

**AAUW STATE COLLEGE'S JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> PROGRAM:  
INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES on WOMEN in SOCIETY  
featuring the Penn State Humphrey Fellows**



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Mark your calendar and plan to attend for our annual program with the Penn State Humphrey Fellows, **International Perspectives on Women in Society**. It will be held virtually this year due to Covid, on **Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm**.

Organized and led by AAUW State College, the program is jointly sponsored with Altrusa International Centre County, Community Diversity Group, Global Connections, Penn State Humphrey Fellows, and Soroptimists International of Centre County. The format of the program is a panel discussion which will be moderated by AAUW State College member, **Dr. Charlene Harrison**. Penn State Humphrey Fellow panelists include:

- **Ms. Amina Bektache** is an Educational Consultant and EFL Teacher at Management Business International Institute in Setif, Algeria.
- **Ms. Shahla Davoodi** is an English teacher and trainer at the Ministry of Education in Iran, specializing in Computer-Assisted-Language Learning.
- **Dr. Nagwa Elnwshy** is a researcher and lecturer in the Institute of Biotechnology for Postgraduate Research at Suez Canal University (SCU) Egypt.
- **Ms. Vuyokazi Jamieson** is the Head Librarian at St. Andrew's College, South Africa. She co-chairs a group advocating for the welfare of local public libraries.

Register today: **January 20 Humphrey Program Registration**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Program Committee



# Undergraduate Scholarships for Women

**FOUR \$3,000 - \$7,000\* SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

## Eligibility:

- Applicant seeks first associate or baccalaureate degree on part-time or full-time basis.
- Applicant interrupted college enrollment for at least two years.
- Applicant completed at least 15 credits of an associate degree or 30 credits for a baccalaureate degree.
- Applicant is a Centre County resident\*\* and will maintain residency, even if attending a college or university outside the county.



**APPLICATION DUE DATE  
MARCH 1, 2022**

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THROUGH RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ADVOCACY.

For more information:

<https://aauwstatecollege.org/scholarships>



\*Award amounts vary depending on need.

\*\* a resident is defined as living and working in Centre County and not here for the sole purpose of attending Penn state University.

## BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

AAUW State College announces its undergraduate scholarships for female adult learners for the 2022-2023 academic year. AAUW State College has three scholarships available: **Simmons-Jansma Project Renew Grant**, the **Suzanne McCrae Kerlin Scholarship**, and the **State College AAUW Scholarship**. In addition, the branch will select the recipient for a fourth scholarship: the **Evelyn Chostner Marboe Scholarship** which will be awarded to a Penn State student. **The application deadline is March 1, 2022.** All scholarship funds will be deposited into the student's account at her institution.

For additional scholarship information:  
<https://aauwstatecollege.org/scholarships>

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[AAUW State College Scholarship Flyer](#)

--Maria Schmidt, AAUW State College  
Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

## AAUW INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS HELP WOMEN WHO CHANGE the WORLD

AAUW State College's International Fellowship has funded international women for 40 years



In recognition of AAUW's 140th anniversary, AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell recently interviewed **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, the first woman and African to serve as the Director-General of the World Trade Organization. Thanks to an AAUW International Fellowship, Dr. Okonjo-Iweala was able to complete a Ph.D. in Regional Economics and Development at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Okonjo-Iweala's career has been marked by excellence: she twice served as Nigeria's Finance Minister, received numerous awards reflecting her international influence, served on over 30 corporate and nonprofit boards, authored five books, and reared five children. In 2019 she became an American citizen. AAUW awarded Dr. Okonjo-Iweala with its Distinguished 2021 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award.

Forty years ago, with funds primarily from our Used Book Sale, AAUW State College established an International Fellowship Endowment at AAUW. Funds generated from our endowment are combined with other fellowship endowment funds to sponsor women from around the world in pursuit of graduate degrees.

In the past 18 years, AAUW State College Fellowship recipients have come from Ghana, India, Kenya, Malawi, Israel, Nepal, and Mongolia to study in fields such as computer engineering, environmental science, sociology, health and medical sciences, and physics.

AAUW International Fellowships awards range from \$18,000-\$30,000. Learn more:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/international/>

Learn more about women trailblazers with an affiliation with AAUW: <https://www.aauw.org/about/faces/>

*--Sally Kalin, AAUW State College Co-President*

## **Meet Raheleh Daneshpour, 2021-2022 AAUW International Fellowship Recipient Studying at Penn State, University Park**



Raheleh Daneshpour, from Iran, is a third-year Ph.D. student in chemical engineering. She stated that she feels honored to be the recipient of the 2021-2022 AAUW international fellowship. During her Ph.D. journey, she has worked on different topics that all focus on environmental issues. She had comprehensive research on water treatment methods applicable in different areas, from removing microbial contamination from irrigation water and municipal wastewater to detecting microbial growth in water in space crafts.

In another part of her research, Raheleh is implementing her nanoparticle synthesis expertise in a project aiming to produce hydrogen from splitting water. Hydrogen is considered one of the most promising future green energy sources. In this project, we use non-precious metals as the catalyst to split water for hydrogen production. She will use high-tech characterization technologies to study the catalyst activity and optimize performance. Raheleh commented that being an AAUW awardee made her research activities much easier. Her fellowship was funded in part by AAUW State College.

