can find out more about these proposed By-laws changes and their rationale, by going to [http://www.aauw.org/aauw\\_check/pdf\\_download/show\\_pdf.php?file=2017-OMOV-Voter-Guide](http://www.aauw.org/aauw_check/pdf_download/show_pdf.php?file=2017-OMOV-Voter-Guide). They are also presented in the latest issue of the OUTLOOK.

Of particular interest to you might be:

**PROPOSAL 1.** Shall Article IV of the AAUW Bylaws be amended to create an "advocate" category of membership?\*

\*Voting on this bylaw amendment should be made without consideration of proposal 2, the amendment that eliminates the degree requirement. If this proposal is adopted, it will be implemented only if proposal 2 is not adopted.

**PROPOSAL 2.** Shall Article IV of the AAUW Bylaws be amended to eliminate the degree requirements for individual members?

**PROPOSAL 8.** Shall the bylaws be amended by changing the number of members required to establish quorum and make a vote countable from 5 percent to 3 percent.

Exercise your franchise (Merriam-Webster definition-" the right to vote"). Be a part of deciding the course AAUW will take in empowering women.

Nancy Mion  
AAUW Empire State Virtual Branch Public Policy Director

## Thank You for Your Donation to the AAUW Funds!

Evvie Currie Giving Circle \$100.00, Margaret Currie

Unrestricted LAF Support \$100.00, Maria Ellis

LAF Fund \$100, Dr. C.S. Rani

Tech Trek Fund \$20.00, Heidi Parreño

AAUW Fund \$20.00, Elaine Fenton

Believe in something big. Your life is worth a noble motive.

Walter Anderson



## A Tour and High Tea at the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation



*We know we are right; we know we shall be successful, we know the day is not far distant, when this government and the world will acknowledge the exact and permanent political equality of man and woman*  
**– Matilda Joslyn Gage**

**MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE**  
**At the AAUW-NYS Convention**  
 Eleanor Aronstein, President, Schenectady AAUW

**THE MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE CENTER  
 FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE DIALOGUE**



ESVB enjoyed the High Tea touring the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation!



## Explore Your Opportunities: The Sky's the Limit!™



**Explore Your  
 Opportunities:  
 The Sky's the Limit!™**  
**15th Year Conference**  
**April 7, 2018**  
**College of Mount Saint Vincent**  
**Riverdale (Bronx), New York**

**Cool Workshops (13 of 18) for EYO 2016: are listed below:**

1. **Playing Games in Alice World:** Learn to create interactive games using "Alice" programming.
2. **Brain Games:** Learn about some of the mind boggling things a brain can do from making memories to controlling emotions.
3. **Flower Hour:** Observe and describe flowers and discover similarities that group them and differences that make them unique.
4. **It's a Sugar...It's a Base...It's DNA!** Discover the structure of DNA and learn how to isolate DNA from your own cells painlessly.
5. **Acoustics & Wildlife - Sound Can Save Animals!** How do scientists track whales, recognize birds, and count tigers and frogs? They use sound!
6. **What Color is a Rose?** Roses are red, violets are blue, ever wonder how plants get their color? See which plant pigments are hiding in your favorite plants using paper chromatography!
7. **Datalogging-A-Bot:** Learn how to program a robot to analyze sounds using a sound sensor.
8. **Plant Superhighways:** An introduction to the vascular system of plants with real-life applications in the food and florist industries.
9. **Grrrrrrs Leading the Way in Animal Science:** Learn how you can enhance animal lives and wellbeing in a hands-on enrichment workshop.
10. **Blizzard in a Bottle!** Create a "snowflake crystal" scene in a jar using Chemistry!
11. **Cool Web Design:** Learn the basics of HTML and JavaScript by making your own "Web Page".
12. **Paper Engineering + Origami = (Fun)** Use paper and geometry to build a spherical container to store jewelry and other small items.
13. **Play Doctor.** Learn the physical exam components and tools that the doctors and Pas use to ...



