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April Branch Meeting Focuses on Next Generation of Science Standards



Dr. Jackie Spears, professor of curriculum and instruction at K-State, gave an insightful presentation on the history and importance of K-12 science education standards and the development of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Kansas was among the 26 states that took the lead in revising the 15-year old science education standards. These new science standards encompass many of the advances that have occurred in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields and new approaches to

science education. To date, 11 states and the District of Columbia have adopted the NGSS to better prepare students for college, careers, and citizenship.

The “standards movement” in public education gained momentum in the early 1990s, resulting in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB, 2001). Under NCLB, each state was required to develop standards in mathematics and reading and methods of testing to ensure progress towards having all students meet those standards. Emerging from this context were standards that varied significantly from state to state and emphasized minimum performance levels that all students could reach. In response to NCLB, the National Governors Association and Council of Chief State School Officers provided leadership for the development of common standards that ensured that all high school graduates were prepared for careers and/or participation in postsecondary education. This state-led, voluntary effort also sought input from teachers, parents, school official, and experts.

Kansas educators have historically valued high-quality education for all of its citizens. In 2007, Kansas Department of Education

adopted the Kansas Science Standards to assist state educators in selecting and developing curricula and assessing student progress. Seven interwoven standards were specified with statements on what students should know, understand, and do at each K-12 level.

The development of the new NGSS was done by a diversified committee formed by the National Research Council in a two-step process. First, they developed *A Framework for K-12 Science Education* that identified the core ideas and practices in the natural sciences and engineering that all students should be familiar with by the time they graduate. Based on this framework, 26 Lead State Partners (including Kansas) subsequently developed the NGSS. Thus, the new standards were developed by the states themselves, rather than the federal government.

The NGSS are distinctive from other science standards in several aspects. The “performance expectation” requires students to apply the knowledge rather than just “know” or “understand” it. Each performance expectation integrates three dimensions: a core disciplinary idea, a science or engineering practice, and a crosscutting concept. Dr. Spears provided a challenging exercise that compared wording in previous standards with the new NGSS that focuses on interrelating and applying knowledge. NGSS provides a dramatic conceptual shift in education. It requires new curricula to interconnect the nature of science and performance, providing a deeper understanding of knowledge.

Dr. Spears has been a leading author and educator in physics at K-State and is currently Director of the Center for Science Education in the College of Education. Her current research interests include increasing the participation of individuals from underrepresented populations in STEM fields and developing strategies to integrate STEM research into high school science classrooms. She also serves on the Kansas Board of Regents STEM teacher development initiative and is past president of Faculty Senate. Dr. Spears can be reached at jdspears@k-state.edu or 785-532-5530.

May is your last chance to purchase grocery cards before the fall. Cards can be purchased from Marilyn Bunyan (Dillon’s) and Claudia Jones (Ray’s Apple Market). Proceeds from the sales of these cards goes to support the Branch’s general fund.

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Let's Wrap a Fantastic AAUW Branch Year!!

May 12th at Meadowlark Hills



Our May branch meeting will once again be charged with delightful dining, fun, and recognition of members! The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Meadowlark Hills. The cost of the dinner is \$12, and guests are invited.

The activities for the evening include a potpourri of items to purchase during the annual Silent Auction. Please share unwanted gifts, gently used items, or things that you purchased but no longer need. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the branch's general and scholarship funds. The Silent Auction coordinators are Jan Freeby (frfreeby@sbcglobal.net, 785-539-8719) and Karen Tinkler (kdtink@peoplepc.com, 785-537-9145).

The evening also includes recognition of outgoing officers and installation of incoming officers; honoring the Outstanding Branch Member, Past Presidents, Chairs of Interest Groups; recognizing years of membership in AAUW; and the President's Award for Outstanding Board Member.

Make reservations by email to manhattanksaauw@gmail.com (preferred) or call Connie Noble at 785-539-5522. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 6 at noon.

If you need or can provide transportation, contact Dede Brokesh at (785) 410-4335.

Please join us in celebrating another great branch year!

