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*Happy Thanksgiving!*



### AAUW NYS District V Conference

*The theme of the Conference was "Who's Wearing the Hat:  
Women in Non-Traditional Roles"*



AAUW NYS President Roli Wendorf  
Panelists: Dr. Diona Koerner  
Leah Rambo, Jamoire Johnson  
Moderator: Lisa LaRocca

The Conference was hosted by the Westchester Branch on Saturday, October 28, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Greenburgh Public Library 300 Tarrytown Road, Elmsford, N.Y.



Congrats to the organizers, speakers and all those members and friends who contributed to the success of the AAUW NYS District V Conference!



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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,

If you were not able to join us for our AAUW NYS District V Conference, you missed an opportunity to hear inspirational and diverse panelists talk about their non-traditional careers and the challenges they had to overcome. The theme of the Conference was "Who's Wearing the Hat: Women in Non-Traditional Roles". The speakers included

Lourdes Rivas, Engineer on the New Tappan Zee Bridge project; Leah Rambo - Sheet Metal Worker, Director of Training; Jamoire Johnson - Fire Fighter, EMT, FEMA responder and Diona Koerner - Chemist, Educator. The Conference was hosted by the Westchester Branch on Saturday, October 28, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Greenburgh Library, 300 Tarrytown Road, Elmsford NY.

We would like to extend my special "Thank You" to all the AAUW Fellows who have participated in our Empire State Virtual NY Branch monthly teleconferences over the summer and fall season including 2002-2003 AAUW American Fellow and Astronomy Professor K. E. Saavik Ford. Prof. Ford who teaches Astronomy at BMCC and mentors student researchers in projects analyzing Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN), or black holes expanding in the center of a galaxy. Under Professor Ford's guidance, the students learn research protocols and plot new data relating to active galaxies that are bright enough to have their spectra measured by the Sloan Digital Sky Survey telescope in New Mexico.

Professor Ford also serves as a research associate in the Department of Astrophysics at the American Museum of Natural History. She is a member of the doctoral faculty at the CUNY Graduate Center, a member of CUNY Astro and an invited member of the James Webb Space Telescope, Near-Infrared Imager and Slitless Spectrograph-Aperture Masking Interferometry (JWST NIRISS-AMI) Working Group. Former roles include having served as a Kavli Scholar at the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics at the University of California, Santa Barbara. In July 2017, Saavik Ford was interviewed by Gadi Schwartz for NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt about the state of space exploration today. In 2009, she was among 13 astronomers in the United States selected by National Public Radio to talk about the Hubble Space Telescope. She lectures widely on her research into black holes and other related subjects.

We enjoyed a very successful Mentoring Program Opening Dinner at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in the Bronx held at the Mount on Thursday, September 14 at 6 pm. Special thanks to Lynne A. Bongiovanni, Ph.D. Associate Professor of English Department for coordinating this special Mentoring Program. Happy to report that one of first fun activities with our Mentees was an outing trip on September 24<sup>th</sup>. We went and had lots of fun at the New York Renaissance Fair, Masquerade weekend at the Sterling Forest State Park. See photos on page 3.

Some of our recent speakers included our very own Nancy Mion, Public Policy Co-VP who talked about her journey in discovering her Suffrage family history and challenge members and friends in the phone to embark on a journey of discovery. We also enjoyed a brainstorming teleconference call with Stephanie Catani, Co-Founder of Unchained and Sierra Clouse, an AAUW American Fellow. Unchained's mission is to eradicate slavery through

leveraging artistic expressions of art to create empathy from the community for the voiceless, prevent youth from recruitment, and restore the lives of Overcomers.

