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**Branch Program**

**Welcome Back!**

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**Save The Date!**  
**Welcome Back Gathering**  
**Saturday, October 3, 2009 10:00am**

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*Stay tuned for program  
details in the October 2009  
newsletter*



## 2009 AAUW Convention

By Martha Jenkins  
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### *Delegates Approve Amended Bylaws*



The delegates to the 2009 AAUW National Convention in St. Louis approved the AAUW Bylaws but struck a proposal that would have opened membership to all who support AAUW's mission. The delegates voted instead to insert passages from the 2007 Association Bylaws that extend membership to individuals on the basis of their educational degrees. The delegates also passed the "one

member, one vote" proposal, which provides every member the right and opportunity to have a personal voice in directing the future of AAUW, and approved the bylaws of the AAUW Action Fund, which supports and advocates for legislation, policies, and procedures related to women's equity and education. The new AAUW Bylaws and the Action Fund Bylaws will be available on the AAUW website shortly.

In other business, the delegates passed motions to increase the number of directors-at-large from seven to 10, while the number of appointed officers and directors dropped from six to three under the new bylaws, which went into effect on July 1, 2009. The amended board composition will go into effect for the 2011–13 biennium.

### *New AAUW Board of Directors*

The following officers were installed for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2009:

AAUW President: Carolyn H. Garfein

AAUW Vice President: Gail Nordmoe

AAUW Finance Vice President: Mildred Hoffler-Foushee

AAUW Secretary: Jacqueline Littleton

Directors-at-Large: Kathy Anthon, Marcia Capriotti, Kathleen Cha, Alicia Hetman, Connie Hildebrand, Patricia Ho, David Kirkwood, Betsy McDowell, Linda Tozier, Krys Wulff



By Public Policy Chair  
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## AAUW 2009-11 Public Policy Program Available Online

The 2009-11 Public Policy Program, which was adopted at the AAUW National Convention in June, can now be [viewed online](#). Many of the changes represent recommendations from state public policy chairs. Other changes were made to make the program read more smoothly. The Public Policy Principles for Action were reordered to reflect the order in the Biennial Action Priorities. No positions were removed, and added as an amendment from the floor is a bullet to the Biennial Action Priorities that states, "To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW advocates...Freedom in definition of family and guarantee of civil rights in all family structures." The AAUW Public Policy Program establishes the federal action priorities on which AAUW members

across the country focus their advocacy efforts and guides the work of the national staff. New Public Policy Program brochures will be available next month and will be announced when they are ready.

### States Plan to Draft Common Education Standards

Forty-six states and the District of Columbia announced Monday that they planned to create a system of common educational benchmarks and evaluations, a significant step toward the standardization of K-12 education in the United States, the [Washington Post](#) reported. The decision was made in order to combat inaccurate and unaccountable measurements of student progress due to the differences among individual state tests. "This is the beginning of a new day for education in our country," U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan

said. "A lot of hard work is ahead of us. But this is a huge step in a direction that would have been unimaginable just a year or two ago." Texas, South Carolina, Alaska, and Missouri are the only states that have yet to agree to the cooperative led by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers. Though standards have yet to be created, the overarching goal will focus more closely on rapidly increasing standards for math, science, and reading, rather than on providing more accurate and precise measurements of student achievement. According to [Education Week](#), the goal is to have standards for college- and career-readiness—those things students should know by the time they graduate from high school—ready for review in July, with grade-by-grade standards ready by December.



## News & Notes

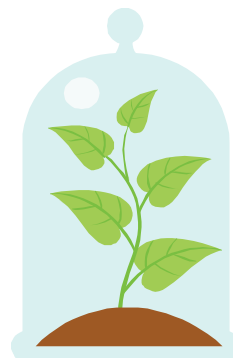
### *Shayna Rogers is AAUW Award Winner*

On May 20, Shayna Rogers, an OSU student, received the AAUW Senior Woman Recognition award at a banquet at OSU. She is a senior in the University Honors College, has a 3.99 GPA, and is working on her honors thesis. She will be graduating in spring 2010 with an Environmental Science major and minors in Natural Resource & Environmental Law & Policy and U.S. History.

She is very involved in the campus community, and has spent the past several years working to improve the quality of the student experience at OSU. She got her first job at OSU working with the Student Sustainability Initiative, and

helped to get the Sustainability Center up and running. She went on to serve as the 2007-08 Director of Environmental Affairs and the 2008-09 Executive Director of Campaign Resources for the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU). She also served as a student on the committee to conduct an audit and review of the twenty year-old Baccalaureate Core curriculum, specifically advocating for a general update and the inclusion of an Environmental Citizenship core class. She is excited to spend her fifth year at OSU working within the Division of Student Affairs and focusing on her honors thesis.

