



Changing the Climate for Women and Girls

AAUW of Virginia Conference

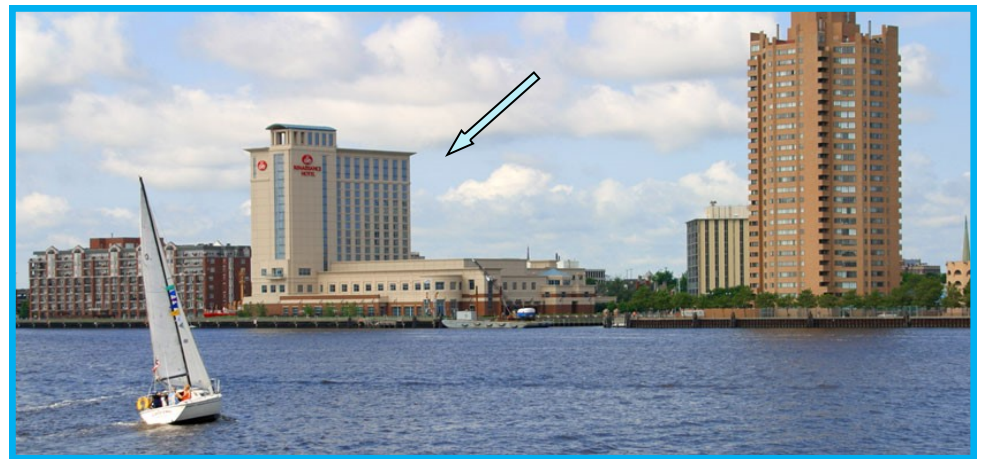
Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel

April 20-22, 2018

<https://aauw-va.aauw.net/2018-aauw-of-va-state-conference/>

Make plans to attend the 2018 AAUW State Conference at the Renaissance Hotel in the quaint and lovely Olde Towne section of Portsmouth.

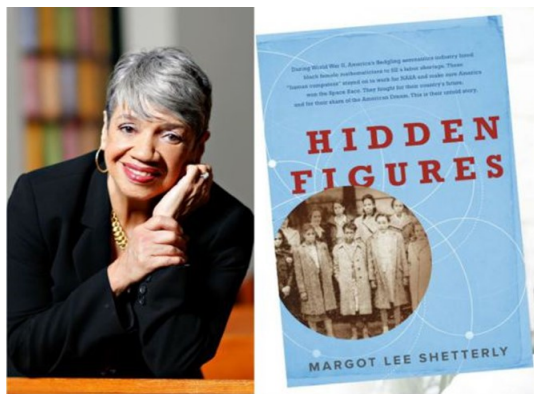
Location, Location, Location! The Renaissance Hotel sits on the Elizabeth River flowing between Portsmouth and Norfolk. Olde Towne is steps away, with shops, restaurants and museums. A quick ferry ride gets you to Norfolk.



Here's what to look forward to:

- ◆ Flexible Friday-evening activities – you choose what suits you.
- ◆ Woman of Achievement Award Banquet honoring Dr. Christine Darden.
- ◆ Meet and enjoy networking with enthusiastic AAUW members around the state.
 - ◆ Hear the latest from a member of the National AAUW staff.
 - ◆ Learn what our branches have accomplished recently.
- ◆ Attend workshops on cyber security, financial planning, & leadership opportunities in AAUW.
 - ◆ Learn About STEM Efforts in VA...Are they working?
 - ◆ Hear the experiences of an AAUW LAF Plaintiff
 - ◆ Bid on beautiful baskets to raise money for AAUW Funds.
- ◆ Meet current state board members and those running for office for 2018-2020.
 - ◆ Learn more about the focus, relevance and impact of AAUW.

Plan NOW to be part of this conference. Our goal is to provide you with an educational, inspiring and fun weekend.



2018 AAUW of Virginia

Woman of Achievement

Dr. Christine Darden

It is with great pride that AAUW of Virginia announces our 2018 Woman of Achievement: **Dr. Christine Darden**. Dr. Darden is a retired NASA Mathematician, Scientist and Aeronautical Engineer. She is one of the researchers featured in the book *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Who Helped Win the Space Race*, written by author Margot Lee Shetterly. The book later became the Academy Award-nominated motion picture, *Hidden Figures*.

You didn't see Dr. Darden in the movie *Hidden Figures*, which focuses on the pioneering work of three African-American women who helped get the Mercury astronauts into space in the early 1960s. But Ms. Shetterly's book pays tribute to Christine Mann Darden, who as an aeronautical engineer landed at NASA five years afterward.

