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Welcome to the AAUW Empire State NYC Branch!

Members of the AAUW Empire State NYC Branch meet the 1st Friday of each month at the Harvard Club in NYC from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm to discuss current issues related to women's education and other issues. Please join us for drinks and conversation.

RSVP to jessicaryansimsphd@gmail.com.
The Harvard Club, 35 W 44th Street, New York, NY 10036

140 Years & A Legacy of Empowering Women!



140 Years, Congratulations AAUW! When AAUW began in 1881, few women had the opportunity to pursue a degree—prompting founder Marion Talbot to support a fund for women's education. Today, women outnumber men in earning degrees at nearly every level. Over the past 140 years, AAUW has evolved to become the leading voice in advancing gender equity in education and workplaces everywhere. AAUW marked its anniversary with a special award ceremony and celebration on November 17, 2021. The AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award honors a past recipient of an AAUW fellowship or grant who has attained outstanding success and distinction in their chosen profession. Our 2021 awardee is **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Director-General of the World Trade Organization and one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people of 2021.

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



Dear Friends,

According to Phillip Braun, a professor of Finance at the Kellogg School of Management, government stimuli, central bank interventions, and the rollout of vaccines made 2021 a snapback year, following the shutdowns and mass layoffs that had led to a quick, deep recession in 2020. Now, the current growth economy is unprecedented, with rapidly falling unemployment, and high inflation, but also a rapidly rising money supply, growing government debt, and an ongoing pandemic. With inflation running rampant, the big question is whether real GDP growth could turn negative on a quarterly basis in 2022. The largest risk facing the global economy in the coming year is the policies of the Federal Reserve with regards to managing inflation.

During the 1Q 2022, the Empire State NYC Branch, AAUW continues to promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and provide our members with resources to identify best practices for promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within our organization. Also, we have held zoom meetings to learn more about global issues through the Great Decisions discussions including issues such as How the Biden administration tackles the challenges of climate change and how will the U.S. policy engage Russia during the invasion of Ukraine? Some upcoming Spring conversation will include: Is it possible to for democracy to prevail in Myanmar, Will the Quad countries be able to contain China's power reach; and Have the harsh drug control policies caused more harm than good?

In cooperation with the Westchester Branch, we continue to plan for our **April 30th, 2022 "Girls for STEM Annual Conference"** (formerly known as EYO). The Program Co-Directors are Lorrin Johnson and me. I am happy to report that two of the STEM workshops are taught by Empire State NYC Branch members including and AAUW Fellows: "Coding;" Elise-Kohl Grant, an American Fellow who taught "How Covid Data Trends" enabled us to understand the impact of the pandemic across different socio-economic groups such as age, race; and Whitney Bagge, who taught "How to stop Zombie Disease from Spreading."

We also facilitated a very successful fireside chat about "Family Business Legacy" with one of AAUW's C/U partners, the New York Institute of Technology on March 24, 2022. The Empire State NYC Branch facilitates salary negotiation works both in the Spring and the Fall every year and workshops are well attended by juniors, senior and NYIT staff members. To listen to March 24, 2022, fireside chat click on the link below:

https://www.nyit.edu/events/family_business_legacy_plan

Through 2022, we are planning similar mission-based programs and when you become a new member or renew your membership with the Empire State NYC Branch, you will receive a complimentary copy of my book, "**Achieve Financial Freedom, a road map to financial success.**" To join us click on the link below.

https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/NewJoinBranch_Enter.asp?bra%20nchid=NY2091

Cheers,

Maria Ellis, MBA

Empire State NYC Branch President

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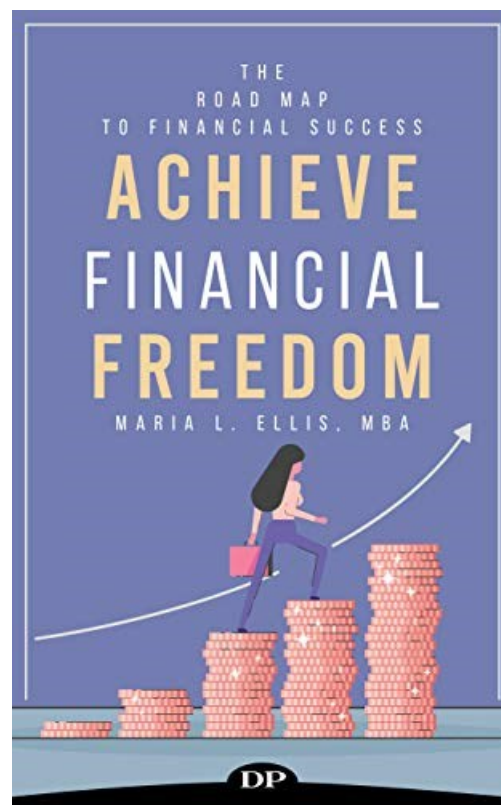
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Secure Your Finances by Creating Your Own Financial Plan

