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The Beacon

Santa Cruz Branch, American Association of University Women

March, 2014

Legal Advocacy Fund Program, Co-Sponsored by CHES (Colleges, Housing, Educational Services) Featuring:

Allison Galloway

Campus Provost and Executive Vice-Chancellor Professor, UCSC



Alison Galloway (Ph.D. 1988 University of Arizona), Professor, is a physical/biological anthropologist specializing in the study of the human skeleton. Her areas of research include legal aspects of forensic anthropology, rates and processes of decomposition, age-related changes in the skeleton, and analysis of trauma. She is certified by the American Board of Forensic Anthropology and consults with the coroners/medical examiners for many Central and Northern California counties.

She was a winner of the Excellence in Teaching Award for UCSC in 1994, a Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer in 2003-2005 and was the recipient of the T. Dale Stewart Award for career achievement in February of 2013.

March 22, 2014

11:30 am—2:00 pm

UCSC College 9/10 Dining Hall for brunch

Meeting and Talk will be upstairs in the University Center Alumni Room
1156 High Street, Santa Cruz

Directions and Parking instructions are attached (**carpooling strongly encouraged**)

Important note: Please be sure to bring \$4 cash or a check to give to the parking lot attendant to obtain a parking permit. If you have any questions or find yourself lost, Rosemary's cell# is 831-234-3551.

Mail this form or a sheet of paper with the relevant information to reserve your space for this exciting event!

Deadline is March 14

\$10 per person for Brunch

Make your check payable to AAUW Santa Cruz
and send to Rosemary Anderson, 14 Parkwood Drive, Watsonville, CA
95076.

Member name: _____

Guest names: _____

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UNIVERSITY CENTER

The University Center is located on the top floor of the College Nine/Ten Dining Hall Commons. Colleges Nine and Ten are located off of McLaughlin Drive, across from the Cowell Health Center.

