



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS *together!*

AAUW Central States Regional Conference

October 19-21, 2023 • St. Louis, Missouri

Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch

Featuring

Gloria Blackwell
CEO of AAUW
Keynote Speaker



Lisa Maatz
Public Policy &
Organizational Consultant
Keynote Speaker



See Program Schedule on reverse side

Submit Swap Shop entries by August 15, 2023

BOOK HOTEL ROOM at Drury by September 16th

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REGISTER prior to September 16th for Early Bird rate of \$200

(Conference details, registration form, and Swap Shop form on Missouri website: aauw-mo.aauw.net)

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Tentative Conference Program Schedule

THURSDAY, October 19, 2023

- 1:00 Conference Begins; Welcome; Overview
- 1:30 KEYNOTE: **The Power of Women's Voices in a Divided Nation**, Liza Maatz, Gender Equity Expert, Indep. Consultant
- 2:30 **Women's Health and Reproductive Rights**, Yamelsie Rodriguez, CEO Planned Parenthood, St. Louis Region
- 3:15 EITHER: A) **Public Policy Advocacy – You're Mad! You're Sad! Now Here's What You Can Do About It!**
Liza Maatz, Gender Equity Expert, Independent Consultant
B) **Unconscious Assumptions and Implicit Bias: We All Have Them – Now What Do We Do With Them?**
Deanie Brown, Attorney, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Illinois Judicial Branch (via Zoom)
- 4:15 **SWAP SHOPS** (Branch Sharing)
- 5:30 Informal Dinner via Drury Kick Back buffet
Performance: **HERstory - Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Sojourner Truth**
Taste of St. Louis Treats



FRIDAY, October 20, 2023

- 8:30 KEYNOTE: **This is Your AAUW**, Gloria Blackwell, AAUW CEO (in person)
- 9:25 **SWAP SHOPS** (Branch Sharing)
- 10:30 **Town Hall with Gloria Blackwell** (Q&A session with attendees)
- 11:10 **It's Complicated: The Causes and Consequences of the Gender Pay Gap**, Karen Kedrowski, Director of Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics; Professor of Political Science, Iowa State University
- 12:00 Lunch and Panel of National AAUW Board Members
- 12:45 **Membership and the Degree Requirement Vote in 2024; and Leadership and Succession Planning**
- 1:45 TRENDING TOPICS – Attend one of the four
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| LGBTQ+: TransParent | Social Justice for All |
| Censure, Cancellations and Book Bannings | Indigenous Cultures |
- 2:35 TRENDING TOPICS – Attend one of the four
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| Period Poverty and the Pink Tax | Gen Z to Millennials Advocacy |
| Title IX in a Changing Landscape | Giving Birth in America |
- 3:40 **SWAP SHOPS** (Branch Sharing)
- 4:40 **AAUW Fund – What's In It For ME? Fundraising Basics!** Sue Barley and Diane B. Ludwig, AAUW Fund Enthusiasts!
- 6:45 Legacy Circle Recognitions and Former Regional Directors Recognition
- 7:00 Conference Dinner; **AAUW of the Future** – Panel of National Committee Members



SATURDAY, October 21, 2023

- 8:45 **1619 Freedom School Project**, Sheritta Stokes, VP of Freedom School Project and Co-Director of Curriculum ("Liberation through Literacy") Waterloo, Iowa
- 10:00 **SWAP SHOPS** (Branch Sharing)
- 10:30 **Voting Rights and Challenges**, Denise Lieberman, Director and Legal Counsel of MO Voter Protection Coalition
- 11:15 **Lessons Learned and Great Ideas to Take Home**
- Noon Conference Ends

Mixed in will be FUN breaks, Inclusion-Infusions, displays, and LOTS of networking opportunities!

Missouri Website has Info and Forms: aauw-mo.aauw.net/regionalconference

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