Christine Mann was born September 10, 1942 in Monroe, North Carolina. Her parents encouraged her to pursue a quality education. Starting from age three, Darden was brought by her mother to her own classroom where she taught. Later, in elementary school, she took a great interest in breaking apart and reconstructing mechanical objects like her bicycle. Instead of playing with dolls, Darden was more interested in taking them apart, and putting them back together. She worked with her father on his car.

AS I GOT OLDER, I DIDN'T LIKE TO BE TOLD I COULDN'T DO SOMETHING BECAUSE I'M A GIRL. I THOUGHT, 'IF I'M PHYSICALLY UNABLE, THAT'S ONE THING – BUT NOT JUST BECAUSE I AM A GIRL!'

Christine Darden

Christine graduated high school as the class valedictorian in 1958, subsequently receiving a

scholarship to attend Hampton University, (then known as Hampton Institute). Christine graduated from Hampton with a B.S. in Mathematics in 1962. She also earned a teaching certification, and taught high school mathematics for a brief time.

In 1963, Mann married Walter L. Darden Jr., a middle-school science teacher. In 1965 she became a research assistant at Virginia State College, studying aerosol physics. At Virginia State, Darden earned an M.S. in 1967 and taught mathematics there.

That same year she was hired by NASA as a data analyst at Langley Research Center. Darden started in the "computer pool", performing complex calculations as a computer for engineers. She began automating the process by writing computer programs. It was here that Katherine Johnson, one of the "hidden figures" took Christine under her wing.



Christine Darden (née Mann) in the control room of Nasa Langley's Unitary Plan Wind Tunnel in 1975.

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Dr. Christine Darden

Years later Christine confidently approached her supervisor to ask why men, with the same educational background as her (M.S. in applied mathematics), were being hired in as engineers. Stunned by her question and impressed by her skills, her supervisor transferred her to the engineering section, where she was one of few female aerospace engineers at NASA Langley during that time, working on supersonic flight. Her early findings in the 1960s and 1970s resulted in a revolution of aerodynamics design to produce low-boom sonic effects.

In 1983 Darden earned a Ph.D in engineering from George Washington University and became known for her research as "one of NASA's preeminent experts on supersonic flight and sonic booms."

In 1989, Darden was appointed as leader of the Sonic Boom Team, a subsidiary of the High Speed Research (HSR) Program. On the Sonic Boom Team she worked on designs to decrease the negative effects of sonic booms, such as noise pollution and the depletion of the ozone layer. Her team tested new wing and nose designs for supersonic aircraft. She also designed a computer program to simulate sonic booms.

Darden wrote more than 50 articles in the general field of aeronautical design, specializing in supersonic flow and flap design, as well as the prediction and minimization of sonic booms. She advanced to become the first African-

American woman at Langley to be promoted into the Senior Executive Service, the top rank in the federal civil service. In March 2007, Darden retired from NASA as director of the Office of Strategic Communication and Education.

Dr. Darden and her husband, Walter, are the proud parents of 3 adult daughters, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



Christine Darden (right) with Katherine Johnson at the Hampton (Va.) History Museum in August 2016. In the book "Hidden Figures," on which the Oscar-nominated movie is based, the two former NASA mathematicians discuss the matter-of-fact way they approached their work during the space race and the new history about their careers as black female math whizzes in the Jim Crow South.

*Dr. Darden will be honored at the AAUW of Virginia
Conference Banquet.*

FRIDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Remember, dinner ON FRIDAY is on your OWN.

A list of restaurants will be in your welcome package.



A PRE-CONFERENCE WALK!

On Friday afternoon before the conference begins, we invite you to take an easy stroll along the streets of Old Towne Portsmouth. **Sherry Warren**, a city resident and AAUW member, will lead the walk along the streets near the hotel. This is a

lovely location and the walk will be a wonderful way to "loosen up" before the conference. Afterwards, you will be free to socialize with other conferees at the hotel.

If you prefer a morning walk, that is available on Saturday!

5:30 PM Friday **Walking tour of Olde Towne with Sherry Warren**

6:45 AM Saturday & Sunday **Walk with Sherry Warren or Jacque Dessino**

- Meet at front entrance of the hotel
- No reservations necessary/no charge, but donations to AAUW accepted



Paint Nite!

The Portsmouth Renaissance hosts a **Paint Nite** event every Friday. We have been offered a 40% discount to participate with the **code 757**.

