

AAUW of Mississippi

PROMOTING EDUCATION AND EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

SPRING, 2015 NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings all,

We are fully into the new year and so much is happening at our partner institutions and in our branches. We have captured some of that good news in this issue of our newsletter. This issue has information and alerts for three important conventions.

Our Day at the Capitol , February 26, 2015 is strategically planned to allow us a chance to meet with legislators as they move toward consideration of appropriations for the bills they have passed in the first thirty (30) days. We have formed an alliance with a number of women's organizations and advocacy groups, who are invited to join us. As S.T.A.N.D. (Sisters Taking Action and Nurturing Decision-makers), *we can let our faces, voices and bodies make a statement about OUR legislative agenda.* We are scheduling meetings with key committee chairs and legislators. *"When spider webs unite, the can tie up lions."* Do plan to attend. Contact your legislator and let her/him know you will be *"in the halls."* We will begin with a formal advocacy session with female lobbyists and legislators at 10:00 a.m., which will be followed by a briefing and dialogue session with key legislators. We will serve lunch and we will meet and greet legislators individually. *For those who can stay, our legislative contacts will arrange for our organizations to be introduced in the legislative chambers in the afternoon. We should end by 2:00 p.m.*

Again, I urge you to **contact your legislators** and tell them you are coming to Jackson and would like to discuss legislation impacting equal pay, education, health and family welfare. Many thanks to all of you who do what you do to advance equity for women and girls because *equity is still an issue.*

– Corinne Williams Anderson , Ed.D.

CALENDAR

JANUARY

5-30 District Meetings & Campus Tabling Events

- 9 Call-in Day to Elected Officials in support of Equal Pay and Human Trafficking Legislation
- 11 *Human Trafficking Awareness Day*
- 16 Board Conference Call/ Mid-year Report
- 29 Impact Grant Conference Call /Report
- 30 Deadline: Newsletter submissions

FEBRUARY

- 1-28 Plan for Women's History Month activities (branches)

- 8 *International Women's Day*

- 26 **AAUW/S.T.A.N.D.**

- "DAY AT THE CAPITOL "**

all branches are encouraged to attend – meet legislators- help present AAUW issues

- 27 AAUW Board: Conference call

MARCH

Women's History Month

- 8 *International Women's Day*

- 19/20 Call-in on Equal Pay Legislation

- (26) Impact Grant Call (Nat'l)

- 27 Board Meeting (5:00 - 6:30)

- AAUW Convention Reception follows**

- 28 **AAUW Convention , Oxford**

Election of Officers

SAVE THE DATES

AAUW-MS on the move !!

Mark your calendars for the State Convention in March !

The **Oxford Branch** invites you to come to the University of Mississippi for the AAUW – MS Spring Convention, **March 27-28, 2015.**

The branch conference committee and the state officers are collaborating on *leadership/public policy workshops, local and national speakers , special sessions for students, and more!!* This is election year for AAUW –MS . .

Contacts: Amy Gibson, Judy McNeece, Kay Brocato, Samantha Abernathy (SAC), Public Policy: Pam Johnson, Toni Johnson

SAVE THE DATE!

AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION, June 18-21, 2015, San Diego, California

CONVENTION , 2015

MEET OUR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE – SHE'S COMING TO MISSISSIPPI !

Betsy is from Salem, Oregon. She is a Director at Large for the AAUW national board, elected in 2009. She has served in the areas of finance, communication, strategic planning, social media, policies, leadership training, and archives. She is a \$tart \$mart facilitator, pay equity panelist and past state and branch AAUW officer.



Betsy McDowell

As AAUW Mountain-Pacific Regional Director and AAUW Oregon President she visited several states and branches, launched the \$100,000 Crystal Campaign for AAUW Funds and served on the National Girls Collaborative Project Champions Board. She was a biology major at Washington State University and earned her doctor of optometry from Pacific University. She works full-time as an optometrist in a busy medical practice in Salem, Oregon and enjoys travel, horse riding and meeting with her AAUW friends around the country.



Let's give Betsy a great Mississippi Welcome!



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STATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

DESCRIPTION

The national American Association of University Women Student Advisory Council (SAC) and state student advisory councils serve to strengthen ties among the AAUW college/university partner members, states, branches, and students. Student members of the AAUW-MS Council are selected via an application and selection process and serve during the academic year, October through June.

