



Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

## Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Branch

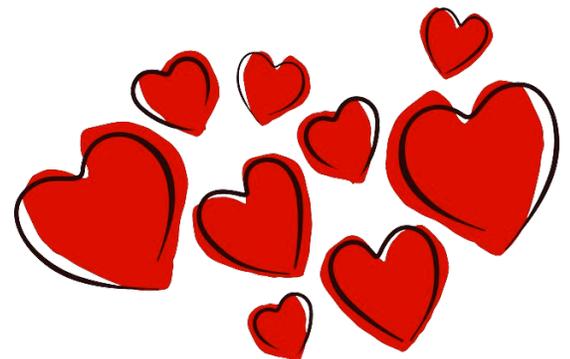
### President's Comments

I am pleased to announce the program for the February 13, 2017 meeting at the Biltmore on Main Avenue, Fargo beginning at 5 pm with a social hour, 6 to 6:45 pm for dinner, 6:45 to 7:15 pm business meeting and program from 7:15 to 8: pm. The following is a brief bio of our speaker, Dr. Kristen Benson and the title of her presentation is Experience of Parents Raising Transgender & Gender Creative Children.

Kristen Benson, Ph.D., LMFT, CFLE is an Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Science at North Dakota State University. She earned her PhD in Human Development from Virginia Tech in Human Development with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist and Certified Family Life Educator. Benson's research and clinical focus is on providing inclusive and supportive therapy to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) people and relationships. Her current research explores the experiences of parents raising transgender and gender creative children. She has published and presented her research nationally and internationally. Kristen is a clinical fellow of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and a member of the National Council on Family Relations.

I would like to thank Kathleen Nelson for agreeing to be on our F-M AAUW Board as a liaison to the MN Board to help us more effectively represent the MN members. I also wish to thank the Nominating Committee, Carol Sibley, Juliann Garrett and Liz Cambron. I also wish to thank Joan Justesen, Liz Cambron and Sara Lindberg for serving on the Fundraising Committee. I am so grateful for all the members of F- M AAUW.

Susan Rae Helgeland  
**F-M Branch President**



**F-M AAUW BRANCH BUSINESS AGENDA**

February 13, 2017 - 6:45 to 7:15 pm

Biltmore on Main, Fargo

**AAUW Mission Statement: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**

**Call to Order and Welcome:** Susan Rae Helgeland, President

**Approval of Agenda:** (additions, deletions, changes)

**President's Comments:** March program – March 13, 2017, Ruth Anna Buffalo, “Personal Journey;” Dr. Ashely Baggett has a baby girl, Genevieve; thanks to Nominating Committee Liz Cambron, Juliann Garrett and Carol Sibley; thanks to Fund Raising Committee Joan Justensen, Liz Cambron and Sara Lindberg; We Rise legislative event in Bismarck on March 12 and 13, 2017 – visit [www.werisend.com](http://www.werisend.com) ); Kathleen Nelson appointed to the Board as a liaison to MN Board to better represent Moorhead members.

**January Meeting Minutes approved** – Secretary Sara Lindberg (as printed).

**Financial Report:** Finance Officer - Liz Cambron (as printed).

**Continuing Business:** “Meet the Member” in our Newsletter-Sara Lindberg;

Board recommendation to approve F-M AAUW’s participation in the Jerimiah Program – Assisting single mothers to break the cycle of poverty, Alexa Ducioame;

**New Business:**

**Public Policy:** Sandy Sidler

**Bylaws Chair:** Verlaine Gullickson

**Book Club:** Chair Jan Jackson.

**Announcements:**

**Adjourn:**



## January 15, 2017 Branch Minutes

Present: Approximately 50 attending; members, speakers and guests

President Susan Helgeland welcomed all and called the meeting to order. The AAUW mission statement was repeated and the agenda was approved. Susan announced the February meeting will be “Experience of Parents Raising Transgender and Gender Creative Children” with speaker Dr. Kristen Benson, Associate Professor NDSU Human Development and Family Science. Susan also reminded members of the deadline to register at a reduced fee for the AAUW National Convention in June.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Financial Officer Liz Cambron gave the financial report showing a balance of \$3087.21.

Alexa Ducioame encouraged guests to visit the information table for AAUW materials and Branch business cards with contact and meeting details.

Liz stated that a newsletter editor is needed to replace her and that she will train whoever accepts that responsibility.

The Nominating Committee formed to procure candidates for President, Vice-President, Membership Chair and Secretary for election in May consists of Liz Cambron, Chair, Juliann Garrett and Carol Sibley.