In closing, we would like invite you to join us at our Start Smart Workshop being held at the New York Institute of Technology on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 4-6 pm. We have invited our New York City members at large and the colleges in the area and we anticipate we will have 45-50 participants. If you are interested in attending, just click on the link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-start-smart-at-nyit-on-november-16th-tickets-33282954212>

Kindest Regards,

Maria Ellis, MBA

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

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To join or renew your membership, click on the link below:

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

## 2018 CTAUN Conference

The 19th CTAUN Conference at the UN  
Friday, April 6th, 2018

*"Stepping Up to Protect the World's Children"*

## 2018 AAUW-NYS Convention



One Year After The Women's March  
Moving Onward: Empowering Women

AAUW & Non-AAUW Members Welcome  
More information on speakers & workshops  
will be published by December 2017

For more information go to AAUW NYS website  
at <http://aaunyswp.aauw-nys.org/wp/>

## 2018 AAUW-NYS Summer Conference

NYS Summer Leadership Conference  
July 20-22, 2018  
Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY

# FALL 2017 NEWS



*Mentoring Opening Dinner at  
The College of Mount Saint  
Vincent  
Riverdale, N.Y.*

*Mentors: Colleen Biavati,  
Maria Ellis, Lorrin Johnson,  
Joan Monk & Dr. C.S. Rani*

**The New York Renaissance Faire:  
The College of Mount Saint Vincent Mentors & Mentees  
enjoying the day!**



## 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:** Thursday, November 16, 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>

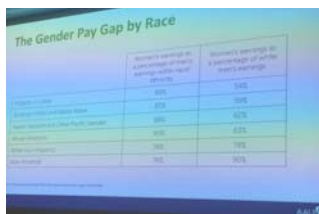
## AAUW Start Smart Salary Negotiation - NYIT

**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



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## Ask the President

### Does AAUW provide Career Development Grants?

Yes, AAUW provides Career Development Grants to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or reenter the workforce. Primary consideration is given to women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents whose last degree was received before June 30, 2013. Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation, and dependent care. Applications are currently open until December 15, 2017.

Grants provide support for course work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a master's degree, second bachelor's degree, certification program, or specialized training in technical or professional fields. Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Funds are not available for doctorate-level work. For more information, email Maria Ellis at [mel-lis@fsacap.com](mailto:mel-lis@fsacap.com) or [aauw@applyists.com](mailto:aauw@applyists.com)

### 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!

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## Diversity and Inclusion

### Autoethnography--Am I Confirming and Assimilating?

By Anita Nahal, Ph.D., CDP,  
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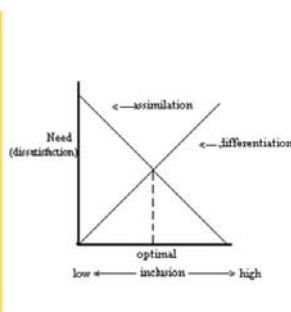
This article is an adaptation of the author's original article on LinkedIn



*In March 2005, I gave a lecture at Howard University as part of a series on Multiculturalism in the Classroom. My particular lecture was on, "A South Asian teaching African American/Indian (comparative) courses at an Historically Black College and University (HBCU)," wherein **towards the end of the video** you will see that I wore a shawl and bindi and spoke about what might be the effect of my visual appearance if I went to the class like that and spoke about African American Women's History to a class of predominantly African American students, while dressed like an Indian (I could not change into a saree, however, attempted to replicate an ethnic*

*look). Only the **last minute or two of the video** are relevant to what I am saying. Please click her for the video: [http://www.cetla.howard.edu/new\\_showcase/lectures/speakers/nahal/index.html](http://www.cetla.howard.edu/new_showcase/lectures/speakers/nahal/index.html)*

I constantly face my own assumptions on where I stand in the American fabric. Recently, it struck me even more deeply while discussing with a friend about cultural expressions. We both erstwhile South Asians now Americans, talked about how we both don't wear traditional clothes except on ethnic occasions such as festivals, weddings or funerals. The discussion took me to **Dr. Marilyn B. Brewer's Optimal Distinctiveness Theory** and made me question as to where we stood in her various definitions? Were we part of "**inclusion**" wherein we were treated as insiders while allowed and encouraged to retain our uniqueness? Were we part of "**differentiation**" wherein we were not considered as insiders but allowed and encouraged to retain our uniqueness. Or were we part of "**assimilation**" wherein we were treated as insiders only when we conformed to the cultural norms of the majority. Or finally as per Dr. Brewer's matrix, were we part of "**exclusion or dissatisfaction**" wherein we were neither treated as insiders nor our uniqueness valued. (Please see Brewer's chart below)