ROLE OF THE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Councils work collaboratively with designated AAUW member leaders and under the auspices of the state organization. The student advisory council program also creates a space for college students to find peers who are passionate about AAUW's mission and creates opportunities for mentorship between AAUW members and students. (reference: Hernandez, Christine. "Empower Student Leaders in your State: Here's How." Oct. 25, 2013).

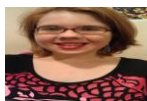
RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES ...

- Work collaboratively with state leadership to raise awareness about AAUW at the colleges and universities in the state
- Identify additional student leaders on campus who would benefit from AAUW and connect those students with the appropriate resources
- Identify additional resource persons and leaders on individual campuses
- Strengthen connections between AAUW and colleges and universities in the state
- Recruit and promote free e-student affiliate (E-SAF) membership to undergraduate students
- Participate/have a role in the AAUW programs and annual convention by assisting in planning and volunteering
- Attend scheduled teleconference meetings with the council and AAUW leaders
- Participate in monthly meetings to discuss individual goals, share updates, and build on strategies for taking action on various campuses
- Participate in scheduled meetings with the council via teleconference or other venues
- Promote the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
- Participate in Equal Pay Day activities
- Set and implement individual and team goals on each campus

COUNCIL MEMBERS



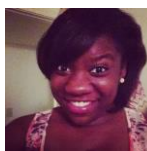
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Mississippi University for Women

**National Conference for
Women College Student
Leaders (NCCWSL)
May 28-30, 2015
University of Maryland,
College Park, MD**

NCCWSL is where college women make their future what they want. As America's premier conference for college women, the conference provides a transformative experience for attendees and prepares them to be the next generation of leaders. Each attendee becomes a part of the 30-year legacy of the conference.

Join AAUW and NASPA as we host the nearly 1,000 college women from every state and from around the world, from May 28-30, 2015, at the University of Maryland, College Park.

At this two and a half day conference, students:

- *Choose from more than 50 [workshops](#) that prepare them for life after college.
- *Meet incredible role models including Women of Distinction [awardees](#) and [speakers](#).
- *Make connections for life.
- *Discover their future from more than eighty [graduate schools and employers](#), and
- *Gain the confidence and skills to return to their campuses and communities ready to take action.

On a Budget? You Can Still

Come to NCCWSL!





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AAUW BRANCH NEWS REPORTS-

STARKVILLE

Dr. Kay Brocato

BINGO--THE LADIES FROM MISSISSIPPI WIN!!!!



Cat Ryther & Kay Brocato, Ph.D.

New **Starkville Branch** member, Cat Ryther, and AAUW-MS Vice President of Programs (State Programs Chair), **Kay Brocato** are discussing the AAUW State of the Union Bingo game distributed just before President Barak Obama spoke to the nation on January 20, 2015. Cat is a recent transplant to Mississippi and the Starkville branch of AAUW. She hails (most recently) from Stockholm, Sweden, where she earned a Ph.D. in Education from Stockholm University. She completed her undergraduate and Master's degrees, in International Relations, at the University of Southern California.

AAUW members nationwide were asked to play bingo during the speech by listening for key women's issue terminology or words listed on their BINGO card retrieved from the national office website. Those who played and filled out a traditional line on their game card were encouraged to tweet out "BINGO!!!" and a photo of the winning card to #AAUWSOTU. Real prizes were sent to winners. If you did not get a chance to play, clear your card and get ready for the next game

Feminist pedagogy panel enlightens MSU

A feminist pedagogy panel was held in the John Grisham building on the third floor of the library Thursday. The panel consisted of open discussion with Ashley Baker, Kay Brocato and Emily Ryalls. The panel brought awareness to some of the staff members at Mississippi State University, and it was a wonderful way for people to voice their different opinions and gain a better

understanding of the term "feminism." Ashley Baker, Introduction to Gender Studies professor, was one of three speakers at the panel. Each faculty member enjoyed hearing what she had to say regarding feminism and the way she catches the attention of her students.



