AAUW MO MAY CONFERENCE FLIER



Finding a Path Forward . . . **NOW** is the Time!

AAUW MO State Conference May 3, 2025 — via ZOOM 9:00 a.m. — Noon

REGISTRATION LINK—Deadline April 30th

https://forms.gle/gqgQA4CruK32QAeC8

Sue Shineman and the entire AAUW MO board invite you to spend Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. — noon, with AAUW members from across the state as we work to find new paths forward in these changing times. NOW is the time to gather, review, discuss, and make our plans. The May conference will be via Zoom to help save time and expenses.

We are encouraging branches to gather together in Pathway Parties to share the event (see box below). There is NO registration fee for the conference. Use the link above to sign up now! Registration enables you to receive the e-packet of conference materials that will be sent the week of the conference. Even if you are attending a Pathway Party, you need to register individually prior to the event. Deadline is April 30!

Meet The Speakers

Dr. Amber Benge — Education has always been a hallmark concern for AAUW. As we look for paths forward in this area, we will be briefed by Amber Benge, Ed.D., a dedicated educator, advocate, and leader whose career embodies an unwavering commitment to equity and justice. Beginning as a middle school science teacher, today, she serves as the Co-Executive Director of the Missouri Equity Education

Partnership, championing educational equity throughout the state.



Amber Benge, Ed.D.

We will also have with us AAUW Senior Director of Institutional Advancement, Katrina Sun Breese. Institutional Advancement covers membership and fundraising, both vital for AAUW. With membership always a concern, Katrina will focus on this timely issue and bring us ideas for paths forward as well as update us on AAUW national issues. We look forward to welcoming Katrina to Missouri!

Katrina Sun Breese The business meeting and elections follow these timely presentations. The Star Awards (due April 1) and the AAUW Fund Awards will be made to branches in recognition of their mission-based activities and their support of the AAUW Fund. The Outstanding Members and Woman of Distinction awardees will be announced. (see agenda on reverse side).

Save the date, plan your Pathway Party, and get ready to make some new paths! NOW is the time!

Notes from Parkville Branch: "We organized a watch party last year for our members so we could all experience the state conference together, "said Deb McArthur. "The setting was simple—a large oval table where everyone could see the projector screen, a camera so members could be seen, and someone with expertise in Zooming." Member homes, the library, a church meeting room, or similar space will work. We want to see your group on the Zoom screen. Provide refreshments and comfortable chairs and be prepared to enjoy a great AAUW gathering! If funds for facility rental are needed, consider an application for an Opportunity Grant. Contact Carol Cox at 660-888-8200 or cjc_51@yahoo.com.



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Proposed Agenda

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. — Noon Via ZOOM — Pathway Parties and Individuals Sue Shineman, AAUW MO President

8:30-9:00	Zoom link open; members sign in	Sue Shineman / Tech Team
9:00-9:10	Welcome and Overview of Meeting	Sue Shineman
9:10-9:50	Keynote AAUW Speaker - Katrina Sun Breese; AAUW Advancement Vic TOPIC: 'AAUW TODAY - Membership & More' / Q&A Time	e President Intro by Diane B. Ludwig
9:50-10:30	Issues Speaker - Amber Benge, Ed.D., Co-Executive Director, MO Equity TOPIC: 'The Education Climate in Missouri' / Q&A	Education Partnership Intro by Su Bacon
10:30-10:35	BREAK	
10:35-11:30	Call to order Credentials Report/Quorum/Standing Rules Approval of Agenda Appointment of Readers for Minutes Approval of 2024 State Meeting Minutes Finance Report / Adoption of 2025-2026 Budget Elections: Presentation of Slate of Officers/Elections /Installation of Officers Legacy Circle Recognitions Missouri STAR Awards (Branch Action Plans) AAUW Fund Awards Top Branches/Totals/Per Capitas Century Club & Century Club Plus Opportunity Grants State Awards Outstanding Member Woman of Distinction	Sue Shineman Marianne Fues Sue S. / All Sue S. Sue S. / Diana Curry-McQuirk Sue S. / Lois Domsch Lynne Roney Sue S.— Elections; Installation Sue Barley Su Bacon/Diane B. Ludwig Sage Taber/Sue Barley Carol Cox Susie Watson Karen Francis
11:30-11:40	New Business Recognition of Retiring Officers	Sue Shineman
	Announcements	Sue S. / All
11:40 - 11:50	Thanks and Adjournment (10 min)	Sue Shineman

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Each person must register prior to April 30, 2025 to receive the conference e-packet of materials prior to the conference. Those attending Branch Pathway Parties still need to register individually. Use the link below. Questions? Contact Diane B. Ludwig, Co-Program VP, 573-642-4664 or dbludwig22@aol.com or Su Bacon, Co-Program VP, 816-746-1222 or pigsubacon@aol.com.