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## FORMULATING EDUCATIONAL POLICY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005, BUSINESS MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M. RECEPTION; PROGRAM 7:30 P.M. at the

SIUC FACULTY HOUSE,

GRAND & ELIZABETH STREETS, CARBONDALE

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: CAROLYN SNYDER, KAY BRECHTELSBAUER, AND CHARLOTTE WEST

*Hear an examination of the status of education in Southern Illinois as viewed by two area women currently serving in Springfield. Andrea Brown, member of the Illinois State Board of Education, and Lucy Sloan, member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, will discuss statewide issues concerning education in Illinois.*

## WEBSITE NEW LOOK

AAUW Carbondale branch has its own website located at:  
<http://web.coehs.siu.edu/wed/wallace/AAUW%20page.htm> or link to it here → [AAUW Carbondale Branch](#). And we have a new look. Features include past INFOCUS newsletters and a link to the state and national AAUW websites. Who can guess the name of the fifth from the left woman's photo on the new website?

## INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

**Beth Arthur**, Emeritus, Clinical Center, Indiana University, University of Missouri, SIUC  
**Candis Isberner**, Broadcasting Service, State U. of New York Cortland, Hofstra University & SIUC  
**Allison Joseph**, English, Kenyon College & Indiana University Bloomington  
**Martha Henderson**, Crime, Delinquency & Corrections Center, Furman U., U. of Cincinnati  
**Pat McNeal**, Graduate School, SIUC, SIUC  
**Jolynn Smith**, Microbiology, University of Arkansas & SIUC

## INTRODUCING BRANCH OFFICERS FOR 2005-2006

- President *Lelia Marvin* is in the first year of her term.
- Membership Co-Vice Presidents *Bonnie Heidinger* is in her second year of her term and *Susan Kapp* is the first year of her term.
- Program Vice-President, *Jeannie Killian* is in the first year of her term.
- Recording secretary, *Inge Rader* is in the second year of her term.
- Corresponding secretary/newsletter editor *Mary K. Wallace* starts a second two-year term.
- Treasurer, *Frances Gilman* is in the second year of her term.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Southern Illinoisan supplement: At Home with FLIPSIDE features Pat McNeil, one of our newest members, who was also at the September meeting. A big picture shows her at home fitness program, and also mentions that as a person of Mexican descent she "minimizes her own risk" by this home exercise plan. Check it out and get to know about Pat off the job and outside of a meeting!

## FALL CONFERENCE

October 15, 2005, is the District 1, 2, & 3 Fall Conference. Last year, Bonnie Heidinger and Carolyn A. Snyder represented the Carbondale Branch at the AAUW-IL., Inc. at the District 1 meeting. (District 1 includes Carbondale, Centralia and Harrisburg, with branches along the Mississippi River.) If you are interested in attending this year's conference, please contact Bonnie Heidinger or me.

## OCTOBER 11 PROGRAM SPEAKERS

**Andrea Brown** has had an extensive background in education as an elementary teacher, Project and Title VI Directors, Superintendent of Schools and Regional superintendent of Schools in Alexander-Johnson-Massac-Pulaski-Union Counties. Andrea has held membership in many honorary organizations and boards such as Kappa Delta Pi, Delta Kappa Gamma, Phi Delta Kappa and the Illinois State Board of Education. Andrea's statewide committees included involvement in the Committee for the Development of Illinois Quality Review Process, Choices and Challenges Award-Illinois Women Administrators (1990), and the Southern Illinois Educational Leadership Dept. Advisory Committee (1990-1995).

**Lucy Sloan** has had a lifetime of public service and dedication to education which began as an elementary teacher. Lucy has been recognized and honored many times for her involvement in education as she served as the third President of the Illinois Lincoln of Councilors, and was appointed in 1998-1999 by former Governor Jim Edgar to serve on the Status of Women I Education Working Group. Among many of Lucy's positions of honor and respect was that of the John A. Logan College Foundation where she led the college's first \$2.5 million capital campaign. Lucy is a member of the Carbondale AAUW branch.

## A PREVIEW OF OUR VISIT TO NEW STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

An episode on the Student Health Programs facility begins at 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4. on WSIU-TV. Our April meeting will be a guided tour of the new Student Health Center.

## A LOCAL HEROINE

(By her daughter, Stella Iwuagwu (Crystal Iwuagwu, 7th Grade, Carbondale Middle School)

*[One of our 2005-06 winning essays: gives us to a true heroine in our midst.]*

Admiration for me is to look up to someone in awe or respect. Someone I would admire would be a mentor or someone whose footsteps I would like to follow. Women I admire are countless like Rosa Parks, Eleanor Roosevelt and many more. The woman I admire the most is my mother, Ms Stella Lwuagwu. She grew up the oldest of eight children whom she took care of with her poor, but happy parents. They lived in rural Nigeria.

My mother is a miracle. She was a lone survivor of a multi car accident. She has had eight major surgeries. She has also been kidnapped but by the grace of God she was not hurt. I believe God has a purpose for her life. She taught my brother and me to fear and love God. She is courageous, hardworking, and joyful.

