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November Meeting Focused on the Native American Women



Dr. Yolanda Broyles-González

November's Manhattan branch AAUW meeting featured Dr. Yolanda Broyles-González speaking on "Native American Women's Power: Past, Present, Future." Dr. Broyles-González is the department head of the American Ethnic Studies Department at K-State.

Dr. Broyles-González's talk emphasized local power in societies as expressed through lifeways and traditions. Her talk also emphasized origin stories in Mexican culture. She used Oaxaca, Mexico as an example. Oaxaca has defended its local government ideals often at the expense of bloodshed.

Highlighted were women's unpredictable role within structures of power and governance in the U.S. Within indigenous societies women's powers are institutionalized and guaranteed. She noted egalitarian, collective, and localized decision-making in Oaxaca, and related this to a

larger theme of alternatives to capitalist society. In Oaxaca, festivals are rituals of social coherence. Festivals are built around the sociality of gifting and sharing: collective resource sharing. The festivals depend upon cooperation of different groups in a non-hierarchical model. Oaxaca lifeways include division of labor based on gender; Broyles-González sees this gender segregation as an equal and cooperative system.

Dr. Broyles-González relayed the Oaxaca origin story of the universe of energy as the cosmic and community model. The present day manifestation of this origin story is the Oaxacan *cargo* system of responsibilities, built upon volunteer commitments, and community sacrifices. Elders are leaders and respected power holders who have demonstrated "unflinching dedication" to the collective. Thus the *cargo* system needs and creates elders.

Another key part of Oaxacan public life is the *asamblea* or community decision-making body. The *asamblea* often meets to vote on protecting local autonomy, by protesting army occupation, for example. Despite federal pressure, Oaxaca has been able to maintain governance structures that are thousands of years old. Dr. Broyles-González's talk provoked a thoughtful discussion by AAUW members.

Thoughts from the Co-president - Karen Tinkler

What does AAUW Branch mean to you? Here are some thoughts that I came across while reading the book, *So Beautiful* by Leonard Sweet. He writes, "John Wesley enjoyed everybody he met and believed he had something to learn from everybody." Mr. Sweet says that he begins every day with the assumption that everyone he'll meet has something to teach him. He begins every day with the assumption that the most important people in his life he hasn't met yet. This really got my attention. Perhaps I should look at life with the same thought in mind. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

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Branch Meeting — December 14, 2015

Rhapsody Ringers - First Methodist Church Bell Choir



Our December branch meeting will be held at the First United Methodist church at 6th Street and Poyntz. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall below the main sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. Come through the east doors on 6th Street for easy access to stairs and an elevator. We'll provide some holiday treats and fellowship before heading to the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. for our entertainment.

The Allegra Ringers, the church's first bell ringers, were established in 1988, and have played in a wide variety of services for the church. They will provide some holiday music as well as some music created specifically for bell choirs.

We hope you can join us December 14 for some songs of the season!

Make reservations by email to manhattanksaauw@gmail.com (preferred) or call Connie Noble at (785) 539-5522. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, December 8 at noon. If you need or can provide transportation, contact Dede Brokesh at (785) 410-4335.

Save the date

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 - 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Leadership Studies, Rm. 127

AAUW Informational Session

Join us in starting a K-State Student Chapter of the AAUW. Contact faculty co-advisors Annelise Nguyen and Glenda Leung for more information.

Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 - 3:30-4:30p.m.

Grand Ballroom, K-State Union

Graduate School Campus Resource Fair

AAUW will be showcasing its involvement on K-State's campus to the graduate student community.

Donations for AAUW national will again be accepted at the December meeting. Checks should be made out to AAUW with AAUW Funds listed in the memo line. Cash is welcome as well. Money raised will help support national fellowships and grants as well as projects like \$tart \$mart and Elect Her.

AAUW Student Activists Are Challenging the Status Quo

Student activism is at the heart of AAUW's mission. AAUW was founded in 1881 by 17 college women graduates who dared to question the status quo. Much like student activists on college campuses today, our founding members courageously questioned existing conditions and overthrew the belief that higher education was off limits to women.



