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Join our Zoom meeting

Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.

with Dr. Michelle Liu on "The Country that Fiction Built"

How can fiction help us imagine building more empathy and openness toward those with experiences different from our own?

Dr. Michelle Liu, a professor of English at UW and Humanities Washington speaker, will delve into the many ways our country is deeply shaped by authors Harper Lee and Harriet Beecher Stowe. Using *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, Michelle Liu invites participants to think about how these two works of fiction still fundamentally shape, as well as limit, how we think about skin color, morality, and who counts as human.

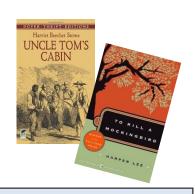
Dr. Liu, who earned her PhD in American Studies from Yale University, specializes in teaching writing and exploring ideas about identity, history, emotion, and storytelling. AAUW Seattle is grateful to <a href="https://example.com/humanities/washington">Humanities/washington</a> for funding this public presentation.

# AAUW members and the general public can register here for this free presentation.

Note: This link will take you to a Zoom registration page where you will receive a different link to the program. As that link is unique and available only to you, we recommend you copy it into your calendar or save it to an easily accessible place.







#### And Next Month...

We are working on a fun and exciting virtual program to replace our traditional holiday brunch at the Yacht Club. Stay tuned for updates! **Save the date: Wednesday, December 9, at 7 p.m.** 

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## **Leadership Corner**—*Marianne North*

#### **Leadership for Women 101**

Every day, I see more women stepping forward to take on leadership roles - whether running for office or heading up major projects at large organizations. This makes me so hopeful for our future.

AAUW provides many opportunities for its members to lead projects and serve as officers, two of the key experiences in building leadership skills. While serving as a branch and state president and program vice-president during my 40 years of AAUW membership, I have acquired some tips for effective leadership:

- **85% of success is just showing up.** Attend and participate in meetings. Join in events. Network.
- Learn the organizational climate. Know the mission, vision and values of the organization. How are decisions made? Who is in charge of what? Look at the national and local websites and browse the officer roles and responsibilities.
- Reach out to other members. Join in the interest groups and special projects. Serve on the board. Help with the newsletter or website or other projects. Ask the branch president where help is needed.
- Get back to people. Answer emails, voice mails, texts and tweets promptly. Even if you are too busy or don't have the information, send a quick response saying you will get back to the sender later.
- Keep people in the loop. If you are making plans that involve other committees, officers, and members, keep them up to date and check with them to avoid scheduling conflicts as well as duplication of duties. For example, I recall a new branch president scheduled a speaker for a particular meeting without coordinating with the program committee, which had scheduled a different speaker for the same meeting!
- Live up to your commitments. If you accept an officer role, carry out your responsibilities.
- Sometimes you can't have it your way. You may be trying to change things for the good of all, but you can't achieve that change if it won't be good for everybody. We are always wrestling with the best time to meet, so that women of different ages and responsibilities can join in. One group I belonged to changed the meeting times to accommodate working women, but lost all the retirees who did not want to meet in the evenings. This dilemma requires a new approach, perhaps to changing to two meetings a month, at different times. And remember, if you don't get your way and leave in a huff, word will get around about your team-playing skills. Even if you know you are right, it's better to be known as gracious in the face of resistance. Keep trying and keep earning trust to build a coalition and socialize the idea.
- Have fun, and make it fun for everyone! Many of us in AAUW are natural introverts, but we still like to have fun. Fun-making may not be your talent, so assign this role to others.



# This newsletter is a publication of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Seattle Branch.

Page one <u>Seattle cityscape</u> by Michael Tompsett

#### **Mission Statement**

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

#### <u>Vision</u>

Equity for all.

#### **Values**

Nonpartisan. Fact-based. Integrity. Inclusion and Intersectionality.



# **Board Meeting Summary**—Rachael Foe

The Board met on October 5 via Zoom and began with a conversation on what to include in the next *Catalyst*. Then, programming needs from October through December were addressed. Robin Hendricks gave an overview of membership to date and Barbara Sando reviewed the positive state of our branch's financials.