"Galaxy In The Pines II" is the portrait for April 20th.

You will need to register directly with them at :

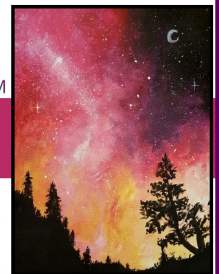
<https://www.paintnite.com/events/galaxy-in-the-pines-ii-at-renaissance-portsmouth-norfolk-waterfront-hotel-10028438>

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Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk
Waterfront Hotel

04/20 | 7:00PM

"Galaxy
In The
Pines II"



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OTHER FUN THINGS IN PORTSMOUTH

LIGHTSHIP PORTSMOUTH

At the foot of Water and London Streets, Portsmouth, VA

Exploring the Lightship PORTSMOUTH is both fun and enlightening.

The U.S. Lightship Service was started in 1820. Like lighthouses and buoys, lightships were The U.S. Lightship Service was started in 1820. Like lighthouses and buoys, lightships were navigational aids. The lights atop their masts were similar to those in lighthouses, but their portability made them much more versatile.

The Lightship PORTSMOUTH was built in 1915. She served for 48 years off the coasts of Virginia, Delaware and Massachusetts helping mariners avoid dangerous shoals or enter safely into harbors at night. Typically, the ship would anchor at a strategic location at sea and remain there for months at a time. The maximum crew for the Lightship PORTSMOUTH during her half-century in service was 15 men.

In 1964, she was retired to Portsmouth, Virginia and renamed according to the custom of naming lightships after the site where they are stationed.



COMMODORE THEATRE

421 High Street, Portsmouth, VA



<http://www.commodoretheatre.com/history.php>

THE COMMODORE THEATRE is a luxuriously restored 1945 Art Deco style motion picture theatre presenting first run films with a fine dining restaurant within the main auditorium.

The **Commodore** offers the best in sandwiches, desserts, and pizza, as well as beer, wine, and traditional soft drinks. Our unique ordering system allows you to pick up the phone on your table and place your order directly to our kitchen!

Admission:

Adult (14 through 64) admission \$10.00

Children 8-13 \$9.00 (under 8 years of age are NOT admitted!)

Seniors 65 and over \$8.00

ELIZABETH RIVER FERRY: PORTSMOUTH TO NORFOLK

There are two ferry stops in Portsmouth. The first is on High Street – to get there, walk all the way down High Street until you get to the river, with the ferry stop being on the left. If you're into naval stuff, you'll enjoy seeing the navy ships in dry dock across the water.

The second stop is at North Landing Dock. Very near to the Renaissance Hotel. To get there, head towards Harbor Tower Apartments – the 25 story building on Harbor Court. You can't miss it as it's the tallest building downtown.

If you're getting on at High Street, there's a ticket machine on the corner of High Street and Water Street where you can pay by credit card.



You can purchase tickets on board the ferry— exact change only.

Adult Tickets: \$2.00 each way

Seniors : \$1.00



Conference Overview

Meet the Candidates!

NOMINEES FOR

STATE BOARD POSITIONS

READ ABOUT THEM IN THE *VISION*, MEET THEM AT THE CONFERENCE!

Co-Presidents

- Carol Stephens, Greater Richmond
- Leslie Tourigny, Alexandria / VA Beach

Co-Vice Presidents for Program

- Sandy Lawrence, Woodbridge
- Cheryl Spohnholtz, Mt. Vernon

Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy

- Susan Burk, Springfield-Annandale
- Sylvia Rogers, Harrisonburg

Vice President for Communications

- Patsy Quick, Mt. Vernon

FRIDAY

Check-in at 3:00 PM
Tour of Portsmouth with Colonel Crawford (\$10, at 4:00 & 5:30)
Renaissance Hotel Painting Party
Local Favorite Restaurants, Museums and Shops
Elizabeth Passenger River Ferry to Norfolk

SATURDAY

Keynote Speaker from AAUW
Choice of Three Workshops
Luncheon with Edith Mayo, Speaker
Business Meeting
LAF Speaker
Past Presidents Reception
First Timers, New Member Reception
Legacy Circle Recognition
Convention Banquet Speaker,
Honoring Dr. Christine Darden, Woman of Achievement

SUNDAY

District Meetings
LAF Basket Drawings
Panel Discussion
Business Meeting – adjourned by 12 noon

Raise money for AAUW Fund!



