

2022 AAUW of Virginia State Conference Information

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2022 AAUW OF VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE,
WHICH WILL BE CONVENED IN TWO PARTS.

Part 1 will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as an in-person event at the Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Valley Conference Center on the James Madison University campus in Harrisonburg. You will hear from and be able to question informed and inspiring speakers on AAUW mission-related topics that support the theme of *Going the Distance for Women and Girls*. The conclusion of the program will provide an opportunity for the four state Districts to convene and elect representatives to the State Board for 2022-2024.

Part 2 of the conference, the **AAUW-VA Annual Business Meeting**, will be held **virtually via Zoom on Saturday, April 30th** – the starting time TBD.

Registration Information

Part 1 The AAUW-VA State Board is pleased to announce that because operating budget costs were lower between March 2020 and now, due to the pandemic, we are returning some of the unspent funds to members in the form of a **lower conference registration fee, which includes morning beverages and lunch.** The registration deadline is March 11.

AAUW of Virginia Members	\$25.00 until March 4 (\$30 March 5 -11)
Students	\$30.00*
Other Non-AAUW of Virginia Attendees	\$35.00

*Branches may consider sponsoring the attendance of students from college/university partners they interface with.

REGISTER ONLINE [HERE](#) FOR PART I

For those who want to register using “snail mail,”
please use the form following the [Harrisonburg tourism information in this conference brochure.](#)

PLEASE NOTE that for this in-person event our policy is that attendees must be fully vaccinated and masks will be required. All health precautions are being taken at the Hotel Madison. Read more [HERE](#). Because of the impact of the Omicron variant, we are certain that many of you, as are we, are once again concerned about attending an in-person conference. You can be assured that we are carefully monitoring the situation day-by-day because the health and safety of our members are paramount, and if we need to make alternate plans, we will. However, because AAUW-VA stands to be assessed financial penalties for canceling the in-person conference, we do not want to cancel unless absolutely necessary. We have seen that the COVID situation can change very rapidly from good to bad and bad to good.



Part 2 AAUW of Virginia Annual Business Meeting

Although there is no registration fee for the virtual Annual Business Meeting on April 30, registration will be required at a later date.

Part 1 Conference Schedule and Presentations

Morning Session

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

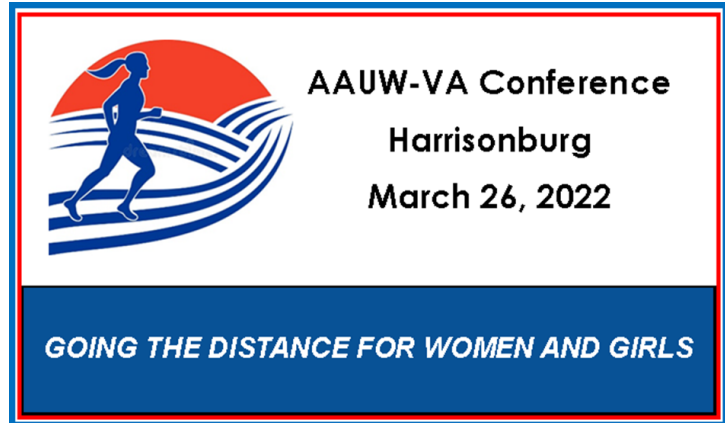
Lunch

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Session

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

District Meetings



Some of our presenters will have their books available for purchase at the conference.

Keynote Address

Progress and Enduring Inequities for Women in Higher Education



Professor Kimberly Jenkins Robinson, Elizabeth D. and Richard A. Merrill Professor at the University of Virginia School of Law; Professor at both the School of Education and Human Development and the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy at the University of Virginia

As we think about the state of women in higher education, it is important to acknowledge both the historic strides that have been made as well as the enduring inequities that persist. Progress can be seen in such areas as the number of women graduating from colleges and graduate programs, participating in athletics and demanding an end to sexual harassment and assault through the Me Too movement. We should celebrate this progress, while also acknowledging enduring inequities for women in higher education, including disparities in STEM majors and careers, disparities in athletic resources and leadership positions and ongoing sexual

harassment and assault. This talk will highlight where progress has been made and emphasize the need for new movements and law and policy reforms that tackle enduring inequities.



The Restorative Justice Program at the Gemeinschaft Home

Dr. Elizabeth Gumnior, Associate Professor, James Madison University; Board Member, Gemeinschaft Home
Michelle Roberts, Day Reporting Center Case Manager, Gemeinschaft Home

Organized in 1985, the Gemeinschaft Home is located just outside Harrisonburg in a large, renovated farmhouse. Board member Dr. Elizabeth Gumnior and Case Manager Michelle Roberts will describe how this residential and non-residential program gives individuals who were formerly incarcerated or diverted from incarceration an opportunity to restore a sense of wholeness in their lives by providing quality shelter, food, counseling, job coaching, and a model for daily living and responsible decisions – all of which are necessary to avoid recidivism. The presentation will focus on the special needs of women in the program.



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Practices at James Madison University and Within the Virginia Community College System

Carla Kimbrough, Virginia Community College System, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer

Dr. Brent Lewis, Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Student Affairs, James Madison University

College/university campuses face a special challenge to make progress in addressing diversity, equity and inclusion to ensure all students have an equal opportunity to access educational opportunities and be free of discrimination and harassment. Ms. Kimbrough and Dr. Lewis will discuss the procedures, initiatives and other actions needed to implement a DEI program on a campus and their recommendations on those actions that are the most successful. The presentation will also include discussion of the intersection of race and gender and the importance of disaggregated data to examine progress or lack thereof.