June Arnold voiced her concerns and ideas about our scholar recognition event being held online this spring, and Gay Armsden updated us on how we might increase our scholarship applicants.

Finally, Tonna Kutner updated the board on her work to facilitate updates to our website.

# **Special Section: COVID-19 Vaccine Development**

#### Introduction—Fiona Goodchild



At our NE Seattle Small Social Group a few weeks ago, we discussed how the COVID-19 restrictions had such a serious effect on women, especially many of the younger ones we knew. These young women are essential workers, caregivers, and mothers of young children who are at home because they cannot attend school. We were concerned that their careers and mental health have been negatively affected and wondered how long this situation would continue.

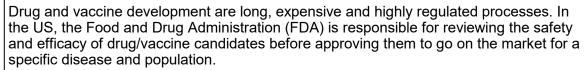
One member of our group raised the question of how soon a safe vaccine might realistically be expected. In answer, Reitha Weeks pointed to various factors that might and it became clear that Reitha is an expert in the field. We were all very interested in

affect that timeline, and it became clear that Reitha is an expert in the field. We were all very interested in what she had to tell us.

From that discussion, I decided that since this topic is timely and important to our mission of supporting women and their careers, we should have a special section in our newsletter devoted to COVID vaccine-development – the results of which we are all so keenly waiting for. So, we've asked some branch members who have worked in science and medicine to weigh in. Their bios are at the end of this issue.

#### COVID-19 Vaccines: Speed & Safety Required—Reitha Weeks

It has been said that "vaccines represent the most cost-effective, life-saving device in history"<sup>1</sup>, and yet, amidst this worldwide pandemic caused by SARS-CoV-2 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2), a large part of the American public is skeptical and hesitant to take a vaccine. According to a Pew Research Center survey in September<sup>2</sup>, the percentage of US adults who would definitely or probably take a vaccine, if it were available, was just 51% - down from 72% in May. The greatest concern is that the testing is being rushed and side effects are not yet fully understood.





In this pandemic, the goal has been to reduce the vaccine development timeline from 10-15 years down to 12-18 months – without sacrificing safety and efficacy. New technologies, experience with previous coronaviruses, and increased collaboration among researchers worldwide are all making it possible to shorten the five-stage process.

- **Stage 1**. "Discovery" has been shortened because of previous experience and knowledge gained from SARS-CoV-1. The rapid sharing of research results among scientists worldwide has meant an explosion of accessible information.
- **Stage 2.** "Pre-Clinical" work involves lab assays, cell culture and animal studies to select and characterize the most promising candidates. New assays, genetically engineered animal models, and new vaccine types have been developed.
- Stage 3. "Clinical Trials" involve vaccine testing in humans, in three phases. The process has been accelerated by doing larger trials with multiple doses and overlapping the phases, instead of doing them sequentially. Frequent FDA reviews have enabled phase 1 and 2 safety studies to progress quickly. Only phase 3 clinical trials are not being shortened. Phase 3 trials are critical for identifying efficacy and safety, especially rare side effects. These involve random, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies with 30,000 to 44,000 volunteers per vaccine, with study sites around the world. The FDA "encourages" that volunteers participating in trials represent the final target population, ideally women and men, multiple ages, ethnicities and various underlying health conditions. The current trials do not include young children and pregnant women.
- Stage 4. "FDA Review" will evaluate safety when the trials are completed. However, if early results demonstrate safety, the FDA can grant Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), which allows for use by essential workers while the phase 3 trials continue. The FDA is requiring a minimal efficacy (50%) to grant approval. There is no way to tell in advance when the phase 3 trials will meet the protocol end-

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#### COVID Vaccines— Paddy Shivanand

Judy Waring interviewed pharmaceutical scientist Paddy Shivanand for her perspective, since she



has long worked in drug development. Prior to COVID-19 she was traveling to Purdue one weekend a month plus two or three times a year to Africa to teach. Since the pandemic began, Paddy has been very busy teaching 2 classes a week from her home through Purdue University, with half of the students living in Africa. Teaching virtually takes twice as much time for her, due to preparations for screen sharing and individually responding to students.