Branch Members Honored with Leadership Studies Awards

Dr. Nancy Bolsen, Branch President, and **Dr. Olivia Collins** both received the 2014 Susan M. Scott Community Leadership Award on Sunday, April 6th, at the on-campus event *The 2014 Celebrating Service and Leadership*.



The award was established in Scott's name to recognize and celebrate her work as the Founding Director of the School of Leadership Studies. Nancy

and Olivia received these awards because of their exemplary leadership in 1) bringing change to our community, 2) improving the everyday lives of those around them, 3) shin-

ing light on unmet needs in the community, and 4) inspiring others to carry out their call to action.

Upon receiving the award, Olivia stated "It is an extremely significant event in my life to be honored in this way. Susan has been a colleague, mentor, and friend for many years, and I am humbled to be recognized in her name." Nancy also remarked "This significant recognition represents my work with the School of Leadership Studies and commitment to community activities, particularly AAUW. Receiving this award is such a great life honor as Susan Scott has been such an important mentor, friend, and colleague to me." Please join us in congratulating our branch members for their outstanding accomplishments!!!

\$tart \$mart Facilitators "Celebrate" Equal Pay Day on April 8

The thirteen member team of K-State Start Smart facilitators hosted two salary negotiation events at the K-State Student Union Little Theatre to draw attention to Equal Pay Day in April.

The first event was a follow-up session for students who previously participated in a lecture-based seminar. This session enabled students to review salary negotiation basics, target a compensation package, and practice negotiating an offer.

The second event was a full, two-hour, salary negotiation workshop that incorporated both the lecture-based seminar that helps students understand the wage gap, develop a personal budget and benchmark compensation packages

and the hands-on follow-up session. The full workshop was attended by 32 students.

Dr Kerri Keller, Director of K-State's Career and Employment Services and our Campus Contact for the Start Smart program, was interviewed by K-State's News and Editorial Services staff for an article that appeared in the K-State Today. You may have caught clips of Kerri's interview on the radio and television too. It was aired locally on Topeka's KSNT Kansas First News and was picked up by stations from Medford, Oregon to Albany, New York.

We're very pleased with the success of this inaugural Equal Pay Day at K-State and look forward to impacting many more students during the next three years!

Membership Corner

Every month we take time to help you get more acquainted with our long-time and newest Branch members. This month we feature three members:

ROSALIE THOMPSON, KATIE KINGERY-PAGE AND CONNIE NOBLE

Rosalie Thompson retired from Thompson Realty in 1996. When she has free time, she likes to spend it with her children and grandchildren who all live out of state. She also loves to attend and watch KSU sporting events, and read. One thing Rosalie would love to learn more about is the many birds constantly in view of Tuttle Creek Lake.

The best piece of advice Rosalie has ever received is “Love the Lord my God with all of my heart, soul and mind and my neighbor as myself.”

Three things she would like to do this year (or three things on her personal “bucket list”) are to “visit the Normandy Beachhead scheduled for July, lose weight—deliberately, and stay healthy.”

One thing most people don’t know about Rosalie is that she participated (oversaw) the building of 20 homes. She and her husband lived in four of them and she continues to live in the last one built.

Rosalie was attracted to the AAUW Manhattan Branch because of the quality of the members.

Her advice to new AAUW members is “One does not have to attend all of the meetings! (Everyone is busy!) and it is all right not to agree with every political view! (Right?)”

Katie Kingery-Page is an Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, Kansas State University. In her free time, she spends time with her beautiful daughters, reads, makes drawings and listens to her (vinyl) record collection. Katie would love to learn more about how the best public K-12 schools across the nation are financed and the political climate.

When asked the best piece of advice she’s ever received, Katie simply said “Breathe.”

Things she would like to do this year include making more drawings, riding her bicycle more and hearing more live music.

One thing most people don’t know about Katie is that she once worked as a professional seamstress.

The branch’s interesting programs attracted Katie to the organization.

Connie Noble works with the Kansas State University International Programs. When she has free time, she likes to read, play cards, garden and travel. One thing Connie would love to learn is how to speak Spanish.

