



Orlando *** Winter Park Branchline

JANUARY PROGRAM

Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Cox



Dr. Jonathan Cox is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Dr. Cox is a race scholar, studying the impact of race and racism in the United States. His current research focuses on racial and ethnic identities, racial ideology, the experiences of college students, and diversity and inclusion processes.

Jonathan is a proud graduate of Hampton University, with graduate degrees from the Pennsylvania State University and the University of Maryland. Jonathan's work as a faculty member and researcher is also informed by his previous work in college administration and multicultural affairs.

Dr. Jonathan M. Cox
Assistant Professor of Sociology
University of Central Florida

Here is an opportunity to take a look at these excellent webinars from national AAUW in preparation for Dr. Jonathan Cox's presentation on the socialization (i.e., the processes that teach about social norms and values) on race and racism and how these are amplified through our society.

"Holding Space: How to Start and Continue Conversations on Race, Equity and Inclusion" and

"Archeology of the Self: Sustaining Racial Literacy in the Movement for Change"

Leslie

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday

January 9, 2021

Time: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Place: Your couch, chair, bed

Cost: \$0

(Bring your own coffee, tea, juice, donuts, yogurt, fruit, breakfast burrito, etc.)

Brought to you by ZOOM

You will receive your email invitation about one week before the General Meeting.

DO NOT click on the http address until the morning of the meeting.



It was a ZOOM birthday for Pearl as she celebrated her 99th birthday at our Dec. 12 general meeting. She joined AAUW in 1953 in Hawaii and joined the Orlando-Winter Park branch in 1987.

From the President



Dear Branch Members,
Happy New Year. For inspiration I looked back at my column from January, 2019—about fiscal health—and my column from January, 2020—about physical health. It seemed fitting, then, that this 2021 column be about mental/emotional health.

But what approach should I take—profound or profane? I flipped a coin—profanity won! *It has been a hell-of-a-year!!* Ok, having dissipated a little wrath, I want to share the upbeat sentiments of my friend and colleague in Lithuania, Lina Zabuliene, MD, who wishes us *“the New Year, which would bring gifts of health, strength, peace, light, a sense of freedom and hope.”*

I am starting 2021 with hope. **The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream** in which President Obama states we must build on the shared understandings that pull us together as Americans—and as AAUW women a more inclusive and equitable America.

Eli Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize recipient (1986), said *“Hope determines one’s meaning and purpose in life.”* We construct hope based on our perceptions of truth and value. *“If dreams reflect the past, hope summons the future.”* Summoning the future is not just wishful thinking or an emotional state. It is also a call to action. Eleanor Roosevelt, an AAUW member, said *“It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.”* We are hoping and planning!

At the state level AAUW-FL (www.aauw-fl.aauw.net) has developed major strategic goals for each of the four national AAUW strategic areas: (1) Education and Training, (2) Economic Security, (3) Leadership and Governance

and (4) Sustainability. The focus is on increased visibility, partnerships, outreach, and fund raising for the 2000 members who are in the 35 Florida branches. Our Branch has been engaged in all these areas.

At the national level AAUW has a lengthy list of priorities tied to specific actions, pieces of legislation and the development of federal commissions and task forces. Kate Nielson, Director of Public Policy & Legal Advocacy, authored a letter to Biden and Harris on actions that should be taken on day one and the first 100 days in office. It is well worth reading: <https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2020/12/AAUW-Priorities-letter-to-Biden-Harris-Administration-12.17.20.pdf>. There are 7 items under “COVID Relief” including stimulus checks, equal pay provisions, subsidized child care, and free COVID-related medical care and vaccinations. There are 7 items under “Women’s Economic Security,” including \$15 minimum pay for federal workers, equitable pay for people who work for tips, resumption of diversity training programs, better reporting mechanisms and a strengthened role for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Under “Equitable Access to Education” there are 8 items including federal student loan forgiveness, legislation to track and prevent sexual harassment K-12 and in colleges, enhance protections for LGBTQ and disabled students and expansion of the Department of Education-Office of Civil Rights. AAUW will prioritize equal compensation and opportunities in the workplace, STEM education and political leadership opportunities for women of color.

Yes, it is a wish list—our collective New Year’s Resolutions—and I am hopeful that many of them will be realized in 2021. And yes, we have a plan for these.

Leslie Sue Lieberman, Ph.D.
President, AAUW Orlando/Winter Park Branch
Professor Emerita UCF



**You're
on mute.**
Quote of 2020

Interest Groups



Contact Anne Coppenhaver if you have any questions about our interest groups. Her contact information is 832-704-2854 (cell) or ccoppenhaver@me.com

Anne Coppenhaver
Interest Group Chair

Booklovers:

Booklovers enter the new year with *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson; however, Booklovers VII will read *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie. Most Groups will meet on Zoom. If in doubt, please contact your Group Leader.