She has provided this link to a very informative BBC article "The quest to make a global vaccine in 12 months". Major points include 1) Manufacturing and distribution need to be considered, 2) Many of the vaccines being developed will require two doses in order to be effective, and 3) Keeping vaccines safe and secure will be vital.

Paddy also supplied links to two July FDA podcasts, where you can read the transcripts that give a good description of the approval process.

Vaccine Approval Process:

Part 1, Part 2

points, which require a certain number of COVID infections.

• Stage 5. "Manufacturing and Marketing". Building of manufacturing plants has begun before any vaccines have been approved. The vaccine distribution is challenging because of temperature requirements, transportation and storage conditions. The lead vaccines at this time require two shots, three or four weeks apart, increasing the logistics and administrative burden. Making sufficient quantities of vaccines will take time, which means there will have to be a prioritization of recipients.

With objective reviews by the FDA, the public should feel reassured about the safety and efficacy of approved vaccines. However, equity issues around access and cost have yet to be fully addressed.

<sup>1</sup> "Immunological Mechanisms of Vaccination"

<sup>2</sup> "U.S. Public Now Divided Over Whether to Get Covid-19 Vaccine"

#### COVID-19 Vaccines: A Work in Progress—Kathy Principi

Reportedly, 40 percent of Americans and Europeans are currently reluctant to take a COVID vaccine.

Skepticism is high, given the rushed nature and politicization of this vaccine-development race. In the past, vaccine development took years while scientists followed very large groups of people for efficacy and adverse reactions. Virtually all of the current studies are being conducted on as few as 30,000 people per study over just a few months (Pfizer recently



expanded to 44,000).<sup>3</sup> The obvious concern is that with the rushed timeline, significant adverse reactions could later occur after millions of people have been given a vaccine - reactions that went unseen in the shorter, limited studies. The makeup of the trial groups is unclear as well. Do they really represent a cross section of the US population?

In general, I am a big supporter of taking vaccines. In this situation I think individuals need to weigh their own risk factors and decide at what point they want to be immunized. Low-risk people might wish to wait a bit longer than others before signing up. For higher risk people, the decision is more complicated and personal.

Given the billions of dollars of tax money that has gone into this research, I would expect immunizations to be free or extremely low-cost.

<sup>3</sup> <u>Time magazine reported</u> in September that 1 million more volunteers were needed for vaccine trials.

#### COVID Vaccines & Staying Safe—Virginia Leland

Judy Waring interviewed clinical pharmacist Virginia Leland for her advice. Virginia considers vaccines to be the gold standard we're aiming for. Meanwhile, she says, it's important to get your flu shot, continue wearing a mask, follow social distancing guidelines, and do sanitizing, including frequent handwashing.

Her other piece of excellent advice is to think of science when you're considering which candidates to vote for in November.



# Seattle Branch Virtual End-of-Year Fundraiser: Donate to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund now and Double your Impact—Barbara Sando

For many years, Seattle Branch members have generously supported a December basket-raffle fundraiser to benefit local programs, most recently Tech Trek. Like so many other things, our traditional holiday program has been upended by the pandemic this year. We'll still have



a great holiday program, and we'll also still have a chance to financially support AAUW's mission. The branch is most fortunate to be able to support our local programs as a result of the generous bequests we've received. This year, the board has decided to sponsor a virtual fundraiser for the <u>AAUW Greatest Needs Fund</u>. Seattle Branch will match each dollar donated (up to a total of \$4,000) between now and the end of 2020, doubling the impact of our gifts.

Every gift to AAUW makes a difference — but our dollars go furthest when we donate to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund. This fund allows AAUW to respond rapidly, in communications and advocacy, to address critical issues affecting women as they emerge. When donations are not restricted to fellowships or specific projects, AAUW has the dollars it needs to pivot as the national dialogue shifts. Greatest Needs is also what fuels AAUW's groundbreaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay laws and other key equity legislation. Giving to Greatest Needs is a great way to ensure AAUW's continued visibility, relevance and sustainability.