(File Photo)

"I think the panel went great," she said. "There was a nice turnout, and both the panel and the audience had wonderful ideas on being great educators." Baker said her personal definition of feminism means to recognize the power in our society and fighting for equality for both men and women, and she considers herself to be a feminist.

Emily Ryalls, dual gender studies and communication professor, was the mastermind behind the panel. She said she very much enjoyed speaking with the public and hearing what everyone has to say about modern society and the way people view feminism. "I enjoy being in a room full of smart people and hearing what they have to say and how they teach their students, and yes, I do consider myself a feminist," she said. According to both Baker and Ryalls, feminist pedagogy enables students to see how larger social problems relate to their everyday life. Kay Brocato, who teaches a course titled, 'Planning for the Diversity of Learners,' said she was honored to speak with both Ryalls and Baker during the panel. "By attending this discussion, I gained a real validation that so many people across this campus are interested in challenging injustice and challenging things that can be oppressive without even realizing," she said. Brocato said she never considered herself a feminist until she came in contact with Baker. Baker made her realize she was a feminist who enjoyed bringing equality to all people. As a mother of two, Brocato says she does not take the term lightly.



(File Photo)

Source:

1/30/2015 Feminist pedagogy panel enlightens MSU - The Reflector: Life
http://www.reflector-online.com/life/article_86a4b810-a81e-11e4-9870-4fd111baf7dc.html?mode=print
1/1 **ShaCamree Gowdy | Posted: Friday, January 30, 2015 8:00 am**
(sent by Kay Brocato, Vice President, Programs, AAUW-MS),

CLEVELAND

Dr. Glendscene Williams, President

Tech Savvy

The AAUW Cleveland MS Branch will host its **second Annual Tech Savvy Conference at Delta State University on March 21, 2015** under the sponsorship of AAUW-Mississippi. The Tech Savvy conference implements recommendations from AAUW's 2010 research report *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*.

The conference is designed to attract 6-9th grade girls to these fields by encouraging them to see themselves as future scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and computer scientists, allow local female teachers, professors, and professionals to lead hands-on workshops, help the girls learn about a variety of STEM professions, aid the girls in gaining "Savvy Skills" such as negotiation and public speaking, and allow the adults to attend a daylong simultaneous program to learn about how to support girls in STEM and plan for higher education.

The Conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and online registration at cleveland-ms.aauw.net will begin February 6, 2015 for 200 girls along with their parents. The registration fee is \$10 which includes a light breakfast, lunch and a t-shirt for the girls.

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Cleveland MS Branch

The AAUW Cleveland MS Branch partnered with the Gender Studies Group of Delta State University to host a Domestic Violence Awareness Panel Discussion on November 6, 2014 at the Hugh Walker Ellis Alumni House. Panelist were local experts in the field to speak on what is domestic violence, the warning signs, and the many resources that are available. Sheriff Kelvin Williams of Bolivar County, Executive Director Dr. Patricia Davenport of Our House, Inc., and Minister Joe McCall of New Life Church served on the panel.

Upcoming events include recognizing Equal Pay Day on April 14, 2015. We will collaborate with local restaurants in recognizing the symbolic day when women's earnings (78 cents to men's dollar) finally catch up to men's earnings for the previous year by offering a discount at the local restaurants on Equal Pay Day. We will use this day to patronize these restaurants for aiding AAUW in its awareness campaign and call of action.

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Sample Shawhan
CLEVELAND

BRANCH



Dorothy Sample Shawhan, a beloved member for more than 30 years of the Cleveland Branch of the AAUW, died on December 21, after a brief illness. Dorothy committed herself to education and community service and was also a powerful and accomplished writer of both fiction and biography. Dorothy's contributions to the life and culture of Mississippi encompassed the personal and the institutional, community action and artistic achievement, all driven by a passion for the advancement of women.

As a teacher of English, journalism, and creative writing at Delta State since 1981, and as Chair of the Division of Languages and Literature (1992–2006), Dorothy transformed the lives of students and colleagues through her generous support and mentorship. A creative and stimulating teacher, Dorothy was honored with both DSU's Kossman Outstanding Teacher Award and the Mississippi Humanities Council's Teaching Award for Delta State. Dorothy broke new ground for education in the Delta: in the 1980s, with two colleagues, she invented and taught a course on women's writing; in subsequent years, the History Department asked her to develop a course on women's history.