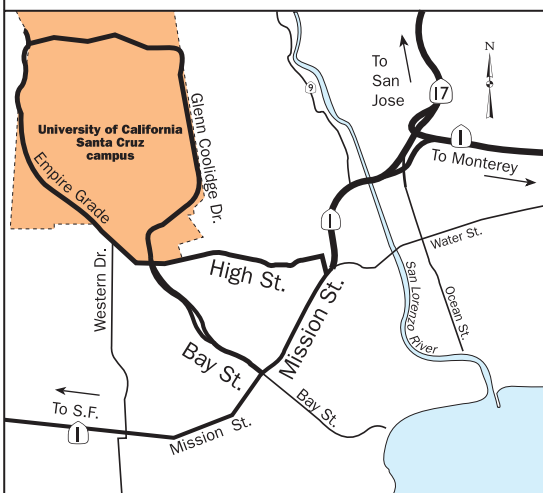
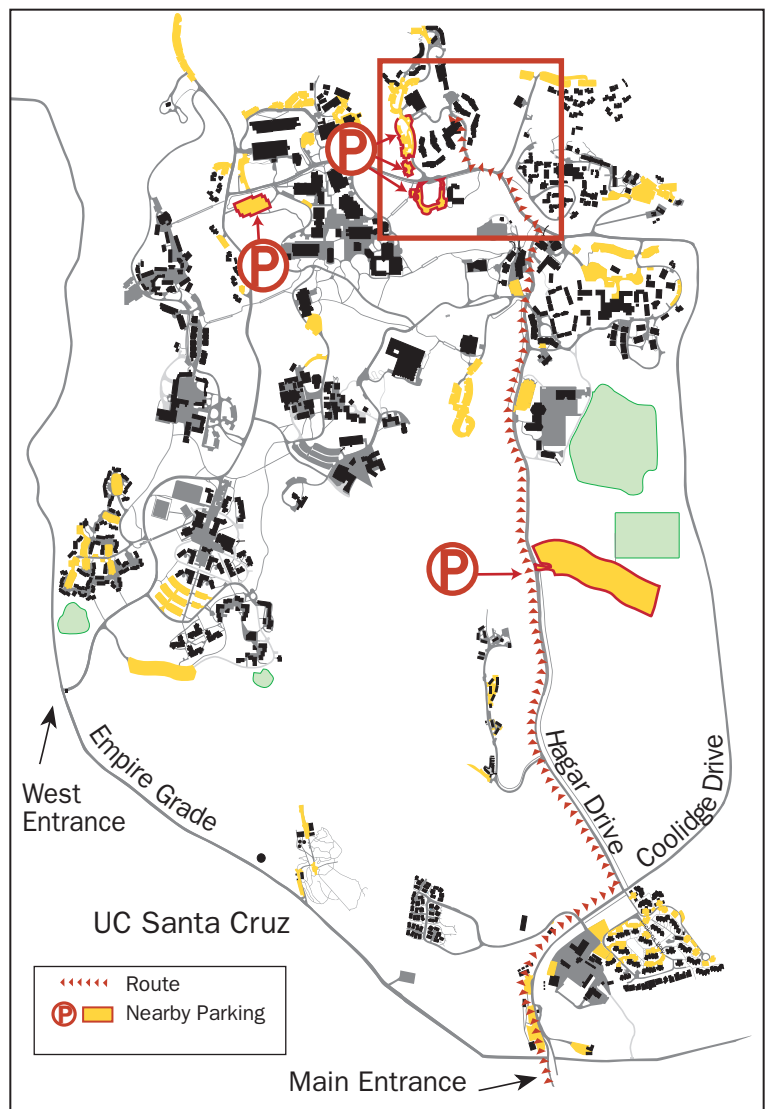
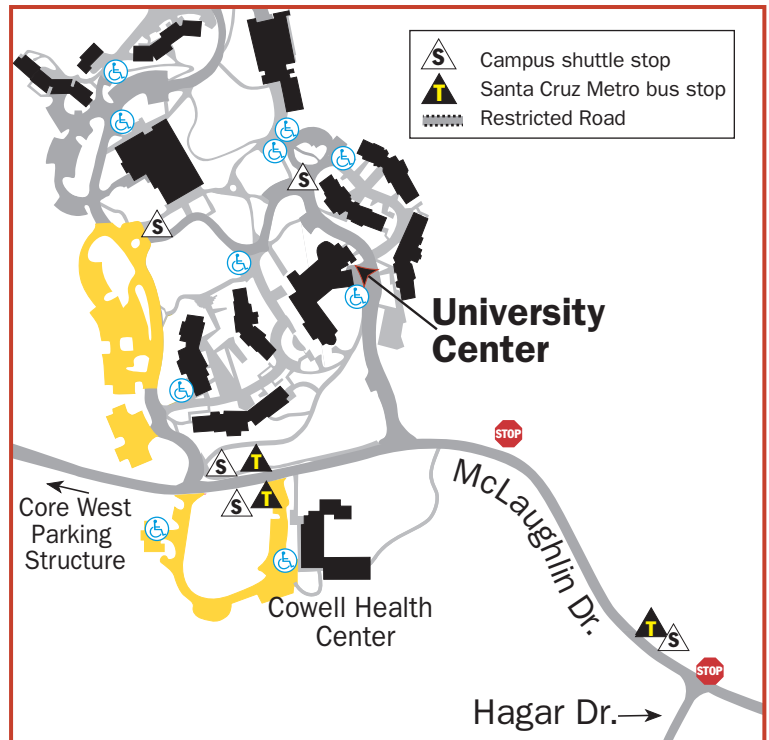
Those walking or arriving by Metro bus or campus shuttle can follow the wheelchair-accessible path from the bus stop.

For those driving, there are several parking options, but please keep in mind that nearby parking is extremely limited; you may find it easier to park in either the Core West Parking Structure or the East Remote lot and take a campus shuttle.

There is parking available in small lots along the College Ten service road. Permits are required in these lots 24 hours a day, seven days a week." There is also a small lot across McLaughlin Drive at the Cowell Health Center; eight metered spaces are available there. The parking structure has 19 Pay Station spaces available to guests and short-term parkers, for up to two hours. When parking in these spaces, payment is made with cash or credit card to the pay station located next to the elevator on the second level of the structure.

The closest accessible parking spaces are just north of the University Center on the College Nine service road; there are several more just off the College Ten service road.

Lot designations are subject to change; it is advisable to check the permit requirements posted at parking lot entrances when parking on campus. One-day visitor permits may be purchased at the main entrance kiosk or at the TAPS Sales Office (located in the H Barn at the base of campus). Parking meters are posted regarding hours of enforcement.



Board Meetings

Board meetings are held at 10 a.m., at the Goodwill Conference Room, 350 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, on the first Monday of each month. If you wish to be on the agenda, please contact the Secretary in advance. All members are welcome to attend!

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Board News

President's Message

The Inter-Branch Council (IBC) Luncheon was very nice. Our speakers for the day were Dr. Richard Kezirian and Ellen Wilson of the Panetta Institute. I am pleased to state that members of the Santa Cruz Branch made up easily one third or more of those in attendance.

The Winter Olympics has come to a close. I am always thrilled to see the USA athletes return home with medals. I have to say that I hate to see any of those competing have to lose. They have all worked so hard to be able to participate.