I admire my mother mainly because of her work with people with AIDS. She founded a non-profit organization called Center for the Right to Health with four bases in Nigeria and over one thousand clients. She did this out of compassion for people living with HIV/AIDS who were so stigmatized that their families and friends rejected them. They lose their jobs, are denied health care and human dignity. They die mainly from loneliness and dejection.

My mother takes care for them. Though some get stronger, others die. She has a team of lawyers that take legal action against those who discriminate against people with HIV/AIDS. The first time they had a case, the judge would not even let the woman with AIDS into the courtroom. My mother educates the public and policy makers on humane response to HIV/AIDS. Her eloquence and passion has brought positive transformation on how people with AIDS are treated. She has convinced many to become AIDS advocates. My brother and I are one of the advocates; we help her in the care of children with AIDS.

My mother is so devoted in her work that she is hardly ever home. She has traveled to various African and European countries. When she comes home she is exhausted, but still manages to spend time with her family. She is lively and understanding that I sometimes wonder where she gets all the energy and patience; sometimes she comes home frustrated by the callousness of people, but it often takes as little as a foot massage to revive my mother.

My mother is dynamic; her educational achievement inspires me too. She has a Bachelors of Science in Nursing, a Masters in Public Health and another Masters in management. She is working towards a PhD in Health Education. God has often used people to bless her; the most notable is Oprah Winfrey who awarded her the African Women's Public Service fellowship to study at the Wagner School of Public Service, New York University. Each day I see her picture with Oprah on our table, my pride in my mom swells. She is my hero.

Stella Iwuagwu (Crystal Iwuagwu, 7th Grade, Carbondale Middle School)

## **FEMALE OWNED BUSINESS FOCUSES ON HURRICANE BUSINESS RELIEF EFFORTS**

### *FAST FORWARD RESTART*

Linda Zuk of Atlanta, Georgia, runs a training company call Fast Forward Process that will be assisting businesses, leaders, companies, non-profits and government struck by the hurricane to begin anew. An extension of her company, called Fast Forward Restart, launched from Katrina, is busy with strategic planning. The highly structured and disciplined training program consists of six stages: Organizational Assessment, The Forward, Personal Coaching, Leadership and Accountability Workshop (after six weeks), Continued Follow-up Coaching and Future of the Company Meeting (after three months). Phone Toll Free (800) 570-0312 or email: info@FastForwardProcess.com.

## **UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF DISTINCTION HONOREES FOR 2005**



At the September, 2005, AAUW program, Martha Ellert introduced each of the University Women of Distinction honorees for 2005. Who's the lady in the back? Pictured from left to right they are AAUW President, Lelia Marvin; Allison Joseph; Norma Ewing; Lizette Chevalier; Frances Gilman; Candis Isberner; Marcia Anderson; Carolyn Donow; Jeannie Killian; Pat McNeil; M. Joan McDermott; Kay Brechtelsbauer; Beverly Stitt and Jolynn Smith.

## **OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Excerpt from The Daily Texan, Oct. 7, 2005: Michelle Burton from Texas found out she was pregnant only two weeks after being diagnosed with breast cancer. Burton, a UT social work graduate student, had chemotherapy and surgery while pregnant and survived to give birth to her first daughter, Brianna, seven months ago. Myth #1: Breast cancer only affects older women.

## **SENATE REAUTHORIZES VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT, OCT 6, 2005**

Good News: The Senate passed the bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (S. 1197). The House passed a Violence Against Women reauthorization measure last month (H.R. 2876), as part of its Justice Department reauthorization bill (H.R. 3402).

**Applications for the 2006-2007 academic year are now online. Please refer to each program for application details, eligibility requirements, and deadlines.**

- [American Fellowships](#) support women doctoral candidates completing dissertations and scholars seeking funds for postdoctoral research leave or for preparing completed research for publication. Applicants must be U.S citizens or permanent residents. One-year postdoctoral research leave fellowships, dissertation fellowships, and summer/short-term research publication grants are offered.
- [Career Development Grants](#) support women who hold a bachelor's degree and who are preparing to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force. Applicants must be U.S citizens or permanent residents.
- [Community Action Grants](#) provide seed money to individual women, AAUW branches and AAUW state organizations, as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or nondegree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Applicants must be U.S citizens or permanent residents.
- [International Fellowships](#) are awarded for full-time graduate or postgraduate study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Supplemental grants support community-based projects in the fellow's home country.
- [Selected Professions Fellowships](#) are awarded to women who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and who intend to pursue a full-time course of study (during the fellowship year) in designated degree programs where women's participation traditionally has been low.
- [University Scholar-in-Residence](#), located at a college or university, undertakes and disseminates research on gender and equity for women and girls.

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**OUR AAUW MISSION**

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and societal change.

**EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

AAUW's Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change.

**LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND**

AAUW's Legal advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

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**See you Tuesday**, October 11, 2005.  
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