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AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches
Missouri Annual Convention,
May 5, 2018
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AAUW Oklahoma Biennial State Convention: Women Rising!

Friday, June 29 – Sunday, July 1, 2018

PostOak Lodge | 918-425-2112 | 5323 W 31st Street N | Tulsa, OK 74127

<http://www.postoaklodge.com/>

\$99/night queen bed rate for reservations made by June 7

Celebrate women's growing role in policy-making and elections in Oklahoma! Featuring AAUW National's Chief Executive Officer, Kimberly Churches, this biennial state convention will be held at PostOak Lodge in Tulsa on June 29 through July 1 and will cover Oklahoma's education crises, human trafficking, Title IX, Oklahoma's current policies and politics, and our biennial business meeting.

Registration for the Saturday convention is \$75/person and includes hot breakfast, snacks, and lunch, along with all sessions. An optional barbecue dinner is available that night for \$40/person. Sunday breakfast is available for \$15/person. An architectural tour of Tulsa is planned for Friday night for those arriving early, and PostOak Lodge offers zip lining for the more adventurous on Friday afternoon.

All payments for registration and additional meals **must be received by [Friday, June 8](#)** in order to guarantee meal counts. You can register and pay by credit card online (processing fees do apply) at <https://tinyurl.com/2018aauwok> or return the registration form on page 3 with your check.

Submitted by Peggy Glenn, Program Vice President

Kim Churches will present the newly completed AAUW Strategic Plan. The plan will be discussed and voted on at the National Board meeting in early June. To familiarize yourself with the Strategic Plan that Kim and other AAUW leaders presented at earlier state conventions, go to this link:

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/2018-state-convention-presentation/>.

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Friday, June 29, 2018

- 6:00 pm **Meet for dinner in PostOak Lodge lobby (Dutch treat)**
Optional Tulsa architectural tour after dinner (details will be finalized in May; additional charge applies)

Saturday, June 30, 2018

- 8:00 am **Registration begins at Post Oak Lodge Conference Room and Silent Auction begins**
 9:00 am **Annual Convention Welcome and Opening**
 Angie Lewis, AAUW Oklahoma State Co-President (Chickasha branch)
 Rose Unterschuetz, AAUW Oklahoma State Co-President (Tulsa branch)
 9:15 am **Oklahoma Women's Coalition State Update**
 Liz Waggoner, Executive Director, Oklahoma Women's Coalition (invited)
 10:00 am **Title IX Update: Training, Reporting, and Enforcement at an Oklahoma University**
 Allan Ford, Title IX Coordinator for Northeastern State University (Tahlequah branch)
 10:45 am **Morning Break and Silent Auction Bidding**
 11:00 am **Oklahoma Education: The Continuing Impact of America's Most Drastic State Funding Cuts** Deborah Gist, Tulsa Public Schools Superintendent (invited)
 12:00 pm **Lunch and Speaker** To be announced
 1:15 pm **Human Trafficking in Oklahoma**
 Kristin Weis, Executive Director, The Demand Project (invited)
 2:15 pm **AAUW Oklahoma Affiliates Projects**
 Edmond's "Girls' Hall of Fame" Program
 Weatherford's SAGE STEAM Camp
 3:00 pm **Afternoon Break and Silent Auction Bidding**
 3:15 pm **AAUW Oklahoma Business Session & Installation of Officers**
 4:00 pm **Afternoon Keynote: Why AAUW Is Still Relevant in an Alternative Facts World**
 Kimberly Churches, AAUW Chief Executive Officer (Washington, DC)
 5:00 pm **Adjournment and Silent Auction Ends**
 5:15 pm **State Reception for Kimberly Churches, AAUW Chief Executive Officer**

 6:00 pm **Barbeque Buffet at PostOak Lodge (\$40/person additional charge)**

Sunday, July 1, 2018

- 7:00 am **Eleanor Roosevelt Run/Walk/Sleep-In/Coffee Chat** (\$25/person donation)
 All proceeds benefit the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Waiver form is required for those not sleeping in. (<https://www.aauw.org/resource/eleanor-roosevelt-fund-award/>).
 8:00 am **Sunday Breakfast (\$15/person additional charge)**
 9:00 am **State AAUW Board Meeting**
 11:00 am **Adjournment**

OTHER INFORMATION**Vendor Tables**

Vendor tables can be reserved for Saturday's Convention for a hotel charge of \$30 without electricity and \$40 with electricity. AAUW Oklahoma does not receive any of these funds. However, AAUW Oklahoma asks that vendors consider donating an item for a door prize or for silent auction to benefit AAUW Funds. For more information on reserving a table, contact Peggy Glenn at peggy.glenn@aol.com.

Plan Your Trip to Tulsa

Tulsa contains two world-class museums: Gilcrease, <https://gilcrease.org/>, which features Western and Native American art and is very close to the hotel, and Philbrook, <https://philbrook.org/>, which features European art, sculpture, and gardens).