Health Care Services for Women and Families Focus of W4KS Meeting



Karen McCulloh, Jennifer Goehring, and
Gail Chalman

Health care services available to women and families in Manhattan and Riley County were the focus at the *Women for Kansas* (W4KS) meeting on November 7 at the Fire Station on Dennison Avenue. A discussion panel, moderated by **Mayor Karen McCulloh**, included **Jennifer Goehring**, Assistant Chief Nursing Officer and Administrator of Operations, Via Christi Hospital (1823 College Avenue, 785-776-3322, www.viachristi.org/location/via-christi-hospital-manhattan), and **Gail Chalman**, Nursing Supervisor for the Public Health Clinic, Riley County Health Dept. (2030 Tecumseh Road, 785-776-4779, www.rileycountyks.gov/286/Health-Department).



Jennifer described Via Christi's focus on healthy habits during pregnancy and after delivery. Tubal ligations and family planning are not done at the hospital, but can be done at the Manhattan Surgical Center. Via Christi refers patients to their OB/GYN doctor and/or Riley County Health Dept. for family planning services, including birth control. The services for rape and sexual assault victims at the hospital also were discussed. Via Christi has only one sexual assault examiner, but is seeking more and will provide the 40 hours of training needed for certification.

Gail outlined services available at the at the Riley County Health Dept., e.g., immunization for adults, children, and travel vaccines; reproductive health services; nutrition education and checks for mothers, infants, and children under five; child care assistance; and community health resources. The Flint Hills Community Clinic (401 Houston Street, Suite C, 785-323-4351, www.flinthillscommunityclinic.org) serves residents of Manhattan who have no insurance and have income at or below 200% of poverty levels. The Lafene Health Center (1105 Sunset Avenue, 785-532-6544, www.k-state.edu/lafene/) provides comprehensive, non-emergency outpatient services to K-State students for injuries, illness, and wellness.

Mayor McCulloh also highlighted recent Manhattan City Commission items, e.g., rental inspection, the Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade on December 4, 5:30 p.m., city/county significant funding issues from the state, and KDOT Alternative Transportation grant application to expand the Linear Trail. Those interested in public service should consider the four open positions on the Manhattan City Advisory Boards. An interest form is available online: www.cityofmhc.com/437/Advisory-Boards-Committees.

Women for Kansas is a grassroots initiative designed to energize and educate individuals and groups of women across the state. There are 11 chapters in Kansas. The website (www.womenforkansas.org) has a wealth of useful and interesting information. W4KS encourages women to learn how politics work – including party politics. For more information about the Democratic Party, contact Karen Hawes at khawesconsulting@cox.net and for the Riley County Republican Party, visit www.rileyks.gop. The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Manhattan/Riley County website is www.lwvmrc.org/.

The next meeting of W4KS will be on **Saturday, December 5, 2015** (first weekend of every month), 10:30 a.m. at the Manhattan Public Library. To receive announcements, contact lora.boyer@gmail.com. The meetings often include a wide variety of topics of interest to women, families, and our community.

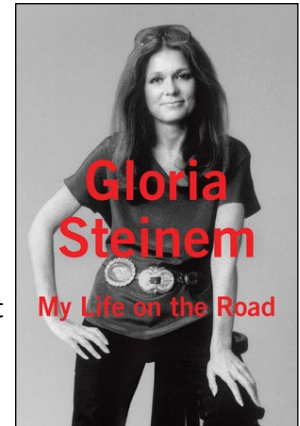
An Incredible “Conversation with Gloria Steinem”

AAUW Shawnee Mission and Manhattan branch members were among the sold out crowd who attended “***A Conversation with Gloria Steinem***,” held at the Unity Temple on the Plaza in Kansas City on November 15. The event was organized by A Great Collaboration, Rainy Day Books, and *The Kansas City Star*. In a conversational format, Vivien Jennings, owner of Rainy Day Books, asked Gloria questions, tracing her life journey from childhood to a feminist, journalist, and social and political activist. She also discussed her newly released memoir, *My Life on the Road*.