Programming a Robot in Build-a-Bot

Kitchen is Full of Chemistry Too?

## An Invitation to Join EYO Planning Meetings

### EYO Planning Meetings

TBD

Conference Day! Saturday, 04/07/18, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., New Gym

Please let Maria Ellis @|mellis@fsacap.com and Lorrin Johnson know if you would like to join us at any of these EYO planning meetings. For more information contact Lorrin Johnson at eddlorin@yahoo.com

# CALENDAR FOR MAY - JULY 2017

Happy Flag Day (06/14)

Day	Date	Time	Event
Tues	05/30/17	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Teleconference, Call 712-432-0926 ; code 223128#
Mon	05/29/17		Memorial Day
Wed-Sat	05/31-06/03/17		NCCWSL, University of Maryland, College Park
Wed-Sat	06/14 - 06/17/17		AAUW National Convention, Washington, D.C.
Tues	06/27/17	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Teleconference, Call 712-432-0926 ; code 223128#
Tues	07/04/17		Independence Day
Fri - Sun	07/21 - 07/23/17		AAUW NYS Summer Leadership Conference, Cazenovia College, NY. Come and join us! We will be celebrating the Empire State Virtual Branch 5th year anniversary!
Tues	07/25/17	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Teleconference, Call 712-432-0926 ; code 223128#

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 \* Members interested in scheduling an event/meeting for the branch please contact the Program VP to reserve dates and confirm before publicizing the event/meeting.  
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 \* Maria Ellis, mellis@fsacap.com  
 \* Dr. C.S. Rani, csrani.rani@gmail.com  
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## Save the Dates:

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 Washington, D.C.

July 21 - 23, 2017  
 NYS Summer Leadership Conference  
 Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY



## AAUW Student Organizations

AAUW Student Organizations are composed of students enrolled in college who are interested in AAUW issues and programs. To start your own Student Organization at your college, email Maria at [mellis@fsacap.com](mailto:mellis@fsacap.com)

## Empire State Virtual Branch Membership

Join or renew your membership with Empire State Virtual Branch!

AAUW national dues are \$49, AAUW NYS dues are \$13.00, and the Empire State Virtual Branch dues are \$5.00. The branch dues year is July 1 to June 30, and if you join now, your membership is good through June 30, 2017. See the various memberships below and to join, please visit our website at <http://empire-ny.aauw.net/membership/>

- § Not currently a member of AAUW: \$67 (\$49 for national dues, \$13 for NYS; \$5 for Empire)
- § Current branch member: \$5 for a dual membership
- § Current member-at-large: \$18 (\$13 for NYS; \$5 for Empire)
- § Current student member : \$17\* a year (Campus is not a college member)
- § Current student member on an AAUW NY member campus: Free
- § New Graduate: first year free
- § Graduate Student: member \$18.81 a year
- § Primary Member & Donor for \$100\* a year including a generous contribution of \$33

Membership dues can be paid by a credit card or check. This feature is available on our website. Go to: <http://empire-ny.aauw.net/PayPalMemForm.html> or simply fill out and mail the coupon below:

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:	Please click on the link below to join us:  <a href="http://www.aauw.org">http://www.aauw.org</a> and follow the steps for online registration. If you prefer to write a check for your membership, please issue a check payable to AAUW and mail it to Angela M. Cooper, AAUW Membership Dept, 1111 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. If you have any questions, please call Angela at 202 785 7782 or Maria Ellis at 973 216 4181.
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
College Attended:	





AAUW Interim Executive Director: Mark Hopkins  
 AAUW President: Patricia Fae Ho  
 AAUW NYS President: Roli Wendorf  
 AAUW Empire State Virtual Branch President: Maria Ellis  
**Websites:** National: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
 State: [www.aauw-nys.org](http://www.aauw-nys.org)  
 Empire State Virtual Branch: <http://empire-ny.aauw.net/>  
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