Upon pondering, one considers that certain critically labeling words are attached to the above four markers in the matrix such as, "treated" "allowed" "encouraged to retain" and "majority." Why do immigrant groups have to be treated as such or such, or allowed and not allowed, or encouraged to retain? Why would immigrants not decide for themselves how much they wished to retain and how they wished to portray themselves, or how much they were willing to allow others to make them feel belonged or not? Of course, these are rhetorical questions as a number of research studies have been conducted on the notions of belonging and/or alterity for immigrants. In one study, I found some of the below questions very pertinent to the questioning of my own continuous assumptions about myself:

*"... (1) During life, when does belonging to a nation, ethnic group or a culture become important for an individual? (2) How does self-definition impact how one deals with specific experiences, such as being a refugee? (3) What are the impacts of the process of migration on one's sense of belonging? (4) How do immigrants re-construct their sense of belonging in their host societies? (5) How is the sense of belonging to a collective expressed in different generations in families of immigrants? (6) What is the impact of being a citizen of a country versus being a temporary resident on one's sense of collective belonging? And (7) How do intergenerational conflicts manifest themselves in terms of identity ownership?"* (For further on this work, please see, Ethnicity and Belonging: An Overview of a Study of Cuban, Haitian and Guatemalan Immigrants to Florida by Julia Chaitin, J.P. Linströth & Patrick T. Hiller in, <http://www.qualitative-research.net/index.php/fqs/article/view/1363/2856> )"

The opposing need of individuals according to Dr. Brewer has led them into a tug of war between their desires to feel "belonged" yet retaining their "uniqueness." And yes, I have felt these tugs sometimes living in the West, in relation to me or others. When I wear traditional clothes, the way folks look at me, some admiringly, some wondering, some ignoring and some disdainfully. Some of the same reactions I too have shown towards others in ethnic clothes, and especially towards those from India. Visual representation feeds deeply into our comfort level and since we don't know the other person as it is, the ethnic clothes become an **additional layer** of being **unknown** and thus to be feared. This in turn can lead to any number of biased ways—implicit and unconscious— we might be perceived or perceive others. *"The implicit associations we harbor in our subconscious cause us to have feelings and attitudes about other people based on characteristics such as race, ethnicity, age, and appearance."* (Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Ohio State University. <http://kirwaninstitute.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/2014-implicit-bias.pdf>).

Unconscious bias in particular, of which we all are culprit, can in turn lead to challenges in cultural competency, and in diversity and inclusion in professional spaces in all HR practices from recruiting, hiring to promotion to terminations.

Interestingly the tugs of assimilation/conformity I feel pulling at me in reverse when I go to India for a visit as well. I don't wear skirts and dresses that come up only till my knees... or shorts, or other too skin revealing clothes. Perhaps no one will say anything (as some of my younger friends strongly argue that times have changed), yet I feel, due to my early upbringing in India, that folks in their fifties and beyond are supposed to dress in a particular way in public. Regardless of what my younger friends say, I still feel the "looks" from strangers, friends or relatives if my clothes are too revealing or not age suitable. My "otherness or alterity" is very apparent to me in India as much as it is in the US. Where do I belong, sometimes I question? Do I belong anywhere I choose and am comfortable? Or do I belong a little here

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## Diversity and Inclusion

### Autoethnography--Am I Confirming and Assimilating?

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and little there, or nowhere? I am reminded of Nigerian poet, Ijeoma Umebinyuo's poignant poem:

"so, here you are  
too foreign for home  
too foreign for here.  
never enough for both."

— Ijeoma Umebinyuo, "diaspora blues"

All this is something to think about especially in relation to Dr. Brewer's four classifications, in relation to unconscious bias, cultural competency and diversity and inclusion. I am still debating whether I am confirming and assimilating to the American fabric, and do the same while on a visit to India. And I have touched upon only visual identification in my auto-ethnographical analysis. There are so many other ways to confirm and assimilate; speech, tone, gestures, body language; marriage, job, education, religion and so forth. In a new study done by neuroscientists (Ryan M. Stoller and Jonathan B. Freeman) at New York University, on the way individuals react to diverse faces, they have shown that, *"The stereotypes we hold can influence our brain's visual system, prompting us to see others' faces in ways that conform to these stereotypes."*