Gloria’s early life deeply influenced her career. Her mother, Ruth, suffered from mental illness and her “gypsy” father, Leo, was an antique dealer. They traveled about in a trailer until her parents divorced. Her mother’s inability to hold a job and the doctors’ apathy towards her mother were pivotal to Steinem’s growing concern for social injustices against women. “My mother never had a journey of her own,” Gloria commented. After graduating from Smith College and traveling abroad, she returned to the U.S. and began a career in journalism. She credits the beginning of her life as a feminist when she covered an abortion speak-out in 1961 for *New York Magazine*. In 1972, she co-founded the feminist-themed magazine *Ms*.

As one of the most important and revolutionary women of our times, Gloria helped lead the feminist movement in the late ‘60s and early ‘70s that changed America in a fundamental way. She inspired women to not be content with gender inequality and to speak out for social identity and justice. Today, Gloria continues to travel internationally and speak out on issues of equality. In 2005, she co-founded the Women’s Media Center with Jane Fonda and Robin Morgan, a women’s organization that works to make women visible and powerful in the media.

Gloria identified the most pressing issues for women today as violence against females and reproductive rights. In the last decade, more women have been killed by husbands and boyfriends than in wars. Home is one of the most dangerous places for women!



Gloria Steinem signing Joan Stickler’s book



Barbara Gatewood, Teresa Sullivan, Nancy Bolsen, Karen Tinkler, and Joan Strickler at AAUW’s exhibit

The most violent countries also have the highest violence against women, Gloria stated. Democracy starts in the home! In addition, women leaders are less likely to vote for military solutions.

The inspirational program ended with a standing ovation from the audience and a book signing. A reception was held in Meyer Hall where participants were able to enjoy desserts, visit tables where non-profits, including the AAUW Shawnee Mission and Manhattan branches, shared information and materials about the great work they are doing to support women and girls. Appreciation is extended to leadership studies professor (and Steinem fan) Mary Kay Siefers for driving the AAUW Manhattan branch participants to Kansas City.

New Member Profiles



After **Shauntia Rippee** retired from the U.S. Army in 1993, she attended Kansas State University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in education. Upon earning her degree, Shauntia worked as a social worker in Tulsa, Oklahoma for the Department of Human Services. While working as

social worker, she realized she was spending less and less time with her son, Trevon. Shauntia says that she “packed up my son and our belongings and moved back to Manhattan, Kansas.” When she moved back to Manhattan, Shauntia started a business from home doing tax consulting and bookkeeping. Her son, Trevon, now attends Kansas University, majoring in political science, and is planning on becoming a lawyer.

Shauntia has many interests and keeps busy. In her free time, Shauntia loves doing home improvements. Five years ago, she purchased her first home which has forced her to become handy around the house. She says that “I’ve installed drywall, painted, and tiled my kitchen floor. I’ve done less glamorous jobs, like installing new toilets, too.” During the winter months, Shauntia plans on resurfacing her fire place!

One thing people don’t know about Shauntia is that she’s terrified of flying. One time when she was on a military charter flight, the wing on the airplane ignited and the pilot had to do an emergency landing.

Shauntia has a cat named Tuna who likes to roam around outside, but knows not to stray too far. She knows how to make rum cake and enjoys living life to its fullest.

Noel Schulz grew up the daughter of an engineering professor and an elementary education teacher in Blacksburg, Virginia, home of Virginia Tech, Virginia’s land-grant university. Noel moved to Manhattan in August 2009 as her husband, Kirk, was named the 13th President of K-State in 2009. Since 2012, she has served as the Associate Dean for Research for the K-State College of Engineering. Noel also enjoys interacting with the K-State family as K-State First Lady.



Noel received her BS and MS in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech and her PhD in EE from the University of Minnesota. She has over 22 years experience as a faculty member and has graduated 43 MS and 12 PhD students. She has published over 160 papers.