One of Dorothy's talents was the ability to perceive a need and devise a remedy: she co-founded the literary magazine *Tapestry* (now in its twenty-seventh year) to celebrate the creative and scholarly work of DSU faculty.



PROFESSOR, WRITER, ARTIST,
AAUW STALWART MEMBER

Dorothy's influence was felt throughout the Delta and the state: she was dynamically involved (often in leadership positions) with the Mississippi Council of Teachers of English, the Bolivar County Habitat for Humanity, the United Way, the University Press of Mississippi, the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters, and the Friends of Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge. Dorothy served for many, many years as president of the Cleveland Branch of the AAUW, spearheading the effort to raise funds to provide scholarships for local women. In 1997 she received the AAUW Woman of Achievement Award—only a small recognition of her importance to the community.

A sensitive and prolific writer committed to hearing and imagining women's voices, particularly voices native to the Mississippi Delta, Dorothy wrote many personal essays, articles on pedagogy and women's history, book reviews, and, of course, fiction. Her novel *Lizzie*, for which she received the 1996 Fiction Writer of the Year Award from the Mississippi Library Association, focuses with passion and sympathy on the coming of age of women in Mississippi, tracing their development against a range of regional—and national—social obstacles: of education, sexuality, profession, and voice. Her work exhibits a humanity

marked by a quiet thoughtfulness and introspection, enlivened by a playful sense of individual and social idiosyncrasy. Indeed, this eye for the particular was one of her greatest strengths of her writing—a clear-eyed recognition that the eccentric, even comic, peculiarities of life could acquire power and dignity as they unsettle comfortable ways of looking at the world. In her writing Dorothy celebrated and critiqued the uneasy harmonic relationships between individual and community voices, between past and present, between fiction and history.

As engaging and powerful as her fiction is, Dorothy's non-fiction writing may have the most lasting impact in defining and preserving the memory of some of Mississippi's significant women. *Lucy Somerville Howorth: New Deal Lawyer, Politician, and Feminist from the South* (LSU Press, 2006), written with historian Martha Swain, chronicles one of Mississippi's most independent and most socially active women, defining her impact in local, state, and national terms. *Spirit of the Delta: The Art of Carolyn Norris* (University Press of Mississippi, 2011) makes available the work and vision of a self-taught local artist well beyond the region. At her death, Dorothy was revising her biography (for UPM) of Fanny A. Cook, conservationist and founder of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the Mississippi Natural Science Museum. Dorothy's work makes it possible for us now—and will for generations of others—to understand and appreciate what other outstanding women have done.

Dorothy is remembered for her warmth, her wit, the genuine delight she took in other people. She was not only an artist and storyteller; she was an audience—a reader of other people's writing and an assiduous presence at lectures, readings, plays, art exhibitions, recitals and concerts. She had the gifts of interest and empathy and also the gift of laughter. What was most remarkable about Dorothy Shawhan is evident in the energy and grace of her writing, in the learning she pursued, and in the relationships she developed throughout her life. She heard other people with a generous attentiveness, interested herself in their discoveries, and quietly shared her own. She listened to the voices around her and tried to bridge gaps in understanding. We miss her.

(submitted by Susan Allen Ford)



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GULF COAST AREA

Jennifer Crosslin, President

Congratulations to The Gulf Coast Area Branch for completing the branch bylaws. Bess Wooten, Chair, AAUW-MS Bylaws Committee and her committee members worked with the Gulf Coast Area Chapter to complete the task. Bess Wooten has reported that those bylaws are finished.

MANY THANKS TO ALL!

JACKSON

Demetria White and Pam Johnson, Co-Presidents

NCCWSL SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

The Jackson Branch's Steering Committee met and recommended two students to attend the NCCWSL Conference, May 28-30, 2015, at the University of Maryland, College Park. The Branch will provide registration scholarships to **Jasmine Smith and Devin Taylor** to assist with the expenses of the conference.

