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Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on
Saturday, January 22, 2022



Mission: AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision: Equity for all.

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2021-2022 MEETINGS

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM THEME:

**Keeping You Informed—
caring for ourselves & others**



Elaine Eshbaugh

Dementia, Communication, and Family Caregiving

Professor of gerontology and family studies, Dr. Eshbaugh has coordinated UNI's gerontology program since 2007. She earned a master's and PhD in Human Development and Family Studies at ISU and has 30+ publications in the *Journal of Poverty*, *Journal of Community Health Nursing*, *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*, *Journal of Community Psychology*, and other journals. She has collaborated with continuing care communities, adult day services, and hospices.

10:00 Saturday, January 22

Brunch meeting at Waterloo YWCA

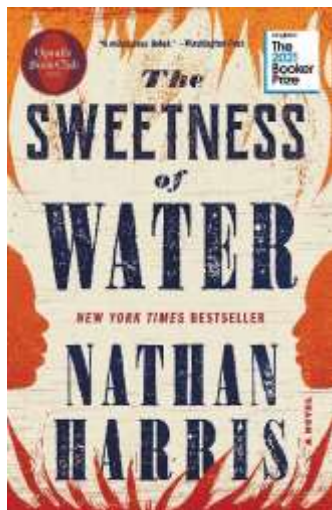
Catered by Dee

To reserve brunch, RSVP to Mary Ellen Beckman at AAUW.CFW.RSVP@gmail.com or 319-269-1893 (specifying sausage egg bake or vegetarian egg bake) by **Friday, January 14**. At the meeting, pay brunch fee of \$15 for main dish, fruit salad, orange juice, and coffee.

Newsletter Editors: *Karen Agee & Ardelle Brown*

Cedar Valley Discuss and Discover Diversity (CV3D)

Judy Beckman and Mary Dove



On **Monday, January 10**, CV3D will gather to discuss *The Sweetness of Water*. The discussion will be held 4:30-6:00 via Zoom. An email invitation will be sent out on Friday, January 7, with the link to join our discussion.

In his debut novel, Nathan Harris transports readers to the end of the Civil War and the beginning of Reconstruction. The story is set in Old Ox, Georgia, with captivating characters. Brothers Prentiss and Landry find themselves freed but facing an uncertain future. Does Harris's story feel relevant to today? Old Ox is in Georgia, but is it also everywhere?

We hope you join us on January 10 to discuss *The Sweetness of Water*. Even if you haven't read the book, please join us. *The Sweetness of Water* offers much to discuss.

For further information, contact CV3D co-chairs Judy Beckman at drjudy.beckman@cfu.net or Mary Dove at elybound1982@gmail.com. Judy and Mary would like to thank Rowena Hardinger for leading the discussion on December 13, 2021, of *The Secret History of Home Economics: How Trailblazing Women Harnessed the Power of Home and Changed the Way We Live*, by Danielle Dreilinger. Thirteen CV3D members participated in that discussion via Zoom.

Literature Group

Joan Bunkofske

The literature group will meet at the home of Joan Bunkofske on **January 17 at 1:15 PM**. We will be sharing a "good read." All are welcome. Please call Joan at 319-266-8575 if you have questions.

Fourth Fridays With Friends

Ardelle Brown

Fourth Fridays With Friends will meet at the College Square HyVee at **10 AM on January 28th** near the coffee area. All are welcome. I hope we have lots of tales to tell since October, which was the last time we met with FFWF. Keep well, watch the weather, and I will send a reminder the day before.

Bridge for Education

Ardelle Brown

We are playing bridge only once a month now, meeting at the Cedar Falls Community Center on the second Thursday of the month. Weather permitting, we will meet on **Thursday, January 13, at 12:30 PM**, and add more \$\$ to the scholarship fund! Bridge players can expect email updates closer to that date.

Thanks, AAUW!

Sharon Silva, Diversity Director

One

- To see a visual on Diversity, check out our home page <https://www.aauw.org/>
- To understand the *point* of Diversity and Equity, check out that same home page, at “Equity Now,” which leads to our mission, our values, our focus.
- I particularly liked the quote, “Though we are nonpartisan, we are not values-neutral...”

