

2007 District Fall Conferences
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As we celebrate our 125-year history and commit ourselves to expanding AAUW's legacy, the graceful phoenix perfectly represents our honoring of the past and our hope for the future.

The traditional phoenix rises from the ashes of history with knowledge of victories won and lessons learned in the past. The legend of the phoenix represents a cross cultural symbol of rebirth, self-renewal, resurrection, and healing. Thus the theme of AAUW-IL, Inc. 2007 Fall Conferences:

- Reflecting on our past – Jane Addams
- Expanding our legacy – Impact of Reorganization
- Advocacy – Lobby Corp Impact Grant

Join us at one of the two conferences in October as we continue our journey toward equity for all women and girls and reflect/remember our 125-year history.

Why should you attend?

- Visit with old friends and meet some new ones
- Take new skills such as lobbying back to your branches and communities
- Learn how the new reorganization successfully passed at Association convention will impact your branch and you as a member
- Reflect on our history from scholars on Jane Addams
- Network with other AAUW members and state officers
- Free movie entertainment, *Dinner at Jane's*

DISTRICTS 4 & 5 FALL CONFERENCE will be on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at Oakton Community College, Des Plaines campus. Registration, coffee and socializing will begin at 8:30 am. The program will be from 9 am to 1:30 pm. *Dinner at Jane's* from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

DISTRICTS 1, 2 & 3 FALL CONFERENCE will be on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at Richland Community College, Decatur. Registration, coffee, and socializing will begin at 9:00 am. The program will be from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. *Dinner at Jane's* from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.

The schedule below is for Districts 4 & 5. Districts 1, 2, and 3 will begin one-half hour later to allow time for travel, and lunch will be served at 11:55 am, prior to the third presenter and wrap up.

- **Registration, Coffee, Socializing and Networking** (8:30-9:00 am)

- **Welcome, Announcement and Introductions** (9:00-9:20 am)
- **Impact of Association's Reorganization** – Discussion leader will be Mary Ellen Smyth at OCC and Jennifer Wilkin at RCC. (9:20-10 am)
- **Networking, EF/LAF Shopping and Break.** (10:00-10:15 am)
- **Basic Lobby Skills Training** – Paula Purdue and Jennifer Purdue, both legislative consultants, along with Faye Marcus and Diane Balin will provide basic skills as part of our Lobby Corp Impact Grant awarded by Association. (10:15-10:55 am)
- **Networking, EF/LAF Shopping and Break.** (10:55-11:15 am)
- **Jane Addams** – Hear about Jane Addams' life from scholars such as Lucy Knight, author, at OCC and Dr. Laura Dreuth Zeman, Associate Professor, SIUC, at RCC. (11:15-11:55 am)
- **Wrap Up, Thank You and Evaluation** (Noon-12:15 pm)
- **Lunch at counterpart tables** – Meet and discuss your offices and like interests with AAUW members and board members. (12:30-1:30 pm)
- **Dinner at Jane's**, directed by Suzanne Lacy. This is optional but it is a great video, positively uplifting. In homage to the founders of the Hull-House, fourteen world-renown international activists were invited to actively envision the future within the context of a place rich with historical significance for women. This is not commercially available. Free and an added bonus if you can stay.

This is in store for you at the AAUW-IL, Inc. Fall Conference at a location near you. The conference is for all members not only board members and bring a guest. Someone who would make a good member in you branch.

About our Experts

Mary Ellen Smyth

A thirty-year active member of AAUW, Mary Ellen has served as the Development Vice President of the AAUW Educational Foundation and as Foundation secretary. She also served as president of the Riverside branch of Illinois AAUW, several terms on the state board of directors, was IL president in 1901-03 and chaired the Illinois 75th Anniversary celebration in 1997-99. Mary Ellen was on the Association Conference of State Presidents Planning Committee, a member of the first AAUW/League of Women Voters delegation to the People's Republic of China, has attended IFUW conferences in California, Japan, Canada and Australia and is a member of the Virginia Gildersleeve Fund. She served two terms as President of the AAUW Educational Foundation.

Jennifer Wilkin

Jennifer Wilkin has quickly moved up the ranks in AAUW. She joined AAUW in 1998 and subsequently served as Membership Vice President, EF Chair and Branch President. She served on the state board as the Legacy Circle Chair from 2004-2006. Jennifer was appointed to serve on the Finance Committee of the Educational Foundation in 2004 and in 2005, she was appointed as a Director-at-

large on the Educational Foundation board. She was elected to the Association Board of Directors at the 2007 Association convention.

Paula Purdue and Jennifer Purdue

Paula and Jennifer Purdue are legislative consultants, and AAUW-IL, Inc. is one of their clients. Paula has been a lobbyist and political consultant since 1976 and has recently been joined by her daughter, Jennifer. Paula graduated from Illinois State University and has master degrees from Michigan State University and the University of Illinois in Springfield. Jennifer graduated from the University of Illinois with dual degrees in Communications and Psychology. There is a wealth of information between the two.

Lucy Knight

Louise (Lucy) W. Knight, an independent scholar, has worked on the book, *CITIZEN*, for two decades. She first became interested in Jane Addams in college after reading Addams' memoir *Twenty Years at Hull House*. Determined to understand her better, she began by investigating the early years of the settlement movement and Addams' place in it. Along the way she published articles on Addams' management style, her leadership of the settlement house movement, her views on the responsibilities of philanthropy, her famous speech on the Pullman Strike, and her college education in the skills of oratory. While working on the book, Knight was also fundraising for Duke University, Wheaton College in Massachusetts, and a Boston settlement house, United South End Settlements.

Laura Dreuth Zeman, Ph.D.

Laura Dreuth Zeman is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She received her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in 1996 and her masters in Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1988. Dr. Zeman is interested in feminist family therapy and is affiliated with the Women's Studies program at SIUC. It was quoted that she has "tons" of information on Jane Addams.

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