Upcoming Events/Activities

February 2015 (second week) Luncheon, Tougaloo College – Guest Speaker *Sandy Middleton*, Executive Director for the Center for Domestic Violence
Discussion Forum – Human Trafficking
Invited guests: Campus faculty, students and AAUW Jackson Branch members

February 26, 2015 – AAUW Day at the Capitol supporting S.T.A.N.D. (Sisters Taking Action and Nurturing Decision-makers)

March 27-28, 2015 – AAUW Annual State Convention, University of Mississippi
(The goal is to bring 10 faculty members and students from the Tougaloo campus)

April 4, 2015 – STEM/TECH SAVVY Conference – Tougaloo College,
Guest Speaker : Tamara Brown,
AAUW Buffalo, NY

April 14, 2015 – Pay Equity Day Activities
On-campus

OXFORD

Amy Gibson Mark, President

The Oxford Branch is **hosting the annual state convention on March 27th and March 28th, 2015.** *Amy Gibson Mark*, President, Oxford Branch and Head of Instruction, Information Literacy Librarian and Professor, made a recommendation to ask two very organized women to take the lead on this. What a wise decision she made! *Laura Antonow*, Director, Office of College Programs, Division of Outreach and Continuing Education and *Mary Leach*, Director, Office of Professional Development and Lifelong Learning are taking the lead in ensuring

that the convention is a success. *Samantha Abernathy*, AAUW Student Advisory Council Member and President, AAUW Student Affiliate Group is representing the student organization. *Judy McNeece*, a Past President of AAUW is serving as AAUW-MS Board Liaison to the convention. They are doing so much to make the convention and the visit to the University of Mississippi campus a memorable one. We can not thank them enough. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS WEEKEND OF EVENTS. (see: Convention registration information and hotel information in this issue).

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS :
2015 IS AN ELECTION YEAR
FOR AAUW OFFICERS:
Deadline: March 20, 2015**

We are seeking persons interested in helping lead our State during the next two years. Look around your Branch for someone to recommend for:

- (1) Vice President ,
Membership and (2)
Treasurer/ Finance
Officer.

Remember, you may volunteer yourself! Contact :

Judy McNeece , Chair, (Tupelo; Blue Mountain); jmmcnneece@gmail.com
Sue May (Jackson);
Jamie Aron (Starkville)

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AAUW, MISSISSIPPI WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2015 Nominations Deadline March 2, 2015



Each year the American Association of University Women honors an outstanding Mississippi Woman with the annual Woman of Achievement Award. Any woman residing in the state is eligible to receive this award; membership in AAUW is not required. The recipient is chosen by the Woman of Achievement Committee from the nominations submitted. The award is based on:

- 1) *Commitment to women's equity*
- 2) *Commitment to education*
- 3) *Contributions to society*
- 4) *Contributions to AAUW priorities*

The WOA recipient is announced and the WOA Awards is presented at the annual convention, scheduled for March 27-28, 2015 in Oxford, MS. Branches and members are encouraged to submit nominations. Nomination forms and information on the selection process will be sent to each Branch president and will be available on the AAUWMS website or from the WOA Committee Chair, Joyce Dortch, 601-362-8503 or jndortch@comcast.net.

(Forms are also in this newsletter)

AAUW, Mississippi Woman of Achievement Award

Nomination Form

Name of person being
nominated _____
Current address _____
Telephone _____
Place of birth _____
Date of birth _____

Educational history (schools
attended, degrees, academic
honors)

Employment history (including
position or title and place of
employment)

In a narrative, not to exceed two
pages in length, tell why you feel
this woman should be selected
Woman of Achievement. Include
her civic, professional, and
religious activities; awards, honors,
and publicity she has received;
contributions to women's equity,
education, society, and AAUW
priorities. Appearance, quality, and
specificity are important.

Submitted
by _____

Address _____
Telephone _____
Signature _____

Return by March 2 to Chair:
(Postmarked March 2, absolute
deadline).

Joyce Dortch, Chair,
Woman of Achievement
4626 Hickory Ridge Road, Jackson,
MS 39211 601-363-8503

**Emails STRONGLY
encouraged :
jndortch@comcast.net**

WOA

Statement of Award

The AAUW, Mississippi will award annually a **Woman of Achievement Award**. Any woman residing in Mississippi will be eligible to receive the award. Membership in AAUW is not required.