Looking back on the history of the games, it is so gratifying to see the female athletes. It reminds me of the battle we (women) seem to always be fighting simply to be allowed a place at the starting line. It is a constant frustration. However, we are steadily pushing forward toward the goal of recognized equality. I say recognized, as we were created equal to say the very least. The struggle is to attain the recognition and compensation that should automatically come with the reality.

Okay, enough of my soap box for this month.

Election of officers for 2014-2015 is fast approaching. The Nominating Committee has met, but the slate is not yet complete. If you have a desire to serve our branch in some capacity, please don't wait to be asked, volunteer. Grace Gerbrandt and the rest of the committee will be happy to hear from you.

As I write this, I am also enjoying the view of a wonderful rainy day outside of my study window. What a lovely site; and soggy for a change. The drought is weighing heavy on the minds of many in our fair state. Let's all do our part by cutting back on our water usage.

I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting.

Judy Cavin Brown

President, AAUW Santa Cruz Branch



Public Policy News



Tell the Senate: Don't Discriminate with Our Tax Dollars

Imagine a public school where admissions officers could choose not to accept a child because of her gender. Imagine a public school where a principal could choose not to hire an outstanding teacher because of the teacher's religion. Imagine a public school where employment decisions are made based on a teacher's sexual orientation instead of his or her qualifications.

We don't want to imagine any of these scenarios - because schools that use our federal taxpayer dollars shouldn't be allowed to violate the civil rights laws that many of us fought so hard to enact. But two proposals in the Senate would use vouchers to re-direct billions of dollars in public education funding to private and religious schools that can discriminate when it comes to which students they accept and which teachers they hire.

That's a terrible idea, and we need your help to stop it.

Talk about déjà vu. Time and time again, evidence shows that vouchers do not improve student performance and instead take away precious taxpayer dollars - estimated at more than \$1 billion this year alone - from public schools. One proposal by Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) would turn 63 percent of all federal education funding into private school vouchers.

Admissions policies at private and religious schools can discriminate on the basis of gender, special needs, income, behavioral history, prior academic achievement, standardized test scores, and more. Furthermore, not only are private and religious voucher schools not required to hire "highly qualified" teachers, they are also allowed to choose not to employ education professionals for discriminatory reasons such as religion, gender, and sexual orientation.

Tell the Senate that we shouldn't give our tax dollars to unaccountable private schools.

Instead of funneling federal taxpayer dollars to private schools, Congress should invest these funds in public schools that serve all students regardless of gender, disability, economic status, or educational achievement.

Make your voice heard: Tell the Senate to protect funding for public education and oppose vouchers for private schools.

Take action: [2-minute activist](#)





News from Tech Trek

We are in the process of finding our campers for 2014. Nomination forms have gone out to teachers and soon we will have essays and applications from eager 7th graders hoping to be chosen to attend the Stanford Tech Trek camp for a week in July. Soon you can be a part of the selection process. We will read and rank essays and then interview the applicants. Please let me know if you would like to take part in this process. It is very heart warming to get to know the young girls & encourage them in their careers paths that we hope will go in the direction of STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics.)

Please contact Jeanne Jorgensen, 477-7025 for details.



Local Scholarship News

We will soon be contacting Cabrillo College and UCSC for applications and essays for the scholarships we will be able to award this year.

If you would like to be part of the process of selecting winners for the scholarships, please contact Jeanne Jorgensen, 477-7025.

Local Scholarship Thanks...

Many thanks to Jeanne Jorgensen, Dorothy Patrick and Mary K Simpson for their tireless efforts in orchestrating our outstanding Holiday Party and raffle and their work in selecting scholars—a few of whom we'll have the good fortune to meet at our May Local Scholarship luncheon. KUDOS to our LS trio!





March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 10 am Board meeting @ Goodwill 7 pm Great Decisions*	4 7 pm Tues. evening books*	5	6 11:45 Lunch Bunch* 2pm Mah-jong*	7 9:30 am Walking Group, Ano Nuevo*	8
9	10 Reader's Theater*	11	12	13	14 Morning Great Decisions*	15
16	17 	18	19 6:30 pm Dining Out, Pearl of the Ocean*	20 2pm Mah-jong*	21 9:30 am Walking Group, Capitola/Depot Hill*	22 11:30am LAF Program, UCSC (see pg. 1)
23	24	25	26	27 1pm Thurs. afternoon books Sec. 1 & Sec. 2*	28 Morning Great Decisions*	29
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*= Interest Group; see next page for contact information and details.