Branches will submit baskets for raffle during the conference. Raffle tickets for the baskets will be available at a cost of \$2 for 1 ticket, \$10 for 6 tickets or \$20 for 14 tickets. *The winners will pick up their items after business meeting, Sunday, April 22.*

Workshops & Presenters

Cyber Self-Defense: Staying Safe in the Connected World

Presenter: Michael D. Mann

Associate Professor and Program Head for Networking and Cybersecurity, Thomas Nelson Community College, Newport News

Cyberspace can be a strange and scary place. Let this educator in the field explain the cyber environment we live in and how we could be psychologically manipulated into giving up information we need to protect. We'll learn self-defense tools needed to protect ourselves and how to use our devices wisely.

Step Up and Lead! Making an Impact in AAUW

Presenter: Amanda R. Lloyd

**Program Manager, Academy for Nonprofit Excellence
A Program of TCC and the Hampton Roads Community
Foundation Center for Workforce Solutions
Tidewater Community College**

We know that AAUW needs us, yet we are often reluctant to accept a position of leadership and responsibility when asked. Amanda Lloyd will help us understand the talents we have and how they can become the skills we need to take that next step for this important organization that will thrive only when members become more than just members.

Women and Investing – More Choices Than Ever Before

Presenter: William G Miller, CFP

Raymond James Financial Services

Understand the differences men and women face in making decisions for investing. We'll learn how a holistic financial plan can take into account our goals and create a sense of clarity.



WILLIAM G. MILLER has been a financial advisor for 14 years. He gained his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER designation in 2011. He is president elect of the Hampton Roads Financial Planning Association and also writes a quarterly investment column for the Daily Press publication *Prime Time*.



MICHAEL D MANN

has been teaching at TNCC since 2009. He holds a BS in Computer Science, an MS in Network Management and is currently in his

final year in a Doctor of Science program with concentration in Cybersecurity. He holds CompTIA and Cisco Systems industry certifications, as well as achieving a Cisco Networking Academy Instructor Excellence Award. Professor Mann is currently working on improving pedagogical methodology and curricula involving cybersecurity as part of his dissertation.



AMANDA R. LLOYD

With degrees from both Longwood University and Old Dominion University, Amanda is responsible for maintaining contact with non-profit agencies to identify industry

training needs and expectations and to identify TCC resources to meet these needs and develop appropriate training proposals. She assists appropriate faculty and consultants with curriculum development and delivery of coursework customized to meet the specific needs of the agencies served.

Before this, Amanda gained a decade of extensive experience at the City of Norfolk in Training and Organizational Development. She assisted 12 departments-over 2,000 employees-with internal customized training, organizational development plans, and special projects. In addition, she has been an adjunct college professor teaching history and humanities classes for ten years.

Amanda serves on the board of several nonprofits, has recently been selected for Emerge Virginia and is a current member of the LEAD Hampton Roads class of 2018.



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Special Guest and Speaker

EDITH MAYO is Curator Emeritus in Political and Women's History at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, where she worked for more than 40 years as a curator and historian. A graduate of George Washington University in American Studies, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Ms. Mayo has curated major exhibitions on political history, voting rights, and women's history including: The Right to Vote (1972), a history of voting rights in the U. S.; We the People (1975) on the American people and their government; We'll Never Turn Back (1980) an exhibition on Civil Rights; We the People: Winning the Vote (1987), exploring formal and informal constitutional processes over 200 years. Ms. Mayo curated the major exhibition, From Parlor to Politics: Women and Reform in America: 1890-1925 on women's central contributions to political reform in the 20th century, and re-conceptualized the Smithsonian's famous First Ladies exhibition entitled, First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image (1992). In 2002, she completed a major traveling exhibition, Enterprising Women, on women business entrepreneurs, for the Radcliffe Institute of Harvard. She has published widely on the history of women and First Ladies, as well as on campaign appeals to women.



Ms. Mayo will share her reminiscences of collecting women's history from the suffrage movement to the First Ladies' gowns.

Meet LAF Plaintiff Zoe Spencer, Ph. D.

2:15-3:15 Saturday in the Amphitheater



AAUW LAF plaintiff Zoe Spencer, Ph.D., is one of four female employees at Virginia State University who filed a lawsuit against the school (November 2016), alleging gender pay discrimination, sexual harassment, and a pattern of retaliation against anyone who tries to speak out.

Dr. Spencer will join us at the conference and talk about her case.