## **AAUW'S AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM SUPPORTS DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

The AAUW American Fellowship program began in 1888, a time when women were discouraged from pursuing an education. It is AAUW's largest fellowship program and the oldest non-institutional source of graduate funding for women in the United States.

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 on the basis of 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. American Fellowships are used to complete dissertations, for postdoctoral research leave, and for short-term research publication grants.

AAUW American Fellowship awards range from \$6,000-\$30,000. Learn more:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/american/>

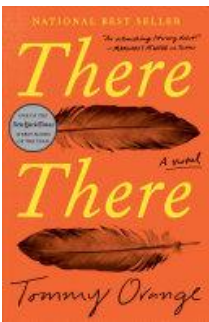


## Meet Naila Smith, 2021-2022 AAUW American Fellowship Recipient Studying at Penn State, University Park

Dr. Naila Smith is a developmental psychologist, who is currently an Africana Research Center Post-Doctoral Scholar in the Department of Psychology at The Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Smith’s research examines the role of resources, assets, and risks in the academic and socioemotional development of marginalized youth, with a focus on Black and immigrant youth from childhood to emerging adulthood (ages 18-25).

She received an American Postdoctoral Fellowship from AAUW for the 2021-2022 academic year for a project that examines how individual, (teacher characteristics), relational (e.g., family-school collaboration), and school contextual factors may explain teacher-parent reporting discrepancies of Black girls’ socioemotional learning in kindergarten. Upon completing her fellowship, Dr. Smith will return to her faculty role as tenure-track Assistant Professor of Psychology at Dickinson College.

On a personal note, Dr. Smith is a proud Jamaican, who enjoys spending her downtime reading sci-fi, lurking in the Twitterverse, and singing karaoke.



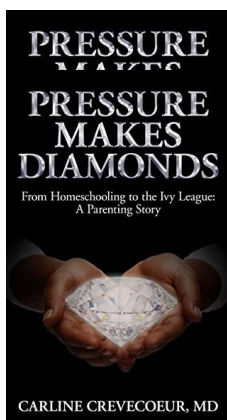
## ¡ADELANTE! BOOK CLUB to MEET JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>

Our book club is modeled after the AAUW Diversity Outreach for Impact Program, featuring diverse cultures in both fiction and nonfiction offerings. We meet during the afternoon every other month on the third Thursday of the month, with our next (virtual) meeting taking place on **January 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm**. We will discuss *There There*, by Tommy Orange. It is a wondrous and shattering novel that follows twelve characters from Native communities, all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize.

To participate with the group, please contact [info@aauwstatecollege.org](mailto:info@aauwstatecollege.org). We warmly welcome new members. **Join Zoom Meeting on January 20:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82382979859?pwd=RUp2VS9xMEdTOG41M0Rkdm9HK3VYdz09>

--Naana Nti, AAUW State College Diversity Chair



## CARLINE CREVECEOUR BOOK LAUNCHED TO HIGH PRAISE

Branch member Carline Creveceour’s book, *Pressure Makes Diamonds*, launched last month to high praise. *Pressure Makes Diamonds* illustrates how the family navigated the educational system by incorporating a variety of teaching approaches. The memoir chronicles Carline’s 20-year journey of non-traditional education in Central Pennsylvania while dealing with issues of sibling rivalry, Haiti’s 2010 earthquake, illnesses, death, racism, and other problems of life in our society. However, despite some adversity along their journey, all five children flourished, getting accepted into elite universities.

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Our November 20-21 community shopping event with Ten Thousand Villages was a wonderful way to kick-off the holiday season. We promoted Ten Thousand Villages ahead of the event and shared information about AAUW State College with shoppers over the two days. In return, Ten Thousand Villages credited AAUW State College with

10% of all sales during the event when AAUW was mentioned at the point of sale. **We are very happy to report that in total, AAUW State College net proceeds amounted to \$427.07.**

Special thanks to branch members who staffed our AAUW table at the event: **Nina Cowart, Linda Friend, Cyndee Graves, Cindy Hall, Sally Kalin, Gina Motter, Deb Smith, and Doris Trueblood.**

Pictured above: **Marilyn Keat and Deb Smith**, Ten Thousand Villages volunteers

For those who missed the November 20-21 event, be sure to stop by Ten Thousand Villages to check out its newly expanded space at 1341 South Atherton Street, State College. It offers ethically sourced gifts, home décor jewelry, personal accessories, art, and other treasures. Items are made mostly by women from around the world, working to earn a fair wage. Learn more: <https://www.tenthousandvillages.com/statecollege>



### **USED BOOK WORKSHOP CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAYS**

The Used Book Workshop will be closed over the Christmas break - from **Thursday, December 23 through January 2, and will reopen Monday, January 3.**

Regular workshop hours are:

**Mondays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm**

For those who have not yet visited the workshop, it is near University Park Airport on 2197 High Tech Road (right-hand side), just behind Handy Delivery.



After a brief hiatus for the holidays, the next *Branch Bulletin* will be issued **Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please send submissions for inclusion in that issue by **Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>** to *Branch Bulletin* Editor Connie Schroeder, [connieschroeder@gmail.com](mailto:connieschroeder@gmail.com).

*Bulletins* are sent electronically to branch members and friends and also are accessible at <https://aauwstatecollege.org/blog/>.