The state committee is composed of the *Woman of Achievement Chair, Program Vice President, Diversity Chair, Equity Chair, and Public Relations Chair*. In the event of a vacancy in these areas, the president will appoint a replacement.

An appropriately engraved plaque for the state award will be presented at spring convention. Branches are encouraged to make local awards during National Women's History Week.

Selection Process

- (1) The state committee shall serve as the selection committee.
- (2) Only AAUW branch members shall submit nominations on a form published in the state bulletin or secured from branch presidents or the WOA Chair.
- (3) Any woman residing in Mississippi is eligible. Nominations need not be limited to AAUW members.
- (4) Criteria should include:
 - (a) Her commitment to women's equity
 - (b) Her commitment to education
 - (c) Her contributions to society
 - (d) Her contributions to AAUW priorities
 - (e) The appearance, quality, and specificity of the nomination
- (5) Upon receiving nominations, selection committee members will tabulate the criteria and send the tabulation sheet to the WOA chair. The woman receiving the most votes shall be declared "Woman of Achievement".
- (6) The name of the recipient will not be announced until the presentation at the state convention.
- (7) The award shall be a plaque, appropriately engraved.

Completed forms should be sent (preferably emailed) to the WOA state chair and must be postmarked on or before the deadline:
MARCH 2, 2015.



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Awareness to Advocacy: Women in Action, Part II Elections, Accountability and Beyond

“...because equity is
still an issue”

**The American Association
of
University Women,
Mississippi (AAUW)**

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AAUW - Mississippi State Convention

March 27-28, 2015

**The University of
Mississippi**
Spring Convention Hosts:
AAUW - MS, Oxford Campus

Convention Site
E.F. Yerby Conference Center



Coordinators:

Amy E. Gibson, Ph.D.
Information Literacy Librarian and
Professor, University of Mississippi(MS)

Laura Antonow, Director
Office of College Programs,
Division of Outreach, University of MS

Mary W. Leach, Director
Office of Professional Development
Division of Outreach, University of MS

Judy McNeece
AAUW-MS, State Convention Liaison

REGISTRATION FORM

Check the appropriate box:

☐ Officer ☐ Student ☐ Member
☐ Member-at-Large

Name _____

Branch _____

Address _____

City State ZIP _____

Email Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

(Registration Fees: includes reception,
breakfast and lunch)

Early Bird: Member: \$35 Student: \$10

On-Site: Member: \$40 Student: \$15

*If you plan to bring a guest for the
luncheon, please let us know. Each
additional guest is \$20.*

*If you require special assistance relating to
a disability, please contact*

Laura Antonow at (662) 915-6511
leantono@olemiss.edu or

Mary W. Leach at (662) 915-7847
mleach@olemiss.edu.

Please mail form and payment by

Friday, March 6, 2015 to:

Dr. Glendscene Williams

1213 South Street Cleveland, MS 38732

Make check or money order payable to:

AAUW - MS

Registration Fee Totals:

Member: \$ _____

Student: \$ _____

*Additional Luncheon Guests @
\$20 each: \$ _____

**Please be sure to register your guests.*

Total Amount Due: \$ _____



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AAUW - Mississippi Spring 2015 Convention

AGENDA OVERVIEW **FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

4:00–5:30 p.m. **Board Meeting**
5:30–7:00 p.m. **Reception**

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

7:00–10:00 a.m.

Check-In/Registration

7:45–8:45 a.m.

Breakfast Round Table Discussions

Topics of Discussion:

National Council of Collegiate Student
Women Leaders (NCCWSL); STEM; Tech
Savvy; Elect Her/She Should Run; Power

9:00–9:30 a.m.

Opening Call to Convention

9:30–10:15 a.m.

*Effecting Public Policy and Advocacy
Agendas through Organized Social
Media*

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Leadership Development & AAUW

12:00–2:00 p.m.

ELECT HER &

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD LUNCHEON

<Distinguished Guests Panel >

2:15–3:15 p.m.

General Business Meeting and AAUW Archival Presentation

3:30–4:00 p.m.

*Closing Remarks/Wrap Up
Installation of Officers/Evaluations*

The American Association
of University Women's
Annual Convention will be
held on the campus of the
University of Mississippi in
Oxford on **Friday, March 27,**
and **Saturday, March 28,**
2015.