Alexa reported on Jeremiah’s Program, a project that is designed to move two generations of families out of poverty. Participants will be single mothers with children under the age of five, who are continuing their education. Residents will live in a building planned to be built on Page Drive, will be required to work and pay subsidized rent, and will receive empowerment training and weekly classes. A childhood development center will be included in the facility. AAUW could be involved in various efforts, helping with meals or classes. For more information see [jeremiahprogram.org](http://jeremiahprogram.org).

Lindsey Lipp will replace Alexa next year as Social Media Chair.

Liz announced that she is chairing a Fundraising Committee to plan events several times a year to increase the treasury balance. Members are encouraged to volunteer.

Public Policy Chair Sandy Sidler offered updates on the Women’s Marches planned for Washington, D.C., Bismarck and Fargo on January 21. The Fargo event will begin in Island Park at 10 a.m. Sandy also distributed information on the Two Minute Activist and Quick Facts, which explains AAUW’s position on issues. She advised members to monitor the state legislative action and keep in mind Equal Pay Day on April 4.

Membership deals were announced as follows: Half-price now for six months, Half-price in March for 15 months; undergraduates free membership. Liz offered to help anyone wishing to join to choose the most economical option.

Jan Jackson announced the Book Club will meet January 23 at 7 p.m. at the Moorhead Public Library to discuss Notorious RBG (Ruth Bader Ginsburg) and she listed the books on the rest of the schedule to May.

Susan Larson announced a Women's Leadership Event at Concordia on March 29 to honor the late Margaret Callsen, a long-time member of Fargo-Moorhead AAUW.

On January 20th Choice Desserts will host a fundraiser for WIN Abortion Access Funds at the Avalon Event Center.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Helgeland introduced Dr. Ashley Baggett, NDSU Assistant Professor of History, and author of the forthcoming book *Strike Me If You Dare* examining intimate partner violence. Dr. Baggett assigned students in her Women's History class to interview local residents, some of whom are F-M AAUW members, which resulted in this program titled "Lived Experience in the Women's Movement in the 50's, 60's and 70's."

Dr. Baggett listed key themes in her course and from the interviews, such as shifting gender experiences after the Civil War, legal reforms, and especially the disparity between the ideal (domesticity) and reality (women in the workforce doubling from 1940-1960.) Two conclusions are "History isn't made by famous women; and the personal is political."

The two NDSU students presenting their research from interviews were Lindsey Simenson, a recent graduate in Social Studies Education and Kailyn Ohm, majoring in Health Education and Women's Studies. Based on information from the interviewed women, Lindsey and Kailyn responded to seven questions from Dr. Baggett, which were: What historical background influenced the women? How did the interviewee engage in the movement? What were their most important challenges? What were their successes? What were their supports? How did the interviewee challenge the traditional perspective of history? How did the "second wave" affect feminism today?

Dr. Baggett summed up the presentation by pointing out that our history is our strength, and a revolution is underway.

A lively Q & A session followed, with follow-up questions on the interviews and many comments on various aspects of women's lives and struggles. Several generations were represented in this gathering and a common theme that emerged is that women have faced the same difficulties throughout the ages and many barriers and obstacles still remain.

Thanks to everyone who helped facilitate this stimulating and thought-provoking program.

**Sara Lindberg, Secretary**



**Mission**

To transform families from poverty to prosperity

**Vision**

Jeremiah Program will be a leader in assisting single mothers and their children to break the cycle of poverty, growing its national presence annually.

**Strategy**

Jeremiah’s proven, holistic approach begins with establishing a supportive community for determined single mothers to pursue a career-track, college education. Through a combination of quality early childhood education, a safe and affordable place to live, and empowerment and life skills training, families find stability and a path out of poverty.

**Campus**

2017 Construction. Expect to move in during the fall.



20 affordable furnished apartments with an on-site Child Development Center and community rooms.

**Prerequisites**

Residents are required to complete a 13-week empowerment course prior to admittance to the program.

**How can AAUW Help?**

**Spring 2017**

Purchase, prepare, and serve a meal for families on the evenings when mothers attend empowerment classes. Help care for the children of Jeremiah while their mothers attend empowerment training.

**Fall 2017**

Continued training courses will be provided to the women. Possible topics we could teach include salary negotiation and mental health.

<https://jeremiahprogram.org/fargo-moorhead/>

**STAFF**

Diane Solinger  
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# Calling all members!

The finance officer is organizing a fundraising committee. If you have any experience or would like to get more involved with the branch, this is a great opportunity! As of now our only fundraiser is our annual used book sale. With more events and ways to raise money for our branch, we could possibly increase our scholarship contributions and have funding for more events in our community!