Noel has just finished 12 years on the Governing Board of the IEEE Power & Energy Society which has 34,000 members world wide. In 2012 and 2013, she served as President of IEEE PES and traveled 240,000 air miles and visited six continents to attend PES events.

Kirk and Noel have lived in Virginia, North Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, Mississippi, and Kansas. Our favorite summer activities are camping in national parks in our Airstream camper and spending time at our cabin on Council Grove City Lake.

Noel and Kirk, have two sons. Son, Timothy, and his wife, Tricia, both computer scientists, live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Andrew is a junior in engineering at Oklahoma State.

The newest addition to the Schulz family is Cayenne, a four-month old Corgi puppy. Noel’s hobbies include traveling, watching movies, x-stitch, and pottery.

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16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE
 16 DÍAS DE ACTIVISMO CONTRA LA VIOLENCIA DE GÉNERO
 16 JOURS D'ACTIVISME CONTRE LA VIOLENCE DE GENRE
 25 NOV - 10 DEC <http://16dayscwg1.rutgers.edu>



International Human Rights Day, December 10th

On December 10th, the world celebrates the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). On this landmark date in contemporary history, the nations of the world joined together to try to bury, once and for all, the spectre of genocide raised by the Second World War. Organizations and individuals use Human Rights Day as an opportunity to both commemorate the signing of this historic document and to promote the principles that it embodies. Human Rights Day *To obtain a copy of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, please visit the UN website at:* <http://www.ohchr.org/>

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Patricia Floros comes from Georgia. She attended the University of Georgia, receiving a B.S. and an M.S. in Food Science. She met her husband, John, while they were both in graduate school. They moved to Purdue University in Indiana and during their 12 years there, two sons were born. Then they moved on to Penn State. A

little over three years ago, they came to Manhattan for John's position as Dean of the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University. At that time her sons had left home. One son attends the University of San Diego, working on a PhD in molecular cell biology. The other son is on a ship in the Pacific doing research in Marine Science.

Patricia says she has mostly stayed at home. However in graduate school in the 1980's, she joined AAUW. Patricia is presently involved with developing a student chapter of AAUW at K-State. In Manhattan she also belongs to the Riley County Historical Society.

Patricia is an avid reader. She likes actual books and her Kindle. She sometimes travels to Tennessee and Pennsylvania with John. She loves gardening on her one and a half acre property at Tuttle Creek Lake but is intimidated by the weeds here in Kansas —much different than in Pennsylvania. With much enthusiasm, Patricia says she is amazed at the beauty of the Flint Hills, the sunrises, the lake, and she is very excited about the abundance of wildlife around her home.



Glenda Leung comes from Twin Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, in the Caribbean, near Venezuela. She is very proud of her Chinese and Indian heritage and having come from a country with a great deal of ethnic, religious, and cultural heritage. She says "It is a place where being multiracial is normative and I feel blessed to have grown up in such a

tolerant society." She has one younger brother.

Glenda received a B.A. in English from the University of Florida and a M.A. in Linguistics from Ball State. Her Ph.D. in English is from the University of Freiberg and she came to Kansas to be an Instructor in the English Language Program at KSU. Most recently she is very excited about her new position as a Research Writer/Editor at the Center for Intercultural and Multilingual and Advocacy. For AAUW she is serving as chair of grants and fellowships and is hard at work setting up a student chapter of AAUW at KSU.

Glenda has visited 20 countries and 101 cities and is still counting, planning to spend Christmas in Curacao and swim with the dolphins. In her free time Glenda enjoys meditation, riding her bicycle, and spending time outdoors. She likes taking a dish that people consider "gourmet" but is made with ingredients found in her pantry. In the future she would like to make a pie from scratch, would like to know more about physics, and would like to visit the ancestral homelands of her parents.

Public Policy – Hot Topics!