https://www.amazon.com/Achieve-Financial-Freedom-Road-Success-ebook/dp/B089NK7ROG/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=maria+ellis&qid=1600708391&sr=8-1



Do you work long hours in a stressful career and wonder if it will be enough to support your financial needs in both the near and distant future? Do you want to ensure that you have enough money to live your dream life and retire on your own time? Why not learn how to make your money work for you before it is too late? You can start building a strong financial future right now without working yourself to death. It is never too early to learn how to invest your money.

In *Achieve Financial Freedom*, author Maria L. Ellis, MBA, brings together more than twenty years of experience to teach just how easy it can be to:

- Create a financial plan that makes it easy to achieve financial success
- Select the investments that are best for your specific goals
- Know the risks and rewards of investing, and avoid the pitfalls common to new investors so your money works for you
- Monitor and adjust your investment portfolio so you can watch your investments grow
- Invest your money so you will have enough to live your dream life

2022 Great Decisions



Great Decisions Zoom Meetings Announcement:

Starting February 3, 2022 at 5:30 pm, we will start our Great Decisions conversations. Thereafter, we have scheduled Zoom meetings on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays. See the topics below and join our conversations by email **Julie Kleszczewski** at juliek@msn.com.

Topics for Great Decisions* 2022	Date	Leader
<p>1. How should the United States approach the new crowded outer space? . The launch of Sputnik 1 in October 1957 marked the beginning of the space era and of the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. in the 21st century, there are many more participants in space, including countries such as India and China, and commercial companies such as SpaceX. How will the United States fare in a crowded outer space? by Eric Berger Discussion Leader: Maria Ellis</p>	Thurs, Feb.3	Maria Ellis
<p>2. How will changing demographics impact a variety of topics ranging from development to sustainability? The world experienced remarkable demographic changes in the 20th century that continue today and have resulted in far-reaching social, economic, political, and environmental consequences all over the globe. These consequences are creating mounting challenges to development efforts, security, the environment, as well as the sustainability of human populations. by Joseph Chamie Discussion Leader: Nancy Mion</p>	Thurs, Feb.17	Nancy Mion
<p>3. How will the Biden administration tackle the challenges of climate change? The ideological divide in the United States about climate change has impeded progress in curbing greenhouse emissions. But extreme weather events at both ends of the thermometer have focused attention on the consequences of inaction. What role will the United States play in future negotiations on climate? by Ron Bee Discussion Leader: Sonia Ramos</p>	Thurs, March 11	Sonia Ramos
<p>4. How will U.S. foreign policy engage Russia during the Biden administration? Russia and the United States have many areas of conflict and some possible areas of mutual interest. Arms control, Russian interference in U.S. elections and support of cyberattacks, the status of Ukraine, the fate of opposition politicians in Russia, all continue to be concerning. How will the new administration in Washington approach these issues? by Allen Lynch Discussion Leader: Julie Kleszczewski</p>	Thurs, March 25	Julie Kleszczewski
<p>5. Is it possible for democracy to prevail in Myanmar? The situation in Myanmar, including the coup by the military in February 2021 and the ongoing human rights crises, coupled with civil resistance by those opposed to the regime, has led to the chaos in the Southeast Asian country. How are neighboring countries reacting, and what role will ASEAN play? by Hunter Marston Discussion Leader: Nan Scinta</p>	Thurs, April 14	Nan Scinta
<p>6. Will the Quad countries be able to contain China's power reach? As part of the U.S. pivot to Asia, the United States has been in dialogue with Japan, Australia, and India in an effort to contain China. Recently, the Quad countries held joint naval exercises in the South Pacific. How effective will the actions of this alliance be? by Kevin Rudd Discussion Leader: Silvia Silverman</p>	Thurs, April 28	Silvia Silverman
<p>7. Have harsh drug control policies caused more harm than good? The issue of migration to the United States from Latin America has overshadowed the war on drugs, which has been underway for decades with little signs of progress. What are the roots and the bureaucratic logic behind today's dominant drug policies in Latin America? Is it time to reconsider punitive drug policies that disrupt supply chains and punish drug possession? by Mónica Serrano Discussion Leader:: Sharada Jayagopal</p>	Thurs, May 5	Sharada Jayagopal
<p>8. Will a more involved U.S. government help the economy revive? The current discussion of industrial policy in the United States is not simply about whether or not to support specific companies or industries, but about trust or mistrust of the government and its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. The upheaval in supply chains during the pandemic exposed weaknesses in the international economy. What policies can the United States implement to deal with trade and the economy? by Jonathan Chanis Discussion Leader:: Sharada Jayagopal</p>	Thurs, May 26	Sharada Jayagopal
<p>9. How will the Biden administration treat foreign policy, among other policies, differently from the last? The new administration in Washington promised to reverse many of the policies of the past administration, especially in foreign policy. How will issues such as climate, the pandemic, and alliances be treated under the Biden administration? by John Ikenberry Discussion Leader:: TBD</p>	Thurs, June 9	Gloria Abrams