The simplest way to <u>make your tax-deductible donation</u> is to do so online. Make sure the "Greatest Needs Fund" box at the top is highlighted in blue. Please enter your member ID (which you'll find in our Directory) to ensure your donation gets credited to Seattle Branch and will be matched. If you prefer to donate via check, please write your check to "AAUW Funds" and specify "Greatest Needs Fund (9110) / Seattle Branch" on the memo line, then mail your check to: AAUW, PO Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045.

Thank you in advance for supporting the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund!

# Public Policy—Judy Waring

By the time you receive this *Catalyst*, most of you will have already voted. Thus, I'm writing now with suggestions on how to answer, "What Next?"

After voting concludes at 8 p.m. on November 3, we'll begin looking at who was elected and what ballot measures have passed. We may not have the answer for days to come. In really tight races, will there be recounts? How will this be paid for?

Then it will be time to begin checking in with your state legislators. Whether they're newly elected or long-serving, you still need to begin making contact with them. November and December are good times to get in touch and introduce yourself if necessary, or check in with them. You will find a huge amount of information on <a href="https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rosters">https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rosters</a>, including links to bios about your two district representatives and your senator, which bills they've sponsored, what committees they serve on, etc. Information you'll find now is current for the 2019-2020 session. If they are having a pre-session meeting in your district, it will be probably done virtually and you can attend.

The next legislative session will start on Monday, January11, 2021. Since this is an odd-numbered year, it is the longer-budget session, lasting 105 days. Plans are being made for a Monday, February 1, virtual Lobby Day—you won't need to drive to Olympia! Your legislators will be scheduling virtual appointments, and just like with in-person meetings, their calendars will be filling up.

Committee Assembly Days are scheduled for November 30 - December 1 for both the House and Senate. Committees will receive a preview of major budget issues, including the impacts of COVID-19, that are likely to be considered in the 2021 session. Some committees are meeting now and you can sign up to get e-mail notifications and watch on TVW on the internet.

For a summary of all the bills that passed the legislature during the 2020 regular session, click here.

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#### Small Social Groups (SSG's)—Gay Armsden



People are being creative with coming up with topics to chat about on Zoom. Recently, in the **W. Seattle+Points South** SSG (pictured at left), members wrote up a page on a chosen topic and then read it aloud and answered questions. They "learned a lot about each other and possibly got a start on preserving memories" for their families. This SSG draws inspiration from list downloaded from online, called "Writing Triggers."

The **NW Seattle** SSG (pictured below) has shared a favorite item around the house and the history behind it. Their latest topic was book recommendations "to help as we settle in for the long winter."

The **NE Seattle** SSG recently talked about favorite travel destinations (so nice to dream about!), but also enjoys just seeing what comes up.

Lastly, the **Northernmost** SSG shared favorite limericks and ones they wrote themselves. When Marianne North asked her Alexa, "Learn with limericks," here's what always-alert Alexa came up with:

The land mass of Pangea was iconic, But friction among the continents was chronic. They needed a fresh start, so they drifted apart. Now their relationship is purely tectonic. - By Alexa A.I.



- Central Seattle: Sandra Wheeler writes, "[We] meet monthly for about an hour. Our conversations are
  free-ranging but very lively, providing help/suggestions and offering a few chuckles. All things needed
  during these very trying times. There are usually about a half dozen members from various locations Central District, First Hill, Eastlake, Hawaii. Please consider joining us." Next meeting is November 23
  at 4 p.m. Current contact: Tonna Kutner.
- **NE Seattle**: Next Zoom: November 3 at 11 a.m. Current contact: Ruth McFadden. Meets on the first Tuesday of the month.
- Northernmost: Next Zoom: Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. Current contact Gay Armsden. Meets every other month.
- NW Seattle: Next Zoom: November 11 at 5:30 p.m. Current contact: Laurel Erickson. Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
- W. Seattle & Points South: Next Zoom: November 10 at 10 a.m., with Pamela Bradburn leading the fun. Current contact: Barbara Sando. Usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

Send Zoom screen-captures to Gay Armsden at scholarships@aauw-seattle.org.

