

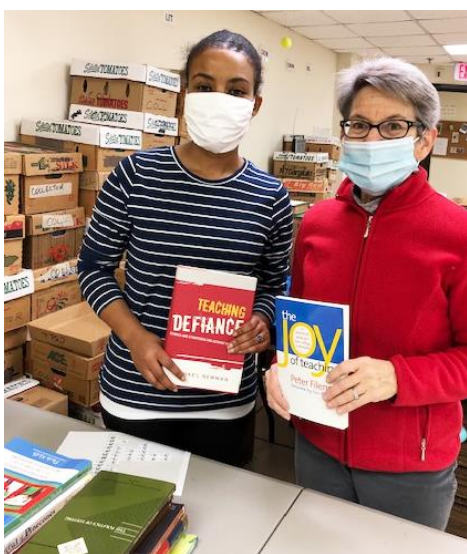


## FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup> PENN STATE HUMPHREY FELLOWS EVENT

If you haven't already done so, it's time to register for *International Perspectives on Women in Society*, a virtual program to be held **Thursday, February 25, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**. The program is hosted by AAUW State College and co-sponsored with the Penn State Humphrey Fellows, Altrusa International Centre County, Community Diversity Group, Global Connections, and Soroptimist International of Centre County.

The program is a panel discussion that will be moderated by AAUW State College member **Dr. Charlene Harrison**. The panelists will share their perspectives on women in their own country. Panelists include **Mekdes Abera**, Dean of Students at St. Mary's University, Ethiopia; **Maria Luisa Rendon**, administrator at National University of Honduras; and **May Zon Oo**, professor at Mandalay Technological University, Myanmar.

**Register to attend today:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIduirpz0iHNDLi-5voA2cWAVTajSiT0s> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. **Share an event flyer:** [February 25 Humphrey Fellows Panel Discussion Event Flyer](#)  
--Naana Nti and Nina Cowart, Program Co-Vice Presidents



## USED BOOK WORKSHOP KEEPS VOLUNTEERS BUSY

Even though the period for accepting book donations at our Used Book Workshop is closed, activity at our branch Used Book Workshop is keeping volunteers busy.

*Left, Mekdes Abera, Penn State Humphrey Fellow volunteer from Ethiopia takes a break with branch member Star Campbell, then back to work!*

The lease for our current workshop ends this spring, and efforts are well underway to secure a new workshop space for accepting and processing books. Our

workshop leadership has been working hard to identify and secure a new workshop space. For updates, visit [https://aauwstatecollege.org/used\\_book\\_sale\\_donations/](https://aauwstatecollege.org/used_book_sale_donations/) and also in coming issues of the *Branch Bulletin*.

**USED BOOK SALE SCHEDULING** – The original sale date of **May 15-18** is still tentative, dependent on possible changes due to Covid restrictions and space availability. Stay tuned for updates!!

## AAUW ART CONTEST VOTING ENDS MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>

Women are underrepresented and undervalued in the art world. [Only a third of artists](#) represented by commercial galleries are women. Moreover, women working in arts professions are paid on average [74 cents to every dollar paid to men](#). This is what motivated AAUW to host an annual art contest — to give women artists the attention they deserve.

**Voting is now open and will close on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Each member may vote one time, for **up to 10 entries**. The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of notecards mailed to AAUW members in the spring.

**VOTE TODAY:** [ART CONTEST GALLERY AND VOTING](#)



*Coming Together*



*Surviving Diversity*

### *Meet Jeanne Weber, AAUW State College Artist*

Jeanne Weber has two abstract paintings included in the list of AAUW Art Contest entries:

***Coming Together*** and ***Surviving Diversity***. Nice work, Jeanne!

Jeanne holds a Master's degree in Architecture as well as a degree in Art Education. Over her

career, Jeanne taught adult education and children's drawing, and worked as an architectural designer. Her major projects as an architectural designer included working with a team to renovate buildings at Cleveland Clinic. About 20 years ago, she took up painting again, this time with acrylic paint, because she didn't want to use oil paint and toxic solutions. Her painting tends to be abstract and linear, reflecting her drafting and architectural design career.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Cultural Empowerment for Women Series