Zoom Meetings, 5:30—7:00 p.m. For more information, email Marial Ellis at mellis@fsacap.com

Start Smart/Salary Negotiation Workshop

Ask the President

Learning to Negotiate the Wage Start Smart Workshop
 Sponsored by
AAUW's Westchester and Empire State Virtual Branch!
Place: New York Institute of Technology
Spring 2022
Date/Time: TBD

https://www.nyit.edu/box/features/know_your_value_how_to_negotiate_salary
https://www.nyit.edu/events/aauw_work_smart_salary_negotiation_workshop



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>

Does AAUW offer Community Action Grants?

Community Action Grants provide funding to individuals, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations as well as community-based nonprofits for innovative programs that promote education and equity through projects focused on encouraging girls to select, before entering college, the physical sciences or engineering as a career. Since 1972, AAUW has provided support to hundreds of communities across the United States. The available funding is from \$3,000 to \$10,000 and Applications open on August 1st. If you have any additional questions about Smart Smart/Work Smart and/or C/U activities in your area, please email me at mellis@fsacap.com.

Meet a Current Community Action Grantee



Marisa Madison is the CEO of 24/7 STEAM Works, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to empowering and inspiring underrepresented, marginalized youth in research experiences geared toward cultivating an interest in STEM and career development and obtaining undergraduate and graduate degrees. The goal of this fellowship is to engage 6th through 12th-grade girls in workshops with virtual, interdisciplinary learning experiences including engineering, agriculture, decreasing climate change and food instability, chemistry, astronomy, bacterial culture, and microscopy.

Who are some of the recipients who have received AAUW Fellowships or Grants in 2019-2020?

AAUW provides the largest fellowship program and the oldest non-institutional source of graduate funding for women in the United States.

Here are some the recipients in 2019-2020.



2019-20 American Fellow Kelsey Lewis

AAUW American Fellowships support women scholars who are pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Candidates are evaluated based on scholarly excellence; quality and originality of project design; and active commitment to helping women and girls through service in their communities, professions, or fields of research..

Fellowships or Grants Cont'd. on Page 5

AAUW StartSmart Salary Negotiation - NYIT



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 earned 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

The Gender Pay Gap by Race

	Women's earnings as a percentage of men's earnings in the same occupation	Women's earnings as a percentage of men's earnings overall
All workers	82%	78%
White	85%	82%
Black	65%	55%
Hispanic	75%	65%
Asian	95%	90%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	100%	95%
Two or more races	90%	85%

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Fellowships or Grants Cont'd.



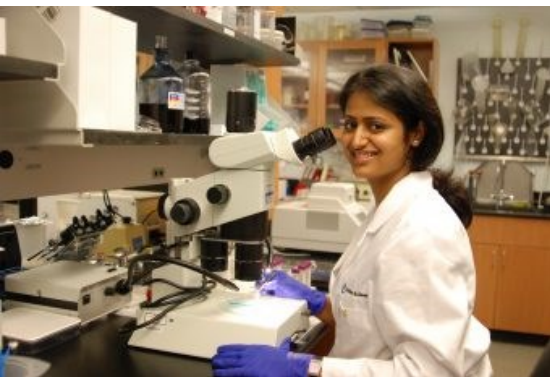
2019-20
Career Development
Grantee Samantha Gunn

Career Development Grants provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce in education, health and medical sciences, or social sciences. Primary consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields.



