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## AAUW MISSION:

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

## AAUW VISION:

Equity for all

## The AAUW Legal Advocacy

**Fund** provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

## The AAUW Educational

**Opportunities Fund** provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

**The AAUW Fund** allows AAUW to put resources where they are most needed.

## DR. ORINTHIA MONTAGUE, PRESIDENT OF TC3, TO SPEAK OCTOBER 9TH AT TCPL

On Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00 pm our branch will host the newly inaugurated fourth President of Tompkins Cortland Community College, **Dr. Orinthia Montague**. President Montague will speak on *Women and Education: Past, Present, Future*. This meeting will be held at the Borg Warner Room of the Tompkins County Public Library.

Dr. Montague has nearly two decades of experience in higher education leadership. Most recently she served as the Vice President of Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, MN.



At TC3 there is a student-run food pantry on site to help students who are food insecure. This need was highlighted in the summer publication, *The Harvester*, of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. **We ask that attendees please bring a non-perishable food item to donate.**

We really hope you can attend so you can meet President Montague and give her a big AAUW welcome.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday, October 9th** - Dr Orinthia Montague to speak at TCPL 7:00 pm

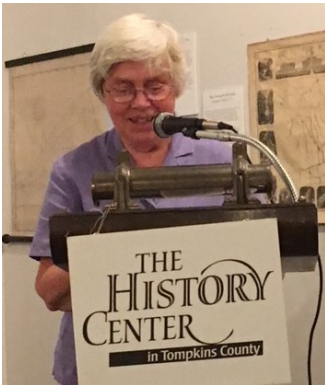
**Saturday, October 27th** - AAUW District 3 Conference, Cortland - Details on page 4  
- Screening Dark Money at Cinemapolis 7:00 pm

**Saturday, November 3rd** - Margaret Nichols - "Dangerous and Forbidden Books" - Kroch Library, Cornell University 10:30 am

**Sunday, December 9th** - Members' Holiday Get Together - collect canned goods/animal food for non-profits at Sharon Barrie's 2 pm



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## Women and Leadership

In this political year of the woman, the AAUW Cortland Branch has organized the District III meeting as a forum on Women and Leadership. We carpool to Cortland on Saturday morning, October 27. See page 4 for details and registration form. Register directly with the Cortland Branch by October 15. Then let me know that you are coming. Let me know if you can drive or would like a ride, and if you want to stay for the Start Smart Workshop.

Members of other AAUW branches in central New York will be there, and it will be a good opportunity to see how our branch can promote women and leadership. Invite college students or other young women you know to join you.

## Dark Money

On the same evening we will meet the new president of Tompkins Cortland Community College, Tuesday, October 9, Cinemapolis will be holding a one-night screening of the new film DARK MONEY. This is a documentary about corporate influence in electoral politics. Non-partisan groups with a mission of fair elections are invited to table prior to the screening. If you want to represent the Ithaca Branch, let me know. Fair elections are vital to equity for all.

I hope to see you at the Library on October 9 and in Cortland on October 27.

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## AAUW ACTION FUND PROVIDES GRANT FUNDING FOR CAMPUS ACTION PROJECT GRANTS

AAUW announced eleven Campus Action Project Grant awardees recently to address issues found on university campuses. The Campus Action Project Grant Program was founded in 2005 by funding a project on gender pay gap and stereotyping awareness at SUNY at Brockport. Each year since, the funds from the Action Fund are used to fund 10 to 12 projects. The current awardees were awarded \$5,000 each to pursue their projects on their university campuses. These awardees came from: University of the District of Columbia, Georgetown University School of Medicine, Iowa State University, University of Notre Dame, Robert Morris University, University of Dallas, University of North Carolina, University of Wisconsin, Wingate University, University of Alabama, and UNIFEOB in Brazil. The project proposals ranged from providing strategies, overcoming obstacles, and mentoring women pursuing STEM careers, providing support and empowerment to women of color, and developing leaderships skills for women to run for political office. The recipients can be undergraduate students, graduate and professional students, faculty and staff.

The University of Alabama's Campus Action Project Grant was titled *Intentionally Diversifying Engagement and Leadership*. The goal of the initial program was to develop and teach women skills needed to successfully run for political offices. The State of Alabama has a significant lack of women in government leadership positions and this program was designed to address this issue. The program held networking receptions, hosted a Women in Office Speaker Series, and assisted women with developing their campaign skills using social media platforms and public speaking strategies.

The impact of this program will take years to evaluate within the Alabama, however, your ongoing support of the AAUW Action Fund continues to make possible these lifelong efforts to address women's equity and leadership issues.

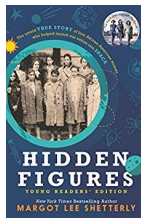
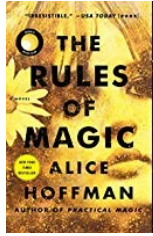
Thank you for your support of the AAUW Action Fund.

Kim Edgars

# AAUW BOOK GROUP NEWS

## BOOK GROUP FINDS A PERFECT READ FOR OCTOBER!

*The Rules of Magic* by Alice Hoffman will be the book for discussion on Monday, October 15. The novel is unforgettable, exquisite and fantastic, a prequel to *Practical Magic*. For the Owens family, love is a curse that began in the 1600s, when Maria Owens was accused of witchery during the Salem trials. Centuries later, three siblings are coming of age – discovering and developing their dangerously unique powers in secret in the changing world of 1960s New York City.