( <http://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2016/05/02/neuroscientists-find-evidence-for-visual-stereotyping.html> and <http://www.nature.com/articles/nn.4296.epdf> )

A variation of this article appeared on LinkedIn first. The author's other posts on LinkedIn can be found at: [https://www.linkedin.com/today/author/0\\_3f28uu9Qt9H17RnSMhdqZW?trk=prof-sm](https://www.linkedin.com/today/author/0_3f28uu9Qt9H17RnSMhdqZW?trk=prof-sm)

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

Evvie Currie Giving Circle \$100.00, Margaret Currie  
Unrestricted LAF Support \$100.00, Maria Ellis  
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## Public Policy



**Celebrate the Centennial of Women  
Gaining the Right to Vote in New  
York State on November 6, 1917**

### Find Local and Family Suffragists

There are bound to be Suffragists in your area. Thousands of people across New York State formed grassroots organizations to bring male voters to the realization that women should have the right to vote. You can find them in your communities. Honor these brave people who worked tirelessly to obtain the vote for women.

You will find it exciting, interesting, rewarding and meaningful to discover these courageous people who fought so hard to "Give Women the Vote".

### PLACES TO GO:

1. Contact the County Historical Society
2. Contact the Town Historical Society
3. Ask the Town Historian (They love to share)
4. Visit the Local Library-They house historical documents
5. Ask librarians if they know of any suffragists
6. Talk to people you think might know of suffragists
7. Follow up on any leads
8. Find a book on the history of your area and who wrote it. You may find this by using the web and/or interlibrary loan
9. Read the book chapters that maybe useful on the web
10. On the web try different key words and various combinations of words-use your imagination for example: Make up the possible name of a suffragist society or club
11. Try the Library of Congress data base using key words
12. Research the Fulton History Project. It indexes hundreds of old newspapers around NYS
13. Explore old digitalized NYS newspapers at <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org> articles contain info about suffragists, events and provide names which can then be followed up
14. Search in NYS Library Suffrage catalog and request files with suffrage connections
15. Access on line university archives.
16. Investigate museum archives especially women's museums
17. Seek specialized local libraries-a letter will reveal names
18. Search your own home attic-relatives papers-those related to you
19. Ask family members-amazing what you will find.

It is a thrilling adventure finding these people who gave so much of themselves so that we can have the vote. Their stories will capture your interest and your heart.

Happy Successful Researching!

Bonnie and Nancy Mion-AAUW -LI Suffragists Committee Chair  
AAUW Empire State Virtual Branch Public Policy Co-VP



## Fairy Tales Wisdom by Joan Monk



"Never get tired of doing little things for others. For sometimes, those little things occupy the biggest part of their heart." - Ida Azhari

### Positive Affirmation

Today I am stronger than yesterday. I see the sunshine peering through the darkness.

### An Act of Kindness

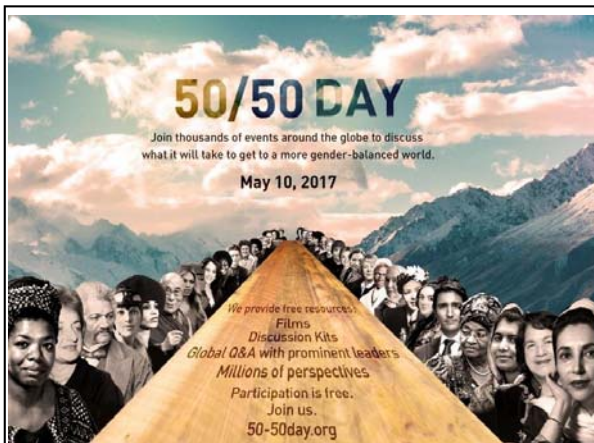
Go out of your way to make someone laugh today. Laughter feels so good and is a true gift!

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/0MXiU2yoGeY>

Meir Kay spreads positivity and cheer by complimenting complete strangers through free style rap and beatboxing.



Join Us for 50/50 Day on April 26, 2018!