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Update on Status of STEM Education

Saturday 3:30-4:30, Amphitheater

Laura Soulsby, MA

Associate Director of Intercultural Learning
Intercultural Learning Center
Tidewater Community College



Laura Soulsby co-founded the Intercultural Learning Center at Tidewater Community College. As the Associate Director of Intercultural Learning, she provides leadership on intercultural and cultural programming, faculty/staff and student development, study abroad and exchange pro-

grams, and international student services. Soulsby also serves as the coordinator of the college-wide Women's Center, which provides ongoing direct-support services, an annual calendar of educational programs, a year-long

co-curriculum program on leadership development, and a newly established STEM Promise Program. The Women's Center's STEM Promise Program provides full tuition for students, and is designed to boost the number of degrees in science, technology and engineering awarded to women and minority students.

At Tidewater Community College, Soulsby was previously an administrator for a 5-year \$608,000 National Science Foundation grant (2003-2008) that focused on recruiting and retaining women in STEM fields. Her work included assessing career readiness of female students and providing career development experiences and direct support. As interim director, Soulsby developed a webinar on pedagogical strategies to recruit and retain women in STEM fields and prepared the final grant report for the National Science Foundation.

Protect Our Defenders

9:30-10:30 Sunday,

Amphitheater

Protect Our Defenders is the only national organization dedicated solely to addressing the epidemic of rape and sexual assault in the military and to combating a culture of pervasive sexual harassment and retribution against victims. They honor, support and give voice to survivors of military sexual assault – including service members, veterans, and civilians assaulted by members of the military.

The Legal Services Program provides expert, compassionate support services for survivors facing issues stemming from military sexual assault, such as ongoing investigative and judicial proceedings, records correction and discharge upgrades, retaliation for reporting a sexual assault, and help accessing VA care or benefits.



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Special Group Room Rate \$129 Per Night

CLICK & BOOK YOUR ROOM HERE

Last day to get the group rate is March 20.

HOTEL INFORMATION

425 Water St, Portsmouth, VA 23704



Reservations 1-888-839-1775

Mention AAUW VA

- \$5 per night parking
- 100% Water view rooms
- Lather luxury bath products
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- Complimentary newspaper, coffee makers, and iron/ironing boards
- Indoor pool, whirlpool, sundeck, and complimentary exercise facilities



*There is a conference registration form within this brochure,
but the good news is that you can
REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE ONLINE.*

The easy steps are below.

- ◆ CLICK HERE: <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/2018-aauw-of-va-state-conference/> (OR COPY AND PASTE INTO YOUR BROWSER)
- ◆ Below the conference icon is the actual online form.
- ◆ When you fill out and submit the form online, you will pay via CREDIT CARD, OR PAYPAL ACCOUNT if you have one.
- ◆ After you register, you will receive a CONFIRMATION EMAIL from AAUW Site Resources and PayPal.



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Or mail-in this form.

Name: _____ Email: _____
First Last

Preferred Name for Badge: _____

Affiliation with AAUW: Your Branch Affiliation _____

OR National Member ___ **OR** Young Women's Task Force ___ **OR** College/University Student ___

Street Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: Student ___ First time Attendee ___ Current Branch President ___
Current State Board Member ___ Past State President ___ Presenter ___ None of the above ___

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (includes Saturday Lunch & Sunday Breakfast)

Received by April 1, 2018: **\$80** Received after April 1, 2018: **\$95** \$ _____

No refunds after April 8, 2018

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: STUDENT (includes Sat. Lunch) \$45 \$ _____

List your 2 or 4 year college/university: _____

Guest Saturday Lunch: \$25 x number of guest \$ _____

Name of Guest _____ Name of Guest _____

Saturday Banquet w/ Cash Bar: \$40 x number of registered members & guests \$ _____

Name of Guest _____ Name of Guest _____

TOTAL \$ _____

FOOD SELECTION (Indicate Choice (s) below)

Lunch: ___ Chicken Caesar Salad ___ Artichoke & Sweet Pepper Penne | vegetarian

Guest: ___ Chicken Caesar Salad ___ Artichoke & Sweet Pepper Penne | vegetarian

Banquet:

___ Broiled Atlantic Salmon
___ Pan Roasted Chicken with Wild Mushrooms
___ Portobello Napoleon | Vegetarian

Guest

___ Broiled Atlantic Salmon
___ Pan Roasted Chicken with Wild Mushrooms
___ Portobello Napoleon | Vegetarian

Dietary or Other Special Needs: _____

Send check payable to AAUW-VA to: Ms. Jacque Dessino, 111 High Street, Apt. 404,
Portsmouth, VA 23704 ATTN: AAUW Conference

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