The best piece of advice Connie has ever received is “Be kind and honest and value myself.”

Three things she would like to do this year (or three things on her personal “bucket list”) are to “visit Alaska, make a great pie crust, and plan a family reunion.”

One thing most people don’t know about Connie is that she loves political debate.

Connie was attracted to the AAUW Manhattan Branch because of our mission of equity for all women and girls and life-long education.

***We wish Rosalie, Katie and Connie the very best and hope they achieve their goals for the year.
We thank them for being a part of this beautiful family!***



Welcome New Members to Our Branch

We welcome several new members to our AAUW Manhattan Branch: **Pat Hudgins, Laura Donnelly, Mary Higgs, Annette Sanford, Marilyn Fox, Bente Janda, and Janet Skochdopole.**

We are so glad you decided to join the Manhattan AAUW Branch and look forward to getting to know you better! We hope you will be able to attend our next branch meeting on Monday, May 12!

KANSAS AAUW 2014 ANNUAL MEETING *BRANCHING OUT IN THE LITTLE APPLE*

Forty-four AAUW members from across the state “Branched Out in the Little Apple” on Saturday, April 12, during the annual state conference held at the Leadership Studies Building on the Kansas State University Campus. Mary Hale Tolar, Manhattan Branch member and director of the School of Leadership Studies, greeted participants as they arrived. Organizing the meeting were members of the Manhattan



Participants arriving at program

Branch Planning Committee: Olivia Collins, chair; Nancy Bolsen, Barb Booth, Kathy Borck, Maxine Coffey, Barbara Gatewood, Claudia Jones, Tresa Landis, and Joyce Wells, with Maxine Coffey serving as general meeting facilitator the day of the conference.

Participants received welcome packets prepared by Claudia Jones and Kathy Borck when they registered and enjoyed refreshments provided by local favorite Radina’s Coffeehouse and Roastery. Registration was managed by state treasurer Carolyn Dwire and Manhattan Branch treasurer Claudia Jones, assisted by Manhattan Branch member Barbara Amoah.

State President Bonnie Tandoc opened the meeting in Town Hall where all sessions took place throughout the day. Manhattan Branch president Nancy Bolsen introduced Manhattan City Commissioner, public school teacher, and active community member Usha Reddi, who presented a welcome to the City of Manhattan.



**Bonnie Tandoc
State President**



Nancy Bolsen (left) and Usha Reddi (right)

A special highlight of the opening session was the recognition of Manhattan first grader Seoyon Kim, 2014 Martin Luther King Jr. Art Contest Best of Show winner in the K-2 category, with a special certificate. Seoyon’s artwork was reproduced on notecards that were made available to conference goers for a \$10 donation. A portion of the proceeds from the notecard distribution will be given to Seoyon’s college fund. Present for Seoyon’s recognition were her parents Eun-young Kim and Dr. Jinsoo Kim.



**Seoyon and parents with
Barbara Gatewood (right)**

Following the business meeting, during which door prizes obtained by Claudia Jones and Kathy Borck were distributed, and a morning refreshment break featuring coffee and tea, participants were treated to the day’s keynote presentation by Kansas State University First Lady and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs in the College of Engineering Noel Schulz.

The title of Schulz’s presentation was “Advancing Women through AAUW and K-State – Thriving, Not Just Surviving.” In addition to sharing her personal story, Schulz provided an historical perspective on women’s involvement at Kansas State University. She used the Women of K-State organization as a case study for how organizations can aid women in their personal and professional development. Citing both

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the Women of K-State mission and that of AAUW, she stressed networking is a two-way street, and there is a need for multiple networks and mentors.



**Keynote speaker,
Dr. Noel Schulz**

In summary Schulz said K-State has a rich history, prominent present and bright future related to the contributions of women. She noted that AAUW also has a rich history of advancing women. Of special emphasis was that we must be adaptive to reach our goals of advancing and supporting women. “We’re still writing chapters in this book,” Schulz

said. We must continue to help the next generation write ‘Her Story’ Schulz concluded, as well as knowing our own. Paslay Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Schulz is a nationally recognized expert in power systems engineering who researches the use of computers, including intelligent systems, to solve problems in power system design, operations and controls. As an administrator, Schulz has been actively involved in recruiting and retaining women in engineering, faculty development and encouraging international experiences in education. She has initiated faculty networks for women at two universities.