Two

Next I meet Gloria L. Blackwell, who was named our CEO in October, and looked her up to get a sense of who she is and why she was chosen:

Blackwell, who is also AAUW’s main representative to the United Nations, brings more than 30 years of nonprofit, international and government experience to her new role. Among her many accomplishments is her 17-year record of managing and expanding AAUW’s highly esteemed fellowships and grants program—awarding more than \$70 million in funding to women scholars and programs in the U.S. and abroad.

Prior to joining AAUW, Blackwell worked at the Institute of International Education (IIE) in Washington D.C., leading and managing girl’s education programs in Africa and mid-career fellowships for global professionals. Her lifelong desire to make a difference through international education and gender equity was inspired by her service as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Cameroon and Country Desk Officer at the D.C. headquarters for five Sub-Saharan countries.

I read her column on Paid Parental Leave, and when I click on the *Show Your Support* button under her picture, it takes me to the Two-Minute Activist, where I can quickly take action to contact my US senators and make known my support for paid leave and affordable child care.

Three

One more of many worthy elements is the AAUW Alumnae Recognition:

AAUW could not be more proud to name **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** as its distinguished 2021 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Awardee. The award honors a past recipient of an AAUW fellowship or grant who has attained outstanding success and distinction in their chosen profession. Dr. Okonjo-Iweala is the first woman and first African to serve as Director-General of the World Trade Organization and one of *Time* magazine’s 100 most influential people of 2021.

I cannot say how many of these 100 influential people have ties to AAUW, but our newest honorary member, **Nikole Hannah-Jones** of Waterloo, IA, is also on this list!

For a visual on diversity, see this collection: <https://time.com/collection/100-most-influential-people-2021/>. To understand the *point* of Diversity and Equity, imagine the collective impact on the world of this collection and compare it to Time’s first list, in 1999, when only 14 were women: <http://content.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,26473,00.html> and the year when Time changed their “Man of the Year” cover to “Person of the Year.” I guess it was hard to see women doing things and having impact when the frame of your perspective is labelled “influential men.” Thanks, AAUW, for having and continuing to have your impact.

Members can join a virtual discussion of *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*, edited by Waterloo native and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and author Nikole Hannah-Jones and *The New York Times Magazine*. The event, on Tuesday, **January 11, 6:00-7:30**, will be hosted by the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo Human Rights Commission, and Hawkeye Community College. There is no charge, but registration is required, at tinyurl.com/ZoomBookDiscussion. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email.

Presidents' Notes

Linda Morgan and Pauline Harding

Happy Winter! We hope to see you all on Saturday, January 22nd. Bring a friend for a good brunch, good program, and good conversation.



Great Decisions

Gloria Tollefson

GREAT DECISIONS will meet on **Tuesday, January 18**. Join us in the conference room at the Cedar Falls Public Library at 7:00 PM to watch a DVD and discuss “Artificial Intelligence and Data.” Policy makers are worried about how other countries have used or will use this technology. How can it be controlled?

Legislative Public Forum

Maureen White

AAUW Cedar Falls-Waterloo is a co-sponsor of the Legislative Public Forum, a series of conversations with state legislators on specific topics and general issues. Due to COVID-19, each forum will be held virtually until it is safe to meet in person again. Information about how to view the Forum on Facebook or Zoom will be provided closer to the scheduled date. All legislators in Black Hawk County and surrounding legislative districts are invited to attend.

Mark your calendars for 4:30-6:30 PM on these Fridays:

January 21	Economy
February 11	Education
February 25	Health Care (including Medicaid and mental health)
March 11	Labor Force Issues (including jobs, retirement, and living wage)
March 25	Environment (including water quality)
April 8	Human Services

Women in Motion

Jane Close and Bonnie Smith

Cabin fever? Need a little more socialization? We are offering a small, in-person gathering for “Snacks and Games” on

Thursday, January 20

2:00-4:00

2528 Cottage Row, Cedar Falls

Bonnie Smith’s house

We are asking that vaccinated and boosted members RSVP to Bonnie at 319-266-2526 since we are limiting our numbers to the first 8 people who respond.

Hope to see you there! Let’s start the new year IN MOTION!