2018-19
Community
Action Grantee
Marisa Madison

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AAUW 2010-11
International
Fellow
Sandhya Sanduja

To create lasting support around the globe, AAUW awards grants to **International Fellowship** alumnae who have returned home after successfully completing the course of study for which they received funding. These grants allow alumnae to build on their academic work and implement community-based projects that will improve the lives of women and girls.



2019-20 Research Publication Grantee May Abdelaziz

These grants are open to women scholars conducting basic research in engineering, medicine or the physical or biological sciences and who have a doctorate degree in one of those fields. The grantee must publish their research in a scholarly publication and be listed as a primary author.



2019-2020 Selected Professions Fellow Jenny Trieu

Selected Professions Fellowships are awarded for the following master's programs in Architecture; Computer/information sciences; Engineering; and Mathematics/statistics.

Are You Interested in the STEM Fields and All the Potential They Hold— Especially for Girls Like You?

AAUW has created a brand new program for girls in grades 9 through 12 — with a particular focus on girls of color — and for the parents, guardians, and caregivers who support their dreams and aspirations. For more information, email: mellis@psacap.com.



College of Mount Saint Vincent Mentorship Event

Congrats to Carol Griffith AAUW NYS President Elect!



CMSV Metnors : Dr. Rani, Maria Ellis & Lorrin Johnson
Mentees: Nakayah Estwick, Kathleen Stack & Brianna Perez

AAUW NYS Update

The election for this position was held on November 1, 2021. The nominating committee presented candidate Carol Griffith, our previous NYS Development VP and a Buffalo Branch member. The delegates in attendance elected her unanimously and she will become President of AAUW-NYS on July 1, 2022 for the biennium.



Also congratulations to our AAUW NYS newly elected officers – Public Policy VP Nan Scinta (Adirondack and Buffalo Branches), Membership VP Karen Martin (Rockland County Branch), Secretary Lynn Gore (Kingston Branch) and Treasurer Barbara Van Itallie (Poughkeepsie Branch). They will all serve for the 2021-23 biennium.

Girls for STEM Conference Planning Committee Invite

GIRLS FOR STEM CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE is inviting AAUW members and friends to join AAUW Westchester Branch and the Empire State NYC Branch on

Saturday, April 30, 2022
9 am—12 noon
Virtual and In-Person
College of Mount Saint Vincent
Riverdale, NY



Diversity and Inclusion



Diversity is critical to AAUW's mission. Issues of equity — from fair pay to sexual assault to access to health care — affect all women, and women in marginalized

groups often disproportionately experience the effects of these issues. To succeed in empowering women and girls, we must have diverse voices contributing different perspectives.

AAUW Applauds Passage of The Paycheck Fairness Act

By passing this important bill, the House of Representatives has demonstrated its commitment to the economic security of American women and their families. We know there is a pay gap for all women, at every age, in every part of the country, and in nearly every industry. The gap has closed by less than a nickel in the 21st century, and it's obvious that something needs to be done to ensure families can thrive.

"The Equal Pay Act of 1963 was a powerful first step, but the law has been weakened over time as the workforce demography has changed. We need new tools to fight discriminatory pay practices, and we need effective incentives and assistance to help employers comply with the law. The Paycheck Fairness Act provides these tools by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and putting new protections in place for the benefit of all American workers. Its passage is long overdue.

"AAUW commends Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) for her leadership on this bill for over 20 years. We urge the Senate to follow the House's lead and act now to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. We can't wait any longer for equal pay."

Mary C. Hickey, AAUW

YOU CAN: GIVE WOMEN TOOLS TO NEGOTIATE THEIR SALARIES

Did you know that 57% of men try to negotiate their salary, but only 7% of women do?

HOW CAN YOU PROVIDE WOMEN WITH THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO NEGOTIATE TO HELP CLOSE THE GENDER PAY GAP?

THE ANSWER: You can spread the word about the **FREE** AAUW salary negotiation workshop course "**WORK SMART ONLINE**" at <https://salary.aauw.org/>. It is a complete computer course, comprehensive, amazing, informative, and worthwhile. It gives women the tools they need to negotiate for better salaries and benefits. They'll learn the market value of their skills and experience; be able to determine an equitable "target salary"; and have more confidence and better negotiating skills to ask for and get the pay they deserve.

Do contact family, friends, and acquaintances who would benefit from taking this **FREE WORK SMART ONLINE** class and encourage them to us it and to tell others about it.