Jean Lee
Public Policy Chair

AAUW alumna Jane Chen, an engineer, developed a low-cost incubator that helps premature and low-birthrate babies in places where medical care is difficult to access. Cures for the world's most pressing environmental, economic, and technological ills will be built by people in engineering and computing. Yet only 12 percent of engineers and 26 percent of computing professionals are women. Why are so few women in these fields even though in 10 years this country will need 1.7 million more engineers and computer scientists?

Your most recent copy of AAUW Outlook delves into this problem. Issues range from hiring "John" over "Jennifer" to "I don't work with girls." The numbers are especially low for women of color. Stereotypes begin at a very young age even though research is clear: girls can and do excel in math and science.

What should we be doing? We can make engineering and computing more welcoming for women by addressing workplaces and bias. Read the "Solving the Equation" report. It

includes several recommendations, including letting your daughters and granddaughters tinker with toys, get their hands dirty, take calculus, and computer science. Teach your sons/grandsons that girls belong in STEM just as much as boys. Advocate for better access to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics opportunities for women and girls from preschool through graduate school. Visit www.aauw.org to get started.

Funding Opportunities for Women

Courtesy
The American Association for University Women

Apply online: www.aauw.org



AAUW Funding Stats

AAUW provided more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 241 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2015–16 academic year.

AAUW SUPPORTS



Women



American Students
& Scholars



International
Students & Scholars



Women in STEM



Minorities



Women Changing Careers

Fellowships & Grants

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- 1 American Fellowships**
for doctoral students, post-docs, and tenure-track or part-time faculty

Funding: \$6,000-\$30,000
Deadline: November 15, 2015
- 2 International Fellowships**
for master and doctoral students, as well as post-docs

Funding: \$18,000-\$30,000
Deadline: December 1, 2015
- 3 Career Development Grants**
for women pursuing a certificate or degree to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the workforce

Funding: \$2,000-\$12,000
Deadline: December 15, 2015
- 4 Selected Professions Fellowships**
for women pursuing full-time study in a master's or professional degree program in which women are underrepresented, including STEM, law, business & medicine

Funding: \$5,000-\$18,000
Deadline: January 10, 2016

-Are you a college student who is passionate about women's issues?

-Want to make change on your campus while gaining invaluable leadership experience?

-Look no further than AAUW student organizations.

-The AAUW student organization is the place for you to meet like-minded students who are ready to take on the fight for women's equality.



CALLING ALL WOMEN STUDENTS!
AAUW INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**JOIN IN ON STARTING A STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE
 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

- Free membership to all K-State undergraduates
- Explore benefits of membership

December 2, 2015
 Leadership Studies, Rm. 127
 4:30–6:00PM
 Refreshments will be served
 Contact us: manhattanksaauw@gmail.com

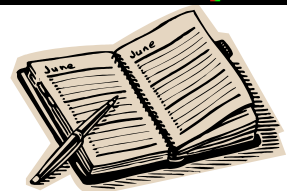
-What are the student organizations all about?

-AAUW student organizations give students the resources and support to engage their community on women's equity issues.

-Students gain leadership skills, create change on their campus, address equity issues, and connect with a national community.

DECEMBER BRANCH CALENDAR

Dec. 2	AAUW Info MTG	4:30 p.m.	Leadership Studies Room 127
8	Sign-up Deadline	Noon	Dec 14 Branch Meeting reservations
9	Creative Cookery	11:30 a.m.	Old Chicago
10	Great Decisions	10:00 a.m.	Meadowlark
11	Book Talk	10:00 a.m.	Manhattan Public Library
14	Branch Meeting	6:00 p.m.	First United Methodist church
15	Deadline to turn in newsletter articles		
24	Christmas Eve		
25	Christmas		Government offices closed
31	New Year's Eve		



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.

*** Serendipity will not meet in December**

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The American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, is a nationwide community with more than 170,000 members and supporters, 1,000 local branches, and 800 college and university (C/U) partners. Our mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. In the 2014-2015 academic year, for example, AAUW has committed more than \$3.7 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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