Participants listen to keynote speaker Noel Schulz

Break Out Lunch Bunch Discussion Groups coordinated and facilitated by incoming Manhattan Branch president Barbara Gatewood were the featured noon time activity. Participants picked up their box lunches and joined in on one of the informal discussion groups to share the fruits of their labor and help other AAUW branches to grow, learn new ideas, and explore exciting opportunities.

Group choices were: 1. Membership Recruitment and Retention Strategies; 2. Programs for Branch and Regional Meetings; 3. Implementing AAUW Programs, Resources, and Research Reports; 4. Website, Electronic, and Printed Media; 5. AAUW Branch and National Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants; 6. National and International Public Policy Issues; 7. C/U Partnerships and Growing AAUW’s Presence on Campuses; 8. Challenges, Needs, and Opportunities of Individual Branches; 9. Developing Deeper Connections Through Interest/Discussion Groups, Networking, and Mentoring.

Following lunch Senior Branch Relations Manager for National AAUW in Washington, D.C. Claudia Richards presented “Fire Up for Membership/AAUW Forward in 2015.” Bonnie Tandoc noted in her introduction that Claudia Richards is Jane of all trades at AAUW, having worked in Development for 13 years, Meetings for 3 years, and currently as Senior Branch Relations Manager in Membership. Richards has visited 26 of the 50 contiguous states; she can also name at least one AAUW member in every US state and territory. Claudia studied Business Administration and Marketing at the University of Maryland and is a proud 20+ year employee of AAUW. This was her first trip to the State of Kansas.

In her presentation “Fire Up for Membership” Richards asked whether we have ever wondered what inspires someone to join AAUW. She noted what current members were looking for out of their membership with AAUW and how Kansas stacks up to similar states. In addition, she shared the best practices in recruitment and retention.

“Forward in 2015” was an action-packed, content filled update from AAUW national that showed what’s going on at headquarters and around the country. Most importantly, it was chockfull of tips on how local branches can use the information to recruit, retain and engage new members.

The closing session featured installation of state officers and presentation of a variety of awards for individuals and branches. Nancy Bolsen, Manhattan Branch president, was installed as incoming state president, Manhattan was recognized as a Star Branch, and Tresa Landis, Manhattan Branch vice president for programs, was elected to serve on the State nominating committee for 2015.



Past and current state executives

Branch Notecard Featured at State Meeting to Support Membership Recruitment



L-R, Eunyong, artist Seoyon, and Dr. Jinsoo Kim

The new Manhattan Branch notecards featuring the artwork of Seoyon Kim were a big hit at the 2014 Kansas AAUW Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 12, at the Leadership Studies Building on K-State's campus.

An exhibit of the notecards and the original artwork were on display with copies of the MLK essay and write-up in the April newsletter. Participants were able to meet the young artist and her parents, Eunyong and Dr. Jinsoo Kim.

Seoyon was presented with a certificate of recognition and several gifts, including several sets of the note-

cards, a beautiful glass heart, and a cuddly stuffed horse.

The card sets (8 cards/envelopes) will be available for a \$10 donation at the Annual Wrap-Up and Celebration on May 12th or by contacting Barbara Gatewood (bgatewd@ksu.edu, 785-539-8804) or Claudia Jones (interiors1@cox.net, 785-537-4442).

The card donations will be used primarily for branch membership recruitment, but a portion will go to the young artist's college fund.

Thank you for your ongoing support of membership recruitment!



"Earth Day at the Beach" Talk by Museum's Designer Katie Kingery-Page

Katie Kingery-Page, assistant professor of landscape architecture, spoke at an Earth Day Program at the Beach Museum of Art (BMA) on April 22. The program was jointly organized by Friends of the Konza Prairie and the museum.