In addition, Tulsa is home to Rustic Cuff, <https://www.rusticcuff.com/pages/the-story-of-rustic-cuff>, which has two boutiques in town.

Tulsa is not too far from Pawhuska, home of Pioneer Woman Ree Drummond's The Mercantile, <https://www.themercantile.com/>. Pawhuska is also the setting for the New York Times bestseller book written by David Grann, "Killers of the Flower Moon".

Tulsa is also near Tahlequah, <http://www.tourtahlequah.com/>, where you can float the Illinois River, explore a 1700s Cherokee village, learn about the tragic "Trail of Tears," and see why Tahlequah is called the "City of Firsts" in Oklahoma.

Registration form (check must be received by June 8)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

AAUW Branch or University Affiliation: _____

Special Meal Requirements? (specify) _____

☐ \$75/per person for Sat., June 30 State Convention registration (includes breakfast and lunch)

☐ \$40/per person for Sat., June 30 Barbeque dinner (total # of guests for dinner: _____)

☐ *Student convention rate:* \$64/per student for Sat., June 30 State Convention registration (includes breakfast and lunch) (University or college attending: _____)

☐ \$25/per person donation for Sun., July 1 Eleanor Roosevelt Run/Walk/Sleep-In/Coffee Chat

☐ \$15/per person for Sun., July 1 breakfast (total # of guests for breakfast: _____)

\$_____ Total enclosed

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Membership Vice President	Diana Campo	Edmond
Finance Officer	Faye Henson	Weatherford
Recording Secretary	Lori Gwyn	Weatherford

Nominating Committee

Chair: Jeanna Wing, Tahlequah	District I: Linda Brooks, Tulsa
District II: Jeanna Wing, Tahlequah	District III: Carol Erikson, Alva
District IV: Martha Burger, Duncan	District V: Jo Ann Bullard, Edmond

Officer Biographies**Lisa Appeddu, PhD**

Dr. Lisa Appeddu has been an active member of the Weatherford branch of AAUW since 2002. She has served as Membership Vice President (2009-2013) and Weatherford branch President (2013-2015). In addition, Lisa was a member of the national AAUW STEM Task Force (2014-2016), reviewer for the Physical & Biological Sciences section of the AAUW International Fellowship Program (2011-present), and the Oklahoma AAUW State Public Policy Chair (2013-2017). Lisa has also been a co-leader in bringing AAUW's Tech Trek to Oklahoma. Tech Trek is a STEM camp for girls entering the eighth grade. Currently she is helping to transition this camp to the Southwest Alliance for Girls' Enrichment (SAGE) in science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics (STEAM).

Dr. Appeddu holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Animal Science from New Mexico State University and a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Kentucky. Her graduate area of study was nutrition and physiology.

After earning her Ph.D., Lisa spent a year and a half as a Congressional Science Fellow for the Federation of Animal Science Societies in Washington D.C. and two years as a Research Animal Scientist at the USDA-ARS Grazinglands Research Laboratory in El Reno, OK. She came to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2002 where she taught in the Department of Biological Sciences and School of Allied Health Sciences from 2002-2013. Currently, Lisa is an Associate Professor of Physiology in the SWOSU College of Pharmacy where she teaches Physiology, Health and Biostatistics, and the nutrition component of Health Issues II. Lisa is also the Research Editor and Treasurer of Administrative issues, and Chair of the University Research & Scholarly Activity Committee.

To unwind, Lisa enjoys spinning and yoga classes and spending time at the Sand Plum Trail with her husband and two Shetland Sheepdogs.

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Molly C. Turner, MA

Molly has been a member of the Tahlequah AAUW since 2008 when she was concurrently enrolled in college and high school. There have been only 2 years out of the 10 years of her membership that she was not involved in some sort of leadership capacity. In the summer of 2011, she attended NCCWSL through Tahlequah and Oklahoma AAUW scholarships. Upon her return, she founded the NSU AAUW student affiliate, the first in Oklahoma. As a student, she co-planned two of the annual Woman to Woman events with the Tahlequah affiliate. The first Woman to Woman event, a screening of Miss Representation on the Northeastern State University campus, had over 300 people in attendance. Molly was fortunate enough to attend NCCWSL two more times through Tahlequah affiliate scholarships.

She was also awarded the AAUW Undergraduate Scholarship her senior year of college. In 2015, she served as co-president of the Tahlequah affiliate with her sister before moving into the role of Vice President of Programs in 2016, which she has filled since then. In the summer of 2017, she presented a workshop on student activism at NCCWSL with her former AAUW student affiliate advisor. Molly holds a bachelor's (2014) and master's (2017) degree in communication and works full-time for the Office of Development at Northeastern. She bought her first home in the fall of 2017 and lives there with her two Pomeranians.