AAUW Santa Cruz Branch Interest Groups

All work and no play will make you dull--and to counteract that we have a variety of interest groups enjoyed by many of our members. Some have gone on for years!

Some of these groups are close to capacity (limited by how much room people have in their homes) but it's always possible to start a new section. If you're interested in starting a new group, check with Linda Owens, she will be able to give you some pointers.

Membership in these interest groups is a privilege of AAUW membership; you may bring a non-member guest three times but then we ask that they join AAUW if they wish to continue to attend. In order to attract new members and make AAUW's aims and goals more visible to the public, our luncheons/meetings are open to the public as is the Evening Great Decisions group. Spouses, partners and guests are welcome to attend the Dining Out and Evening Gourmet groups. Check your new Directory for phone numbers and email addresses.

Book Groups

Our book groups have become extremely popular. Numbers in the groups fluctuate, and if you're interested contact the leaders to see if there's an opening at your preferred time. A new group is not difficult to establish, that's how we ended up with three!

Tuesday Evening Books, leader Dorothy Foglia, dorothyfoglia@yahoo.com. The March book is *The Bartender's Tale* by Ivan Doig the meeting will be on the 4th of March at 7 p.m. at the home of Joyce Hopkins. Contact Joyce at 688-2397 for more details/directions/etc.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section One, leader Carole Beckett. This group reads two books each month. The next meeting is March 27 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Marian Disperati, 531 Pinecone Drive, Scotts Valley. 438-2561. Email raymard@pacbell.net. Books are *Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman and *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor.

Thursday Afternoon Books, Section Two, leader Dottie Smith, beechbyte@sbcglobal.net. This group reads one book each month. The next meeting, discussing *The My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor on March 19th at 1 p.m. at the home of Dottie Smith.

Reader's Theater

The Readers Theater group will be meeting on March 10. Contact interest group chairperson, Barbara Lewis, at 335-7816, if interested in joining Readers Theater and for further information.

Lunch Bunch

This is a really fun thing to do. Andrea Losee (alosee@cruzio.com) arranges for the group to have lunch monthly at a variety of local restaurants. Some are fabulous, some are an interesting experience, the company is always the very best! Contact Andrea for March details.

Bridge

Bridge is coordinated by Marline Bushey. Contact her for details mbushey1@yahoo.com, 425-1491. We are looking for NEW MEMBERS!

Mahjong!

Originating in China, mahjong is a game of skill and strategy, calculation and luck. Janet Bostrom coordinates this delightful game. bozobostrom@gmail.com on the first and third Thursdays at 2pm.

Dining Out

This is a lot like Lunch Bunch except it's in the evening and spouses/partners are included. Janet Bostrom is the new coordinator, and the group enjoys fine dining and socializing at local restaurants one evening a month. Janet's email is bozobostrom@gmail.com.

The schedule from now until June is:

- March 19th - Pearl of the Ocean in Santa Cruz (Indian)
- April 16th - Rosie McCann's Irish Pub & Restaurant in Santa Cruz (Irish pub)
- May 21st - Lago Di Como in Santa Cruz (Italian)
- June 18th - Paradise Beach Grille in Capitola (Seafood)

All dinners are at 6:30 PM. Please let Janet know if you will be attending at least 2 days before the dinner. She will send out reminders and directions a week before.

Walking Group

The Walking/Hiking Group meets at 9:30 am on the first and third Friday of the month.

- March 7 Guided tour of Ano Nuevo
- March 21 Capitola and Depot Hill

We welcome anyone interested in an hour long leisurely hike to join us. For more information call or email Andrea Losee: 463-3010, alosee@cruzio.com.

Great Decisions

The Evening Great Decisions will meet on the 1st Mon. eve. of each month from 7-8:30 pm. at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Aptos. Dr. Laina Farhat-Holzman is the lecturer. The public is welcome. For more information call Lois Holcomb at 688-0541.

The Morning Great Decisions - Foreign Policy: We're a lively, diverse group. New members and interested visitors are welcome. We meet 10 am, second and fourth Fridays. Our next meetings will be: March 14 US Trade Policy Promoting democracy and free markets, the U.S. hopes to gain stable business partners. Will it succeed? And March 28 Islamic Awakening The world faces major challenges between Islam and democracy. Is U.S. foreign policy adapting successfully? Contact Vickie Birsall vickiebirdsall@yahoo.com or Grace Gerbrandt graceger@sbcglobal.net for further details.





Membership News



A special welcome to ALL New Members of 2013 & 2014 (so far...)!
We are so glad you've joined us!