As the lead designer of the Meadow project located just north of the BMA, Katie had a major role in creating this outdoor space that merges science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and art. Dede Brokesh also has been part of the project.



The Meadow concept originated in 2011 when museum director Linda Duke asked Katie to help create a space where students, faculty, and visitors could encounter native prairie plants. Another intellectual goal is to provide a link between K-State research in plant biology, environmental science, and other fields and the 30,000+ visitors that come to the museum annually.

The complex landscape contains a variety of native grasses, flowering plants, trees, repurposed stones from the vandalized Scholar's Rock sculpture, and custom-designed benches fashioned by students from two Hackberry trees that had to be removed. The plant focus is concomitant with the museum's regionally-focused art collection.

The "Green Action Fund" grant, recently received from the Student Government Association, will be used for further planting, outreach and interpretation activities, and a "touch table" computer that will allow visitors to access information.

Katie ended her standing-room only presentation by noting the volunteer planting day on May 11 at 1:00 p.m., saying volunteers are always welcome! Interesting information on the history, progress, and programs with action photos is available on the Meadow blog (<https://blogs.k-state.edu/meadow/>).

Katie is secretary of the Manhattan Branch, and Dede, and Linda are also members. Katie can be reached at kkp@k-state.edu, 785-532-5371.

Upcoming Regional Meeting — *Wonderful Opportunity*

Here is an AAUW membership enrichment activity for the summer. Surround yourself with great value in a perfect setting with memories to last a lifetime!

WHAT: AAUW Mid-West Regional Conference

WHEN: June 13-14, 2014

WHERE: Lodge of the Four Seasons/Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

REGISTRATION INFORMATION — check your email or call/email Nancy Bolsen old@ksu.edu or 785-565-8720.

Conference Highlights:

- Keynote Speaker: AAUW Vice President of Government Relations, Lisa Maatz
- Other National AAUW Speakers
- Break out sessions
- Networking with AAUW Members Across the Mid-West (Members from Nine States in Attendance)
- Breakout Sessions
- Eleanor Roosevelt Run/Walk/Sleep-In

Come join us!

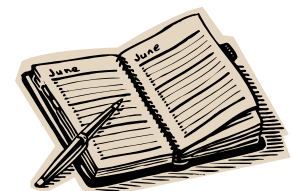
Important Reminders

Please take note of the following reminders:

- Scholarship funding request mailed in April.
- Silent Auction in May
- Collect for AAUW Funds in May
- Renew your membership in May
- *Give a Grad a Gift* to new college graduates
- Check your information in the yearbook. Let Marilyn Bunyan know if you have any changes.
- First meeting next fall is September 8, 2014. All members will get a colored, hard copy of the newsletter in August.

MAY BRANCH CALENDAR

May 1	May Day		
4	Branch Scholarship interviews		
5	Board Meeting	Noon	Vista Drive-In, 1911 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
6	Sign-up Deadline	Noon	May 12 branch meeting reservation
6	Grow Green Match Day at the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation		
6	National Teacher Day		
8	Great Decisions	10:00 a.m.	Meadowlark Hills Retirement Center
9	Book Talk	10:00 a.m.	Manhattan Public Library
11	Happy Mother's Day!!!		
12	Branch Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Community Room, Meadowlark Hills
14	Creative Cookery	11:30 a.m.	For this month's location, contact Carol Dixon at 785-539-7257
16, 17	Kansas State University commencement ceremonies		
26	Memorial Day		Government offices closed.
27	Serendipity	11:30 a.m.	For this month's location, contact Claudia Jones at 785-537-4442



These are the regularly scheduled meetings. Please contact the chair listed in the yearbook/website for the most up-to-date information on Interest Groups.

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The American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, is a nationwide community with more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 local branches, and 500 college and university (C/U) partners. Our mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. In the 2012-13 academic year, for example, AAUW has committed more than \$4.3 million in fellowships and grants to outstanding women, AAUW branches, and community nonprofit organizations. It continues to have a dynamic influence on policymakers, educators, employers, and communities to break through barriers and enhance opportunities for women.

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