**First meeting will be the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>**

Those interested please let the finance officer know at the branch meeting or contact her directly Liz Cambron (773) 818-5863  
[liz.cambron@ndsu.edu](mailto:liz.cambron@ndsu.edu)



## Member Highlights

### Kathleen Nelson

Kathleen Nelson of Dilworth has been an AAUW member in several Minnesota cities since the late 1980's, joining us here in 2016. Her Bachelor's Degree was in history and library science from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and her master's degree in library science and information was earned at the U. of WI-Madison. Now retired, she worked 41 years in school and college libraries in Minnesota and Arizona.

**Interests:** traveling in the U.S. and abroad, outdoor activities such as camping, kayaking, biking, walking, and cross country skiing when the weather permits, water aerobics, knitting, reading

**Book Recommendation:** Soldier Girls by Helen Thorpe (was also on the AAUW *Adelante* list)

**Concerning Important Issues for AAUW:** equal treatment of women, membership recruitment of inclusion of a wider range of age and ethnic groups, branch socializing

**Best Advice Received:** "My mother told me to get a college education and be prepared to support myself."

**Best Advice for young women:** "Get an education and be prepared to support yourself." Some wisdom is timeless!

## Join AAUW!

Don't miss out on your chance to **SAVE!**

Join the Fargo-Moorhead Branch to receive membership at a discounted rate for new members! Contact us for more information.

Join by	Membership type	Price ND	Price MN
Feb 15	5 months (Renew in June)*	\$18 (\$72 renewal)	\$17.75 (\$71 renewal)
March 15	15 months (Renewal included)	\$36 <b>BEST DEAL!</b>	\$35.50 <b>BEST DEAL!</b>

\*Renewal totals: \$90 ND, \$88.75 MN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AAUW BOOK CLUB  
2016-17**

All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Moorhead Public Library

February 27	<i>Uprising</i> , Sally Armstrong
March 27	<i>Being Mortal</i> , Atul Gawande, MD
April 24	<i>Indian Bride</i> , Karin Fossum
May 22	Book Selection for next year



- 2017 Superbowl ads champion acceptance & equality
- Past Feminist Superbowl Commercials
- WE Rise in Bismarck March 12-13 invite
- A single Oscar race featured 3 black actresses for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.
- Notorious RBG quote
- 10 Actions following the Women’s March
- Call for new members
- Fargo Women’s March photos & new coverage
- AAUW petition for women’s priorities
- “I Have a Dream” speech
- Photos from January Brunch
- Gloria Anzaldúa quote
- High Plains Reader interview with Dr. Baggett
- Golden Globes, Grammy, & Academy Awards all hosted by white, straight men named James.

AAUW Members & Friends in the News

<http://www.inforum.com/news/4209747-lawmakers-work-help-close-pay-gap-nd>

<http://www.sayanythingblog.com/entry/gender-wage-gap-far-less-discrimination-think/>



**F-M AAUW 2016-17 PROGRAMS & DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 13	“Experience of Parents Raising Transgender & Gender Creative Children” Speaker: Kristen Benson, Human Development & Family Science Dept, NDSU
March 13	“Personal Accomplishments as a Female & Ethnic Minority” Speaker: Ruth Buffalo, Mandaree, ND
April 10	“Pay Equity” Speaker: Evelyn Quigley, F-M AAUW
May 8	F-M AAUW Annual Meeting and Potluck, Moorhead Public Library

The public is welcome to attend our meetings. The format is 5-6 p.m. Social Hour; 6-6:45 p.m. Dinner; 6:45-7:15 Business Meeting; 7:15-8 p.m. Program

**Fargo-Moorhead Community Announcements**

- North Dakota Womens Network WE Rise: Women Empowered 2017-03/13/2017 8:00 AM North Dakota State Capitol. - <http://www.ndwomen.org/events/we-rise-women-empowered-2017/>
- Concordia College, Pre-Law program is sponsoring Tim Purdon, former Attorney General for ND, to speak at 7:30 February 16 at Centrum-Knutson Campus Center. The title of the lecture is "Cannon Ball: Bobby Kennedy, Holder's DOJ, Water Protectors and Me".
- Planned Parenthood of North Dakota is asking women to tell their stories about the importance of PP services in their lives. Please see Planned Parenthood website for information.
- League of Women Voter's offers more information concerning Fargo schools special election for approval of a specified mill levy, March 7. Please see details at [www.fargo.k12.nd.us/vote2017](http://www.fargo.k12.nd.us/vote2017)

# Interested in joining or have an announcement for the newsletter? Contact us!



## **F-M AAUW ELECTED OFFICERS**

Susan Helgeland, President  
Alexa Ducioame, Vice President  
Sara Lindberg, Secretary  
Liz Cambron, Treasurer  
Margaret Schneider, Membership Chair

### **WEB SITES**

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