Diana Campo, PhD

Dr. Diana Campo has served in several elected leadership roles in AAUW from Edmond branch President to Oklahoma AAUW President and including two terms as the SWC Regional Director. During her terms as Regional Director, Dr. Campo served as an Association Board member. She has also served on the Oklahoma AAUW State Board as AAUW/OK newsletter editor, Program Chair, EF Funds Chair, and Public Policy Chair. Diana's commitment to AAUW is unwavering. Consequently, she is willing to serve as AAUW/OK Vice President of Membership and open doors for other women who are willing to serve at the branch and state level, while enhancing their leadership skills to meet the needs of the AAUW Association. Her commitment is to work with all AAUW branches and the AAUW/OK state board to build a membership legacy to further our AAUW mission.

Dr. Campo earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Georgia and a Master of Science and Ph. D. from the University of Oklahoma. Her work experience includes private sector and public sector experiences from managing the Office of International Students for the University of Oklahoma to managing a federal job training grant program for the City of Oklahoma City to developing education training programs for the Oklahoma State Regents. Other work experience has been in the private sector, designing and implementing training programs. Diana's teaching experience has been in the public sector from middle and high school to college and post-graduate in the physical sciences. She has done primary and secondary research in the Physical Sciences fields and Human Resources and Public Relations Communication sectors.

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Reminder:

- **Must reserve room at the PostOak Lodge by June 7 for the AAUW discounted price.**
- **Conference Registration MUST be received by June 8 in order to guarantee meal counts.**
- **Online registration available.**

See Page 1 for details.

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Lori Gwyn, PhD

Dr. Gwyn joined the AAUW Weatherford branch in 2010. Her local AAUW involvement includes: Scholarship committee since 2010; President elect 2013-2015; President 2015-2017; VP Membership 2017-present; Tech Trek @ SWOSU Co-director 2013-2017; Faculty Sponsor for AAUW@SWOSU student organization since 2015. She has served on the AAUW/OK State Board since July 2014 as Legal Advocacy Fund Chair.

Lori is an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford, OK. Dr. Gwyn earned her master's and doctorate degrees in Chemistry from the University of Missouri in St. Louis. She received her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from SWOSU. Before joining the faculty at SWOSU, she served as a chemist at Danlin Industries Corporation in Thomas and served as a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City.

Faye K. Henson, M.Ed. RHIA, CCS

Faye has been a member of the Weatherford AAUW since 1980 and served in many leadership functions. She has served previously as Treasurer for AAUW/OK. Faye served two terms as President of AAUW/OK as well as other leadership and committee positions. Faye is a member of the Weatherford Environmental Group. She is a Past-President of the OK Health Information Management Association (OkHIMA) and was an organizing member of the Oklahoma Women's Coalition (OWC). Faye is from Shattuck, OK. and currently lives in Weatherford, OK. She has worked in the medical record / health information management field since 1973. She completed her Bachelor of Science ('73) and Master Education ('78) with emphasis in Biology from Southwestern OK State University, Weatherford, OK. After retiring from full-time teaching in 2003, she consulted in her field and taught as an adjunct at Southwestern. Faye stays busy reading, cooking, gardening, and traveling.

Biographies edited by Jeanna Wing.

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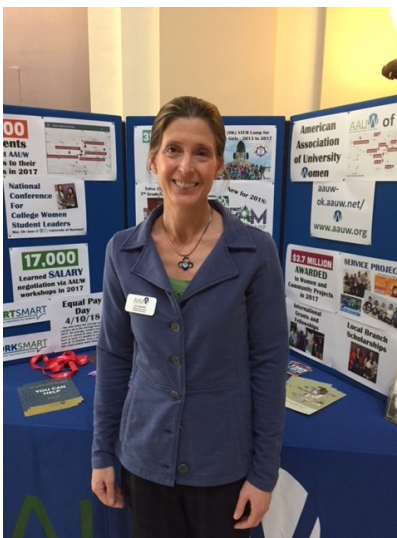


Oklahoma Women's Day on Monday, March 12

Lisa Appeddu, Weatherford Branch, represented AAUW at Oklahoma Women's Day on Monday, March 12. This annual event is hosted by the Oklahoma Women's Coalition to raise awareness of Oklahoma legislators about women's issues. Lisa hosted a booth featuring AAUW programs and 2017 accomplishments, as well as provided information about Oklahoma's AAUW branches and student branches. This year, participants visited legislators to provide information on two specific state bills: "Leave of Last Resort" (SB 1581), which would establish a shared leave bank across state agencies, thus enabling women to access paid leave to provide care for family members; and "Pay Transparency" (HB 1530/SB 1527), which would decrease pay secrecy and increase fines based on inflation for employers who violate the law, potentially enabling women to negotiate better salaries to reduce the wage gap in Oklahoma.

Update: The Pay Transparency bill failed, but the Paid Family Leave is making progress in the state legislature.

Several visitors stopped by the booth, including Cheryl Sanders, who is the sponsor of the Oklahoma City Community College AAUW/Student branch.



Lisa Appeddu at the AAUW booth at the Oklahoma Women's Day.

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AAUW Calendar

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Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO at the Missouri Convention, May 5, 2018.

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