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Our Vision is Simple

We bring people together for the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

Our Mission is Sound

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

Membership News

Proposed Slate of Officers 2014-2015

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to serve as officers on the Board for 2014-15! We will be voting on this slate at our April 26th Business meeting.

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| ♦ President | Judy-Cavin Brown |
| ♦ President-Elect | Grace Gerbrandt |
| ♦ Branch Treasurer | Janet Bostrom |
| ♦ Secretary | Sue Camarena |

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| ♦ Bylaws & IBC Liaison | Lois Holcomb |
| ♦ Directory Editor | Roberta Sosbee |
| ♦ Hospitality | Ann McCallum |
| ♦ Legal Advocacy | Rosemary Anderson |
| ♦ Local Scholarships | Jeanne Jorgensen |
| ♦ Membership Chair | Linda Owens |
| ♦ Membership Treasurer | Margaret Schraft |
| ♦ Beacon Production | Debra Wallace |
| ♦ Mail Beacon (postal) | Liz Thorington |
| ♦ Tech Trek | Mary K Simpson |
| ♦ Public Policy | Kathy Donovan |
| ♦ Publicity | Jeanne Jorgensen |

Openings that remain include Program VP, Education Foundation VP & Historian. Contact Grace Gerbrandt graceger@sbcglobal.net for more info or to volunteer.

Hospitality

Our Hospitality Chair (aka our Sunshine) [Anne McCallum](#) is recovering at home from a serious car accident. Though she is not yet ready for visitors, cards and well wishes are welcome.

Anne's address is:
225 Waugh Ave.
Santa Cruz, CA 95065

Editor's note: While Anne recuperates, please contact Roberta Bromberger, robertabromberger@gmail.com with news of those in need of a kind word or cheering up!



Membership Number

Forgot your membership Number? Our membership Treasurer, Margaret Schraft can look it up for you. Email her at mkschraft@gmail.com or call her at 438-3680.

Keeping in Touch!

If you move, get a new phone number or email address, please let the Editor know: dwal-lace@karonproperties.com, 831-325-9948. The newsletter editor, membership team and directory editor all work together to keep our roster current. Changes will appear in the next issue of The Beacon so you can update your Directory.

Miscellaneous

Tax Deduction! AAUW members may deduct \$46 of their annual national dues from their taxes. The remaining \$3 is not tax-deductible because it supports lobbying and get-out-the-vote activities.



Membership News

**A letter from Monterey Bay Inter-Branch Council (IBC),
AAUW California Membership News:**

Members of Monterey Bay IBC,

For the past several years, the state organization has had to dip into reserves to the tune of \$30,000-\$40,000. That is unsustainable. Dues have not been raised in 10 years, but now is the time. Here are the reasons for voting to increase the state dues by \$4 to \$20 now.

AAUW CA provides crucial support, including: oversight, fiduciary and legal structure, especially for statewide programs including: Tech Trek, Speech Trek, Financial Literacy (Start \$mart), and Leader on loan.

Cost containment provisions include: conventions every other year, state board reduction in size from 36, move of the state office into a facility shared with other non-profits (with a shared meeting room and attached kitchen), & e-mailing of the CA Perspective. (One can still opt to receive a hard copy, but electronic mailing is significantly less costly.)

We must pass this with a 60% vote in favor. Please make sure when you receive, via e-mail, your PIN to vote—that you do so.

Thanks,

Sharyn Siebert
Monterey Bay IBC

Note: If this state dues increase passes, our total annual membership dues would be \$84.





Branch Schedule

2014



March 3 Board Meeting 10 a.m., Goodwill Conference Room, Santa Cruz

March 22 Program: LAF, Luncheon 11:30 a.m., UCSC

April 7 Board Meeting 10 a.m., Goodwill Conference Room, Santa Cruz

April 11-13 State Convention, Los Angeles

April 26 Film, Miss Representation, SCCC Foundation

May 5 Board Meeting 10 a.m., Goodwill Conference Room, Santa Cruz

May 17 Local Scholarships and Installation of Officers, Luncheon 11:30 a.m., Seascape Resort

June 2 Last Board Meeting 10 a.m., Brunch, location TBD

June 22 Picnic, Paradise Park

Help Us to Help Others

Our philanthropic projects benefit women of all ages,
both here at home and across the nation.

*Make a donation to remember a family member, friend or colleague, or
to honor a birthday, anniversary, graduation or other special occasion.*

A card or letter announcing your gift will be sent to the person you name.

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Make checks payable to
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Dottie Fry

Legal Advocacy Fund / AAUW Funds

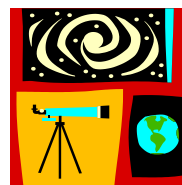
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