### ***HOW COVID HAS IMPACTED WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY***

**Wednesday, March 17, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm via Zoom**

The Community Diversity Group and AAUW State College host a panel of local women who will discuss the physical, emotional, and economic challenges they face and their coping strategies. The discussion also will include research on the impact of COVID on women, particularly women of color. The panel will be moderated by **Jeanne Knouse**, Director of Student Services, State College Area School District. Panelists include **Jordan Glover**, Diversity Chair, AAUW State College; **Centrice Martin**, Assistant Township Manager, Ferguson Township; **Jen Taylor**, Registered Nurse, immunocompromised and currently unemployed; and **Marjory Price**, Registered Nurse, Mount Nittany Health Center.

**Register:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsf-uhpz0oHNHUuevIEdU0gJXmtBe924zT>

## 2021-2023 AAUW-PA OFFICER ELECTION – NOW THROUGH MARCH 31



This spring, we will vote on candidates for AAUW-PA state elected offices. Online voting is available now **through March 31**. Elected officers during this cycle include Membership Vice President, Secretary, and Finance Officer.

There is an option for each office to write-in a candidate. Note that AAUW State College member **Ann Echols** is running for AAUW-PA Finance Officer.

**Vote online:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWPAElections2021>



## AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION TO RUN APRIL 7 - MAY 27

This spring, AAUW members will be asked to vote on amendments to the Public Policy Priorities and Bylaws, in addition to electing members to the national Board of Directors. Proposed Bylaws and Public Policy Priorities changes are provided here: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/national-election/>. Voting will begin **April 7** and close **May 27**. Additional information on proposed changes will be provided in the March *Branch Bulletins*, along with a voting link. Please take a moment to consider and vote on the proposed change to the Bylaws that will eliminate the educational requirement for membership. Removal of this membership requirement will provide access to all women who support our mission.



## APPLICATIONS FOR AAUW STATE COLLEGE BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS DUE MARCH 1

AAUW State College seeks applicants for four undergraduate scholarships to be awarded for the academic year 2021–2022 (Fall 2021 until Summer 2022). References and financial information are required. The awards range from \$3,000 to \$7,000, depending on financial need and the recipient's circumstances.

**Application requirements:** [https://aauwstatecollege.org/scholarships\\_undergraduate\\_centre\\_county/](https://aauwstatecollege.org/scholarships_undergraduate_centre_county/)

**More information:** Falene Hamilton: [hfalene@gmail.com](mailto:hfalene@gmail.com) or Suzanne Kerlin: [suziekerlin@gmail.com](mailto:suziekerlin@gmail.com).



## AAUW FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT PRESENTATION

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm via Zoom

### *Thermal Radiation of Worlds Beyond Our Solar System*

**Jennifer Carter**, assistant professor of physics at Susquehanna University, won a research publication grant from AAUW in Engineering, Medicine, and Science. Her talk will focus on how we can describe the temperature distribution of exoplanets using their emitted light. This program is presented by AAUW Huntingdon. We are honored to learn about Carter's work and celebrate her AAUW grant. To learn more about such grants, visit:

[AAUW American Fellowship Research Grants](#).

Carter's presentation will focus on a technique that offers the opportunity to detect light emitted directly by exoplanets, including thermal light. After reviewing current methods of modeling thermal radiation, Carter will introduce her new model and compare how well each model explains data gathered from exoplanet systems under different conditions. **Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAod-muqz4uHtxD8WyZ-a44UCwJf3evX4td>



Submissions for the next *Branch Bulletin* are due to Connie Schroeder, [connieschroeder@gmail.com](mailto:connieschroeder@gmail.com), on **March 1**, and published **March 8**. Branch Bulletins are sent electronically to branch members and friends by the date of issue and also are accessible at <https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/>.