# Programming in a Pandemic for Branch and State Leaders—Lynn Dissinger

On October 14, National AAUW held a webinar for branches on how to transition programming and fundraising to virtual meetings in this time of the coronavirus pandemic. Over 100 branch representatives participated. As a Five Star branch, Seattle was invited to be one of eight branches from across the country to present their successes, and then lead small groups in further brainstorming.

Co-President Lynn Dissinger represented the branch and shared a summary of our recent virtual branch meetings, as well as how we are continuing to engage members with our small neighborhood Zoom social gatherings (SSG's). She also commented on the "up" side of virtual meetings – engaging attendees from beyond the immediate area and allowing smaller branches within the Puget Sound area who may not have the resources to do their own virtual events, to join our monthly branch meetings.

Other ideas presented that our branch may want to consider include a virtual gathering of Washington recipients of AAUW fellowships, rather than the luncheon we had hoped to host; a QVC-type Zoom to promote local women-owned businesses; and for our SSG's, a Holiday Ugly Sweater contest!

A recording of the webinar can be found on YouTube, here.



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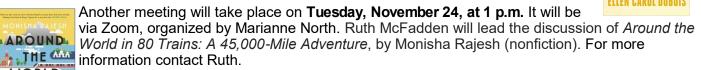
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TRAINS

The Seattle Branch has three very active interest groups (one is currently on hiatus) and hopes to add new ones in the near future, so stay tuned. Check this space each month to learn what's happening with each interest group and consider joining one or more. The more members who join in, the merrier. A contact person is listed with each group below.

**Book Group**—Ruth McFadden—books@aauw-seattle.org Our next meeting will be Monday, November 2, at 1 p.m., via Zoom. We will join other WA AAUW members as Author Ellen Dubois, Professor Emeritus of History at UCLA, discusses her

book, Suffrage: Women's Long Battle for the Vote. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Email books@aauw-seattle.org to register please. Contact Marianne North if you have guestions.



Writers' Group—Marianne North—writing@aauw-seattle.org

The writing group is meeting via Zoom on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Members share and critique their writing, which can range from memoirs to fiction to short stories based on writing prompts. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Marianne.

## October Program Summary—Judy Waring

On Saturday, October 10, our co-president Lynn Dissinger introduced the two UW students whom we sponsored to attend the 2019 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), held at the University of Maryland. Sosna D. Woldemariam, a fourth-year Public Health student, is still connected to others she met at NCCWSL and told of a Women in Medicine group she helped form as a way for pre-med students to connect. Hielen Enyew described the pleasure of meeting others with the same mentality and goals, and of getting good advice from radio and TV speakers, and an engineer from NASA. Her leadership role since returning from NCCWSL included asking her physics teacher to join his research team and recruiting others to join as well.

Katherine Cleland introduced our speaker, Legal Voice staff attorney Catherine West, and shared a bit about her background as the first in her family to attend college. Catherine outlined Legal Voice's purpose and talked about several recent cases. She then explained how the enactment of SB 5395, requiring that ageappropriate medically accurate sex education be taught in public schools, was put on hold after opponents were successful at putting it on the November ballot (Referendum 90).

Catherine presented the contents of the bill, the importance of healthy sex ed for students, and that voting "yes" is necessary for the bill to go into effect. In addition, we learned ways we can help the Campaign for Safe and Healthy Youth by phone banking, writing letters to the editor, and participating in literature drops.

Meeting on Zoom is different: Chatting before the program began, Puyallup AAUW member Kathy Swanson, who just moved to Seattle, learned she lives in the same retirement community as our member Connie Kapner, and at least three of our members had dogs who were quietly in attendance at our meeting.

Our meeting was recorded, so if you missed it you'll find a recording here. Access Passcode: i2u4bY%c

## **Legal Voice—**Judy Waring

Founded in 1978 as the Northwest Women's Law Center, Legal Voice is a progressive organization whose work aims to dismantle sexism and oppression in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Through litigation, advocacy and education, Legal Voice advocates for marginalized communities affected by gender oppression and injustice.