Models of AAUW and C/U Partnerships

Dr. Rosemary Green, Emerita Librarian, Shenandoah University; Winchester Branch Member

Dr. Sally Sledge, Associate Professor of Management at Norfolk State University; Norfolk Branch Member

AAUW of Virginia currently has 15 college/university partners in Virginia. The faculty representatives of a c/u partner coordinate with branch members to establish student organizations. Our AAUW of Virginia members, Drs. Green and Sledge, will present practical guidance on how branches can connect with nearby colleges and universities and identify interested faculty in order to establish a partnership between the institution and AAUW. They will also discuss the role of branches in maintaining on-going relationships with c/u partners, promoting applications for AAUW grants and fellowships, supporting AAUW internships, sharing branch programming, and promoting the benefits to women college and university students of joining an AAUW branch.



A Perspective on Early African American Education In the Shenandoah Valley and the Example of Lucy F. Simms

Dale E. MacAllister, Local Historian and Author, Retired Middle School Educator and Supervisor of Student Teachers, James Madison University

Local Shenandoah Valley native and historian Dale MacAllister will examine post-Civil War education for newly freed slaves in the Shenandoah Valley. Lucy F. Simms, who was born a slave in the 1850s and went on to teach school for 47 years, will be used as an example of one who took advantage of her educational experiences and became a highly successful teacher in her hometown.



The Changing Nature of Virginia Politics: Reviewing the Pivotal 2021 Election and the Legacy of Virginia's First Madam Speaker

Dr. Stephen J. Farnsworth, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs;
Director, Center for Leadership and Media Studies, University of Mary Washington

The partisan tides come in and go out in Virginia politics, a place where there are no permanent majorities and no permanent minorities. Dr. Farnsworth will discuss Virginia's pivotal 2021 election and what it says about the future of politics and public policy in Virginia. He will also share his views about the policy legacy of Virginia's First Madam Speaker, who ran the House of Delegates during the past two years — a time of the first Democratic political trifecta in Virginia in a generation.

Guest Room Reservations for Friday, March 25, 2022

THE HOTEL MADISON AND SHENANDOAH VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER



For attendees who wish to arrive on March 25th and spend the night, a **small block of hotel rooms has been reserved for \$119/night + taxes until March 4th. Reservations should be made as soon as possible** because additional rooms may not be available when the block sells out.

There are two ways to make a reservation:

- Call the hotel's main line at 1-540-564-0200 and press 1 to make a reservation. When asked, provide the Group ID: **3217285 and AAUW**
- Reserve online at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/110365?groupID=3217285> Then click on "Select & Go to the Next Step," March 25 and 26 in the calendar and "Confirm Dates of Stay."

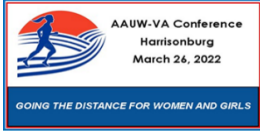
Take a "Spring Break" in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County



Hardesty Higgins Visitor Center
212 S. Main Street

This region of the Shenandoah Valley has its own vibrant energy and a reputation for beautiful scenery, a variety of cuisines, breweries, wineries, hiking and biking trails, parks, historical sites, and fine museums. Among the many choices are Downtown Historic Harrisonburg, Explore More Discovery Museum, Virginia Quilt Museum, Rocktown Historical Society Museum, Silver Lake Mill, White Oak Lavender Farm and Purple Wolf Winery, CrossKeys Vineyards, Bluestone Vineyard, Bridgewater Riverwalk, Shenandoah National Park and Skyline Drive, Hillendale Park and trails, and the Carrier Arboretum. For more inspiration explore this link: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g57809-Activities-Harrisonburg_Virginia.html

AAUW-VA 2022 Conference Registration Form



Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Valley Conference Center
710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA, (540) 564-0200
www.hotelmadison.com

ONLINE REGISTRATION [HERE](#) OR BY COMPLETING AND MAILING THIS FORM WITH CHECK.

REGISTRATION, INCLUDING PAYMENT, MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 11, 2022.

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE/TEA & LUNCH.

NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 11, 2022.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Branch _____

Check all that apply.

- First Time Attendee Presenter None of Above

Check all that apply and include requested information:

- AAUW-VA Branch Member Branch Non-AAUW-VA Member
 Current AAUW-VA Board Member AAUW National Member
 Current Branch President Member of Other Named State Affiliate:
 Past State Board President Student

Please check the appropriate box(es) and include requested information:

- AAUW-VA Branch Member (\$25 registration fee until March 4; \$30 March 5-11) \$ _____
 Non-AAUW-VA Member (attending whole meeting) (\$35 registration fee) \$ _____
 AAUW National Member (\$35 registration fee) \$ _____
 Member of other AAUW State Affiliate (\$35 registration fee) \$ _____
 Student (\$30 registration fee) \$ _____
 Other (\$35 registration fee) \$ _____
Specify
 Guest Lunches _____ at \$23 each (lunch only) \$ _____
Number
- Total** \$ _____

Guest Name _____ Guest Name _____

All attendees: Describe any dietary and other special needs: (Please be specific)

Friday Evening Activities:

- I plan to attend the Friday evening Social Hour at 7:30 p.m.

Send check payable to AAUW-VA to: Ms. Darlene Baugh, P.O. Box 1612, Harrisonburg, VA 22803

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Conference Chair Sylvia Rogers at 540-434-3083 or srogers1nm@aol.com.

- Yes, my registration fee may be considered a donation to AAUW-VA to help with unrecoverable expenses if the conference is canceled.