AAUW LEADING THE WAY TO GENDER PAY EQUITY!

Nancy Mion, AAUW Empire State NYC Branch

Public Policy



AAUW Public Policy Priorities!

AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. The work of AAUW builds upon responsible public participation, and the following priorities provide a basis for AAUW members' actions at the local, state, national, and international levels.

Implicit in each is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective and accountable administration, and provision for citizen participation. AAUW advocates public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on these priorities. AAUW works to increase the number of women and other underrepresented populations in policy- and other decision-making positions.

AAUW's positions are shaped by its commitment to being nonpartisan and fact-based, and to acting with integrity. AAUW strives for its work to be inclusive and intersectional, collaborating with diverse allies and coalitions to achieve equity for all. Basic to all of AAUW's public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community.

AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals. AAUW believes that high-quality public education is the foundation of a democratic society and the key to improving economic prosperity and gender equality.

AAUW advocates equitable access to education and climates free of harassment, bullying, and sexual assault. AAUW supports academic freedom, civic education, protection from censorship, bias-free education, and responsible funding for all levels of education, including early childhood education and programs for students with disabilities.

AAUW advocates for increased access to higher education, especially for women in poverty, and promotes equitable efforts to close the persistent achievement gap that disproportionately affects low-income children and students from communities of color. For more information about AAUW's Public Policy Priorities, click on the link below.

<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2020/02/Public-Policy-Priorities-2019-2021-nsa.pdf>

Maria L. Ellis, MBA, Empire State NYC Branch President
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Public Policy Issues

If you would like to promote any of these **public policy issues**, contact Nan Scinta, Public Policy Vice President for AAUW NYS publicpolicy@aaauw-nys.org

1. The Abortion Supreme Court decision - this will have great implications on low-income and young women trying to make their way economically.
2. If you have women in your branch or community who want to run for office in the upcoming primary in June, please invite them to your branch meetings, whether in person or on zoom. We need to support more women in all areas of government.
3. The ERA amendment is now being called the Equality Amendment.
4. The PowHer agenda items that will have priority have been sent to Governor Hochul and to legislative members in both houses. The top item on the list is Child Care access and affordability for all women, and especially those in the lower class and of color. Also, higher wages for Home and Long-Term Care workers will be a top priority in this legislative season. Many female workers in this industry have young children - they cannot afford child care at their current low wages.

Diversity & Inclusion Co-Director Anita Nahal



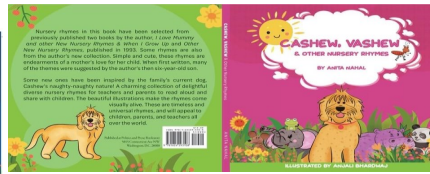
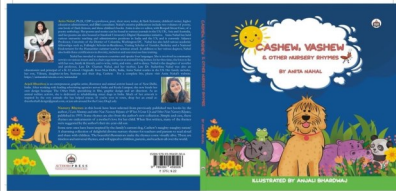
Congratulations to our Diversity & Inclusion Co-Director Anita Nahal, Ph.D.

on her most recent release of the American and Indian editions of my new nursery rhymes book, **Cashew, Vashew & Other Nursery Rhymes!**

Rhymes in the book are universal and would appeal to children all over the world. Some have been selected from my previous two books of nursery rhymes published way back in 1993 when my son was growing up. Anita's motherly experience with her son

prompted her to write the rhymes originally as she didn't wish to have him learn only the known ones. Some in the new book are based on Cashew our furry family member!

The book was released just in time for Christmas! This creative book is a great gift for children's birthdays and everyday gifts! Beautifully and realistically illustrated with truly eye-catching images by Anjali Bhardwaj. Please check these out and order your copies for your kids, grandkids, students and feel free to share the links with those who have kids or teach in schools or work in libraries.