All events will take place in
the E.F. Yerby Conference
Center located at University
Avenue and Grove Loop.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

FROM MEMPHIS, TN, VIA I-55:

From Memphis, Tennessee, take I-
55 south for approx. 63 miles.
Take the Batesville/Oxford exit off
I-55. Merge onto MS-6 and
proceed east toward Oxford,
Mississippi, for approx. 26 miles.
Once in Oxford, take the third exit,
Old Taylor Road and proceed
north. Pass the baseball stadium
and turn left at the three-way stop.
Stay in the far right lane and turn
right at the stop sign and take the
first right into the parking lot of
the E.F. Yerby Conference Center.

FROM MEMPHIS, TN, VIA HWY 78:

From Memphis, Tennessee, take
US-78 for 52 miles. Exit US-78 at
the Holly Springs/Oxford exit.
From Holly Springs, take MS-7
south for 31 miles. Once in
Oxford, take the 4th exit onto MS-
6 and proceed west. Take the
second exit, Old Taylor Road,
toward campus. Pass the baseball
stadium and turn left at the three-
way stop. Stay in far right lane and
turn right at the stop sign and take
the first right into the parking lot
of the E.F. Yerby Conference
Center.

FROM JACKSON, MS:

From Jackson, Mississippi, take
I-55 north for 150 miles. Take the
Batesville/Oxford exit off I-55.
Proceed east on MS-6 toward
Oxford, Mississippi, for approx.
26 miles. Once in Oxford, take the
third exit, Old Taylor Road, and
proceed north. Pass the baseball
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and turn right at the stop sign and
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Center.

FROM TUPELO, MS:

From Tupelo, take MS-6 west for
53 miles. Once in Oxford, take the
5th exit, Old Taylor Road, and
proceed north. Pass the baseball
stadium and turn left at the three-
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AAUW of Mississippi

PROMOTING EDUCATION AND EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS SPRING, 2015 NEWSLETTER



GROUP SALES AGREEMENT DESCRIPTION OF GROUP AND EVENT

The following represents an agreement between The Inn at Ole Miss (the Hotel) and the **American Association of University Women (AAUW) Group**.

Contact: Corinne Anderson
Phone Number: 601-918-2022
E-mail Address:
hccaand@aol.com
PROGRAM DATES: March 27-29, 2015

GUEST ROOM COMMITMENT/GROUP ROOM RATES

The Hotel can confirm the following rates plus applicable taxes (currently 7% per room, per night) for the Group:

ACCOMMODATIONS	Thurs, 3/ 26	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28
Standard Accommodation		4	4
Deluxe Accommodation	2	4	4
One Bedroom Suites		4	4

The rates listed are for single/double occupancy. There will be \$10 per person fee for additional adults.

Standard = \$109

Deluxe = \$129

One Bedroom Suites = \$169

FIRST OPTION

The Hotel agrees to hold the space listed in this agreement on a tentative basis until **Friday, January 30, 2015**. If this agreement is not fully executed by Group and Hotel by **Friday, January 30, 2015**, the Hotel will release the space. If an alternate request is received, the Hotel will notify you and you will have forty-eight (48) hours from Hotel notification to return this executed agreement.

METHOD OF RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the Event will be made by individual guests. Guests can make reservations by calling 1-888-486-7666 and referencing the **AAUW Group**.

Reservations may also be made online at www.theinnatolemiss.com and reference the group code

1889.

Friday March 27, 2015	Saturday March 28, 2015	RATE
120 Alumni Drive • P.O. Box 1848 • University, MS 38677-1848 (662) 234-2331 • (888) 486-7666 (662) 236-4835 (fax) www.theinnatolemiss.com		\$109 \$129 \$169

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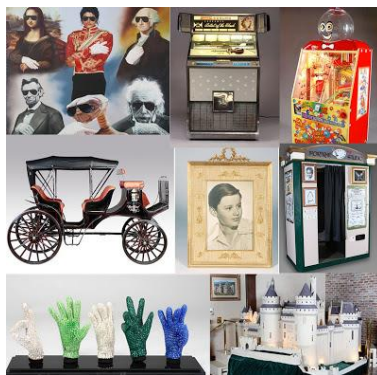
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