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## CELEBRATE the NYS WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL

### CELEBRATE the NYS WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL with [WOMENSACTIVISM.NYC](http://WOMENSACTIVISM.NYC)

Join WomensActivism.nyc at the NYC Department of Records and Information Services

BMCC Tribeca Performing Arts Center

Borough of Manhattan Community College Women's Resource Center

and

The Women's Salon and JoAnne Akalaitis

**Monday, November 6, 2017**

BMCC Tribeca Performing Arts Center

[199 Chambers Street](http://199ChambersStreet)

6pm – 8pm

Honor the Women Who Won the Right to Vote in NYS in 1917

and People Fighting for Justice Today

**100 YEARS! Stay Tuned...**

**A Centennial Anniversary Celebration of Women's Suffrage in New York State**

*drama \* poetry \* stories \* open mic  
\*suffragists' recipes \* sing-along \* birthday cake  
site-specific performance*

100 YEARS! *Stay Tuned...* is an open performance.

You can come anytime after 6pm.

Tickets are not required but we would like to know you are coming, so please rsvp!

RSVP: [Edwina Frances Martin, Esq.](mailto:EdwinaFrancesMartin@esq)

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## Message from Evvie Currie

Dear Friends and Family,

After emergency gall bladder surgery on Sept. 22, followed by a mild stroke, I am home again. I am thankful that my son lives with me or else I would be in Sunnyview recovering. Through Living Resources I have physical therapists who come to my home and a registered nurse who checks on my progress. To be able to see my garden out of my family room windows is very uplifting to me. Since I was used to being fairly active before this surprise circumstance, the prospect of a possible 2 months recovery period is a little daunting to me. So, please keep me in your prayers and keep in touch.

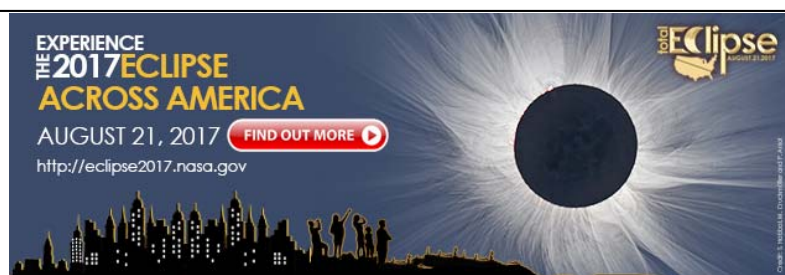
This is my first time on the computer since I have been home from the hospital. I will try to check it at least once a day. You can always reach my son by phone ( 518-399-3711 ) if you have questions about me. My goal is to be much improved by my 94 th birthday, on Nov. 21 st.

Many thanks for your friendship and support through the years.

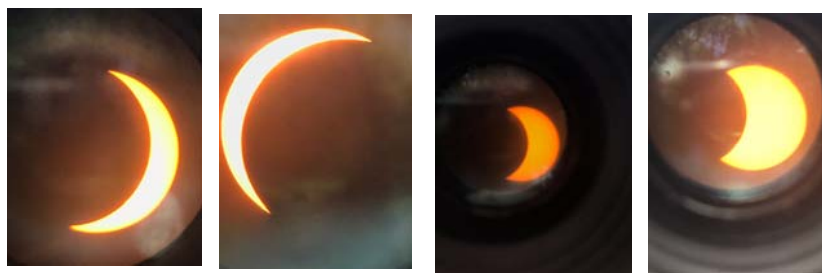
Love to all,  
Evvie

April 26, 2018

## Great Total Solar Eclipse of 2017!



A composite image of what the total eclipse looked like from the Lowell Observatory in Madras, Oregon



Mary Watson Whitney (1847-1921)  
Goddess of Wisdom  
AAUW Member & Professor at Vassar College

On 2017 August 21, a total eclipse of the Sun was visible from within a narrow corridor that traverses the United States of America. The path of the Moon's umbral shadow began in northern Pacific and crosses the USA from west to east through parts of the following states: Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina. The Moon's penumbral shadow produces a partial eclipse visible from a much larger region covering most of North America.

According to our AAUW archives, many women have contributed to our knowledge of Astronomy and the universe. For instance, Astronomer and AAUW member and professor at Vassar College in 1861, **Mary Watson Whitney** (1847-1921) built the school's Astronomy program into one of the nation's finest. Under her direction, the Vassar Observatory issued 102 articles. Her classmates called Mary "Pallas Athene", our Goddess of Wisdom. She fought against the popular notion that women could not carry on sustained scientific research. She was a passionate mentor, specially committed to securing jobs for women trained in Astronomy and Mathematics.