Norma Goldberg will lead the discussion starting at 7:30. Arrive at Margaret Nichols' home earlier for tea and conversation beginning at 7:00. For more information about the AAUW book group, contact Betta Hedlund [bhedlund@mindspring.com](mailto:bhedlund@mindspring.com).

Reading ahead for November: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. A best-selling account of the black female mathematicians at NASA whose work helped to fuel American space achievements, this was also a recent film.

## BOOK GROUP WILL VOLUNTEER AT THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

As in the past, the AAUW has been asked to provide volunteers to work as pricers, a greeter, and a floater for one shift at the Friends of the Library Book Sale. We are scheduled to help on Saturday, October 20, from 10:00 to 12:30. Please contact Betta Hedlund to sign up for this important activity that provides significant financial support for our local public libraries.

## 2018 -2019 Book Group Selections

Looking for a good read? Here are the books the Book Group is reading this year:

September: *Elizabeth The Queen*  
by Sally Bedell Smith

October: *The Rules of Magic*  
by Alice Hoffman

November: *Hidden Figures*  
by Margot Lee Shetterly

December: *Dear Committee Members*  
by Julie Schumacher

January: *The Dispossessed*  
by Ursula K. Le Guin

February: *Make Trouble*  
by Cecile Richards

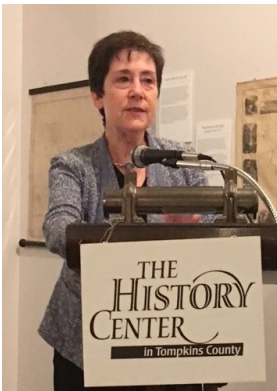
March: *Our Souls at Night*  
by Kent Haruf

April: *The Boys in the Boat*  
by Daniel James Brown

May: *Raven Black*  
by Ann Cleeves

June: *Tracks*  
by Robyn Davidson

## AAUW ITHACA BRANCH PROGRAMING IN ACTION



Risa Lieberwitz speaks about the power of collective action at the History Center.



AAUW members and guests gather for discussion.



Pat Sims and Margaret Nichols view AAUW centennial display at the History Center.

# AAUW District III Conference

Committee Sponsoring Organizations: AAUW Cortland Branch; AAUW SUNY Cortland C/U Branch;  
SUNY Cortland: Center for Gender & Intercultural Studies and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

SUNY Cortland Exhibition Lounge, Corey Union, 103 Prospect Terrace, Cortland, NY 13045

<https://www2.cortland.edu/about/maps-and-directions/>

## Women and Leadership

- 8:30-9:15 **Registration and Breakfast**
- 9:15-9:25 **Welcome and Conference Overview**
- 9:30-10:25 **“Civics 101”: Civics and Political Leadership**  
Panelists: Meaghan Palmer, Morrisville High School Civics Teacher; Ryann Hudson, intern with the SUNY Cortland Institute for Civic Engagement (ICE); Kelly Preston, Cortland County Legislator
- 10:25-11:30 **Sustainability and Environmental Leadership**  
Panelists: Mary Faith Miller, Founder/Director Lime Hollow Forest Preschool; Kat McCarthy, Executive Director Cultural Council of Cortland County, former Tompkins County Waste Reduction and Recycling Specialist; Theresa Baker, Director of Food Services, SUNY Cortland; Sharon Todd, Chair Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Department, SUNY Cortland.
- 11:30-11:50 **Chair Yoga: Stress Reduction for Leaders**  
Noralyn Maselink, Chair Yoga Instructor, Cortland YWCA/English Department, SUNY Cortland
- 11:50-12:30 **Lunch**
- 12:30- 1:25 **STEM Leadership**  
Panelists: Janet Ochs, Computer Applications Program, SUNY Cortland/Tech Savvy Mentoring Project; Kim Blanchet, Interim Dean/Director Instructional Design, Onondaga Community College; Jolie Roat, Math Department, SUNY Cortland
- 1:30-2:00 **Leading a Multifaceted Approach to Confronting Sexual Violence on Campus**  
Speaker: Nanette Pasquarello, Title IX Coordinator, SUNY Cortland
- 2:00 **Branch Share and Wrap Up**

At 2:30pm, there will be a Start Smart workshop for students. Conference participants are welcome to attend.

**Continental Breakfast:** Regular and decaf coffee, hot tea, orange juice, iced water, croissants, muffins and cut fresh fruit.

**Lunch:** Sandwich Wraps:  
*Grilled Chicken Caesar-* romaine, chicken, tomato, cucumber, onion, croutons, asiago cheese and Caesar dressing in a spinach tortilla  
*Vegetarian-* humus, avocado, lettuce, roasted veggies in a spinach tortilla  
*California BLT-* bacon, avocado, lettuce, tomato, onion in a tomato tortilla  
Pickle spears, potato chips, cookies, brownies, Pasta Primavera Salad, cold soft drinks, coffee, and water.  
Gluten free and other dietary modifications are available by request.

**Parking:** On the street and in lots adjacent to and diagonally across from Corey Union.

**RSVP** by October 15, 2018; Send this form with a \$30 check payable to *AAUW Cortland* to Mary Ellen Bloodgood, 6073 Rt.281, Box 124, Little York, NY 13087

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