American/Global edition: Politics and Prose, Washington DC <https://www.politics-prose.com/book/9781624293108>

Indian edition: Authors Press, New Delhi, India (via Amazon Global) https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08QSK5TBM/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_e206FbHG6A816

Girls for STEM



Girls for STEM 2022 Conference
(formerly Explore Your Opportunities)

Saturday, April 30, 2022
9:00 am—12:00 pm
College of Mount Saint Vincent

Girls for STEM Workshops 10:30 am—12 noon

- 1. Brain Games.** Put on your thinking cap and learn to make a model brain cell while learning about all the mind-boggling things a brain can do from recognizing words and colors, to making memories, to controlling your movements. **Jenny Libien, MD, PhD, Chair, Department of Pathology, State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY**
- 2. Introduction to Creative Coding with PSIS.** Students will get first-hand experience of just how much fun coding is! They will create a film poster using code. **Bolor Amgalan, MFA, MA, Adjunct Faculty at Parson School of Design.**
- 3. Survive the Zombie Apocalypse.** Learn to stop zombie disease from spreading. **Whitney Bagge, PhD, MPH, Disease Ecologist, Ecohealth Alliance**
- 4. Let's take a Cell-fie** Students will never look at the vegetable on their plate the same after this workshop. Vegetables and the plants they come from are composed of cells. These cells determine how the plant looks, feels, and tastes. In this workshop, we'll ask what do the cells look like? **Adrienne Roeder, PhD Biology, University of California, San Diego. Kate Harline, PhD Candidate, School of Integrative Plant Science, Cornell University**
- 5. The Ethics of AI through the Colors in Art.** Artificial Intelligence through music and art with the goal of cultivating Racial Equity in the Field of AI. We will explore the field of AI from its basics and create neural art and music. **Anika Puri, Student Researcher, Horace Greeley High School, Founder of MoArt**
- 6. Slide-ing into Cells.** If you sign up for this workshop, we will send you a lab kit with one foldable microscope and several slides of model organisms to observe. During the workshop, students will learn how to draw scientifically. There will also be an optional pre-session for reviewing how to assemble microscopes. **Aliya Fisher, Nicolas Kim, Stephen Ogunbiyi: Student Coordinators for Sparking Teen Research Interest for Diversity and Equity in Science (STRIDES), Bronx High School of Science**
- 7. Navigating COVID 19 in NYC.** Students will use tableau to monitor and make their own predictions on Covid 19 data trends. Students will learn how to use data to better understand the impact of the pandemic across different socio-economic groups, age, and race. **Elise Kohl, MBA, New York University, Stern School of Business-Grant Kushi Shah, MA, in Development Psychology, Director of Data Solutions, Innovative Management Solutions, NY**

Girls for STEM Pictures! Cont'd



Blizzard in a Bottle!



Lifting the Chemical Fingerprint

CALENDAR FOR APRIL – JULY 2022

Happy Spring!

Day	Date	Time	Event (Great Decision Topics)
Thurs	04/14/22	5:30 pm–7:00 pm	Is it possible for democracy to prevail in Myanmar? Discussion Leader: Nancy Scinta
Fri	04/15/22		Good Friday/Passover (Begins at Sundown)
Sun	04/17/22		Easter
Sat	04/23/22		Passover (Ends at Sundown)
Thurs	04/28/22	5:30 pm–7:00 pm	Will the Quad countries be able to contain China's power reach? Discussion Leader: Silva Silverman
Sat	04/30/22	9:00 am–12:00 pm	Girls for STEM Conference, College of Mount Saint Vincent
Thurs	05/05/22	5:30 pm–7:00 pm	Have harsh drug control policies caused more harm than good? Discussion Leader: Sharada Jayagopal
Thurs	05/05/22		Cinco de Mayo
Sun	05/08/22		Mother's Day
Thurs	05/26/22	5:30 pm–7:00 pm	Will a more involved U.S. government help the economy revive? Discussion Leader: Silva Silverman
Mon	05/30/22		Memorial Day
Thurs	06/19/22	5:30 pm–7:00 pm	How will the Biden administration treat foreign policy, among other policies, differently from the last? Discussion Leader: Gloria Abrams
Sun	06/19/22		Father's Day & Juneteenth Day
Mon	07/04/22		Independence Day

 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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 C.S. Rani, Ph.D., csrani.rani@gmail.com

Save the Dates:

Great Decisions Meetings Schedule:
 April 14, 28
 May 5, 26
 June 9

Saturday, April 30, 2022
 9:00 am–12:00 pm
 Girls for STEM Conference
 College of Mount Saint Vincent

AAUW-NYS Convention
 April 2022
 Rochester, NY

Note: To participate in the events, email mellis@fsacap.com for access. Thank you!

Thank You for Your Donation to the AAUW Funds!

Ewvie 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



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

Empire State NYC Branch Membership

Join or renew your membership with AAUW Empire State NYC Branch!
 AAUW national dues are \$62, 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, 2022. See the various memberships below and to join, please visit our website at <http://empire-ny.aauw.net/membership/>

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