Did you know? Judy Turpin (pictured), past AAUW-WA president and our former state lobbyist, was one of the founders of the Northwest Women's Law Center.



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## Member News-Judy Waring

# A very Happy Birthday to you, Frances, from all of us!

Frances Kwapil will be celebrating her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday in mid-November quietly at her apartment at Ida Culver House. Due to the pandemic, she's not having visitors, but is getting to go to the dining room for dinner



every other night, when half of the residents dine.

Frances joined Seattle Branch in 1945, served as branch secretary in 1952-53, and was an active member of various interest groups. She's been a longtime supporter of the arts and education, including Seattle's opera and symphony, and AAUW. Frances enjoys reading our *Catalyst*, and we were delighted to have her attend our December 2018 Holiday meeting at the Seattle Yacht Club (just wish the power had been on!).

At 2018 and 2019 fall meetings, our members signed cards to deliver to Frances. But, since we're not currently meeting in person to do this, we're hoping our members will send a birthday card and brief note to Frances. You'll find her address in our new blue directory.

**DeLancey Lane** joined our branch in 2018 after returning to Seattle when she began working for several political campaigns. She has served as the college-university relations



director for WA State AAUW and was our speaker at our September 2018 branch meeting. Prior to this, DeLancey had graduated from American University in Washington, D.C. and worked for National AAUW.

Last March she moved to Greenville, North Carolina, to work on the campaign of a candidate in the District 9 NC State House race. Campaigning

during a pandemic is different, i.e., wearing masks and not going out, particularly early in the campaign. Phone banking in NC has included volunteers from Code Blue Washington, one of the groups in WA and OR assisting in the campaign.

DeLancey lives with a roommate who works on another campaign and they have a dog named Frances Perkins Cooper Lane (after the Secretary of Labor who was the first woman cabinet member). She and her roommate paid their respects to Ruth Bader Ginsburg by driving 5 hours to our capitol to walk by her casket at the Supreme Court—and then driving 5 hours back to NC.

# AAUW-Seattle Branch Officers 2020-2021

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## Thank you to our Special Section Contributors!

**Reitha Weeks**, who earned a PhD in Genetics from UW, has worked in biotech (drug development) for 13 years, eventually becoming director in a small company. Currently she works at Shoreline Community College as Program Coordinator for biotech summer camps for high-schoolers, and teaches at the Edmonds Community College Creative Retirement Institute. Her class there on drug development will be held on November 18. Reitha joined Seattle Branch this year.

**Paddy Shivanand,** who received her PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Cincinnati, has many years of experience in drug development and has been on the adjunct faculty of Purdue University for the past four years. Paddy joined Seattle Branch in 2014 and was our speaker at our 2017 Scholar

Recognition Reception.

**Kathy Principi** is a retired MD who moved back to Seattle in the past year after spending three and half years living in Rome. She joined the Healdsburg, CA, AAUW Branch when

working in California and then joined our Seattle Branch last Spring.

**Virginia Leland** graduated from the University of Washington with a BS in pharmacy and retired in 2012 after a long career at the UW Medical Center. She has been a Seattle Branch member since 1996. (Her photo for this article was provided by the UW Medicine Pharmacy Services website.)



Upcoming Events				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Program
November 2, 2020	Monday	1:00 pm	Zoom meeting. Email books@aauw-seattle.org for information.	Ellen Dubois, Author, <b>Suffrage: Women's Long Battle for the Vote</b>
November 9, 2020	Monday	7:00 pm	Zoom meeting. Email secretary@aauw-seattle.org for information.	Branch Board Meeting
November 16, 2020	Monday	7:00 pm	Zoom meeting. Register here. Please save the unique link that will be provided.	Michelle Liu, Humanities Washington, The Country that Fiction Built
December TBD			Zoom meeting. Email secretary@aauw-seattle.org for information.	Branch Board Meeting
December 9, 2020	Wednesday	7:00 pm		Save the date! December Program to be announced