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The Sky's the Limit!™

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15th Year Conference  
April 14, 2018  
College of Mount Saint Vincent  
Riverdale (Bronx), New York

Cool Workshops for EYO 2017: are listed below:

1. **Blizzard in a Bottle!** Create a "snowflake crystal" scene in a jar using Chemistry!
2. **Brain Games.** Learn about some of the mind boggling things a brain can do from making memories to controlling emotions.
3. **Egg-cellent Parachutes Don't let it Splatt!** Learn about the basic of flight in order to ensure your egg's safe landing in a parachute.
4. **Hands-On Cosmetic Chemistry.** Step into the laboratory and design your own cosmetic portion.
5. **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.
6. **Kitchen Concoctions!** Ransack your kitchen and come learn the chemistry behind the products you see in your cabinets every day!
7. **Lifting the Chemical Fingerprint.** Learn to be a detective and start using your eyes, ears, nose and some weird tools to track down strange smells ... let's hunt down those clues!
8. **Paper Engineering + Origami = (Fun)<sup>2</sup>.** You will learn how to use paper to build a icosahedron shaped container in which you can store jewelry and other small items. You will also make a spinning top.
9. **Play Doctor.** Learn the physical exam components and tools that the doctors and PAs use to evaluate sick patients.
10. **Playing Games in Alice World.** Learn to create interactive games using "Alice" programming.
11. **Rolling DroneBots.** Manually operate and program Unmanned Ground Vehicles.
12. **Using Leverage to get Super Powers.** Learn basics about how levers can multiply force and how leverage is used in everyday items. Build and take home a model of a common type of lever.
13. **Wading through the Web.** Smarter searching on the Internet—DeeperWeb, Clusty, Carrot, website reliability checks. Oh My!
14. **What is a Cell?** Ever wonder how big cells are? Play a computer game to help scientist's measure cell sizes.
15. **Whatever Floats Your Boat.** Keep your boat afloat with your knowledge of material science and forces.
16. **Women & Machine.** Learn about and create mechanical systems that mimic or interact with the human body in beautiful and useful ways.



Blizzard in a Bottle!

Lifting the Chemical Fingerprint



## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2017

Happy Fall!

Day	Date	Time	Event
Tues	09/26/17	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Teleconference, Call 515 739 1032 (This is a new #) ; code 223128#
Mon	10/09/17		Columbus Day (Observed)
Sat	10/21/17	10:a.m.-2:p.m.	District V Conference. More details to follow.
Tues	10/31/17	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Teleconference, Call 515 739 1032 (This is a new #) ; code 223128#
Tues	11/07/17		Election Day
Thurs	11/16/17	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Start Smart Workshop at New York Institute of Technology, Manhattan Campus
Mon	11/20/17	7:00 p.m.	Piano Recital at the Harvard Club. RSVP required!
Thurs	11/23/17		Thanksgiving Day
Tues	11/28/17	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Teleconference, Call 515 739 1032 (This is a new #) ; code 223128#
Tues	12/05/17	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Concert with Handel's Messiah - Festival Chorus-soloist-and orchestra. RSVP required!
Tues	12/12/17	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Teleconference, Call 515 739 1032 (This is a new #) ; code 223128#
Tues	12/12/17		Hanukkah (begins at Sundown)
Mon	12/25/17		Christmas Day
Sun	12/31/17		New Year's Eve

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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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## Save the Dates:

Tues, December 5, 2017  
 Christmas Concert with Handel's Messiah—  
 Festival Chorus-soloist and orchestra  
 RSVP required

Fri, April 6, 2018  
 All Day Event  
 CTAUN Conference  
 at the UN

Fri-Sun, April 20-22, 2018  
 2018 AAUW NYS Convention  
 Radisson Hotel  
 Corning, NY

July 2018  
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 Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY

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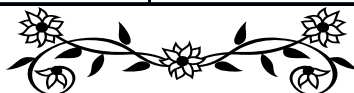
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