Once she graduates, she plans to attend law school and become an environmental attorney. Eventually, she hopes to litigate for natural resource conservation, sustainable development, and environmental justice.





## Membership

### Biography—Edith Madden

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Edith retired from the OSU English Language Institute where she taught English as a second language to International students. She's lived in Omaha, Illinois, Minn., Tucson, London, N. Ireland. She has a son, Karl Madden, a daughter, Barbara Mad-

den McQuillen, a stepdaughter, Liz Madden Swenson, and two 6-year-old twin granddaughters. She enjoys playing the flute in New Horizons Band, taking classes at Linn-Benton Community College in portraiture, playing tennis at Timberhill, volunteering in Cor-

vallis schools, playing with granddaughters, and travel. She found out about the Corvallis Branch of AAUW through newspaper announcements and joined because she wants companionship of people with her interests and desire to serve the community.



## Legal Advocacy Fund

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### New Initiatives

LAF is crafting a manual and Program in a Box focused on campus sexual assault policies in collaboration with the AAUW Research Department, Harvard University Law Professor and Title IX expert Diane Rosenfeld, her students, and Students Active for Ending Rape. These materials will educate individuals about Title IX sexual assault compliance requirements, provide them with tools to help ensure sexual assault policy enforcement, and give them programming ideas on prevention and enforcement. The materials will be released this month.



### Military and Sexual Assault

In late April AAUW and George Washington University co-sponsored an event called Military and Sexual Assault: A Discussion of Experience, Prevention, and Legislative Updates. Visit the AAUW blog to read about the event and to view photos of speakers and local AAUW attendees.

### Campus Outreach

In collaboration with the AAUW Washington (PA) Branch, AAUW Student Advisory Council (SAC) member Brittany Anderton held an LAF campus outreach event on pay equity at Washington and Jefferson College in late spring.

AAUW SAC member Pam Nakanelua and the AAUW Windward (HI) Branch hosted an Equal Pay Day event in late spring at the University of Hawaii at Manoa with an LAF campus outreach grant.

### Plaintiff Travel Grants

Three AAUW events held in late spring featured LAF plaintiffs and one lawyer at state conventions in Florida, Minnesota, and New York. One was Claire Schuster, current LAF plaintiff in "Shuster v. Berea College."





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## Interest Groups

### No Host Lunch

By Hope Reenstjerna

All are invited to drop in for lunch and friendly conversation at 11:45a.m. on the 3rd Thursday, September 17 at Blue Sky Chinese

Restaurant located at 1585 SW 53rd St (near Bi-Mart). No need to RSVP.

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### Afternoon Literature Group

By Hope Reenstjerna

We will meet at 2:00 p.m., on the 2nd Tuesday September 8 at the home of Elizabeth Waldorf, 3940 W Lincoln Ave. Sandra Edinger will be leading a

discussion of Isaac's Storm by Erik Larson. All the regulars are invited back after the summer break and any newbies are welcome to check us out!

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### Evening Literature Group

By Carol Sumner & Ann Brodie

The Evening Literature Group will meet Wednesday September 2nd, at the home of Shirley Wirth, 3994 NW Boxwood Drive. This is our potluck kick-off for the year, so we will meet at 6:15 and begin the discussion at 7:45. Please bring a salad to share along with a serving utensil.

Shirley will provide the rest. We will be discussing novels by Jane Austen. Please call Shirley at 754-7186, or email her at [shirleywirth@comcast.net](mailto:shirleywirth@comcast.net) if you plan to attend.

Take Walnut Blvd. to Glenridge Drive. Proceed north on Glenridge and

turn right on Boxwood. Shirley's house is on the right-hand side of the street.

The remaining evening literature meetings will begin at 7:15 for social time and the book discussion will begin promptly at 7:45.





## EVENTS CALENDAR

SEP	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
2	Evening Literature Group—Pot Luck	6:30pm	Home of Shirley Wirth, 3994 NW Boxwood Drive
8	Afternoon Literature Group	2:00pm	Home of Elizabeth Waldorf, 3940 NW Lincoln Avenue
17	Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		Email to <a href="mailto:pattic@peak.org">pattic@peak.org</a>
18	No Host Lunch	11:45am	Blue Sky Chinese Restaurant 1585 53rd St. (near Bi-Mart)

OCT	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
3	Branch Program—Welcome Back Gathering	10:00am	First United Methodist Church 11th St. and Monroe St.
15	Newsletter Articles due to Patti Cleveland		Email to <a href="mailto:pattic@peak.org">pattic@peak.org</a>