Booklovers, please remember to send in your book suggestions for next year to Martha Williamson. The Book Selection Committee will meet in February to review suggestions and create a list.

Begin the new year with a good book!

Ellen James
Booklovers Coordinator
(ellenjames54@gmail.com)

Cooking Globally: Will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information, contact Adrienne Katz at katzaid@yahoo.com

Couples Dining Party (Formerly Dining Couples) will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information, contact Eileen Garrison at 407-620-9703.

Current Issues: Has not been meeting. If you have any questions about this group, contact Marcy Kysilka at kysilka@bellsouth.net or 321-972-5315

Dining In: Normally meets monthly on the first Friday. Dining In will meet via Zoom on January 8 with Jane as hostess. Meetings in 2021 will be scheduled on a month-to-month basis. Contact Jane Rosen for more information about this group: 321-295-7689 or mjcrossen@hotmail.com.

Dining Out (at night): Dining Out will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information, contact Susan Hoke at (407-637-6857) or shoke5581@gmail.com

Exploring Central Florida (ECF): To be added to the contact list, please contact co-chairs Linda Fessel at lfessel@embarqmail.com. or Christine Porter at portercl7166@gmail.com. Participation in last year’s excursions does not guarantee your place on the new email contact list. The old list has been deleted. You MUST contact Linda or Christine to get on the new list. There is still time to check out *Pompeii* at the Orlando Science Center.

Foreign Affairs: In January, Foreign Affairs will meet Via Zoom on Sunday, January 24, at 2 p.m. We will discuss *Climate Change and Global Order*. Delia Fuentes will moderate the discussion. For more information, contact D. Fuentes at tucu662@gmail.com or 407-310-1154

Foreign Films: Foreign Films will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information about place, time, and location (or to be added to the email list), contact Linda Fessel at LFessel@embarqmail.com

Lunching Out: Will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information about place, time, and location (or to be added to the email list), contact Linda Fessel at LFessel@embarqmail.com

MahJongg: Will not meet until it is safe to do so. For more information, contact
Linda Fessel: LFessel@embarqmail.com or
Karen Deo: Karen.deo@gmail.com





Because of You

Dear Sisters-in-AAUW,

The PACE Girls had a most wonderful Thanksgiving due to your generosity and love. They were able to share with their families a meal that, without you, might otherwise not have been possible.

Now, please let me share with you the most rewarding of your efforts. On December 17, the PACE Miracle Bags were packed. As you will remember, each girl was allowed a \$25.00 gift to be chosen from Amazon for her bag. These items were then shipped directly to PACE. What would a miracle bag be with only one item? Each girl's bag contained purchased items that teenage girls would enjoy having, like: lip gloss, false eyelashes, chapstick, facial masks, body lotions, a chocolate bar and Hershey treats, healthy granola bars, and a \$10 gift card to Mc Donald's all placed in a cute and colorful holiday stocking. Also, a neighbor of one of our members donated \$15.00 gift cards to Walmart for our bags. How blessed we are by your generosity!!! Thank you women of AAUW for showing these girls how much you care.

May all of you be blessed with health, happiness and prosperity in 2021.

Truly, I would be remiss if the members of the PACE Committee were not recognized for their efforts. So to Anne Landrum, Karen Gillett, Barbara Knapp, Roberta Cooper and Karen Buchan thank you for your donation of time, talent, and sharing. You are truly amazing women!!!

(Oh! I promise not to beg again until next Thanksgiving. Love you.)

Pat Stamm



This is the team that assembled the miracle bags with photographer Pat Stamm.

Calendars

Many thanks to all who rounded up calendars, donated calendars, stored calendars, and delivered calendars this year! Though I did not get an accurate count, surely there were close to 200.

Most were delivered to sites for elderly and disabled residents in Winter Park. Some were left for residents of the Orlando Housing Authority at Bumby and Robinson streets. Sometimes I had to leave them at the entrance doors of the community centers hoping that they would be retrieved. Signs indicated that the centers were closed until further notice.

I began to wonder whether the fear of covid would cause staff to discard the donations rather than distribute them to residents who needed them.

Then I went to The Plymouth Apartments on Gay Road in Winter Park (near the plaza with Michael's, Homegoods, DSW Shoes). I waltzed in following a nurse's aide, went to the front desk and dropped off about 50 calendars for the units there. Several days later, fortified with another 50, I returned. The manager smiled at me as I entered and said, "So glad to see you returning! The calendars went like hot cakes and we had a few disappointed residents."

I knew then that we had done a good thing!

Many thanks! I hope you enjoyed a happy season despite the unique challenges this year. May 2021 be kinder to us all!

Lynda Hinckley

From Our Members

The Indoor Dining Group is now meeting by Zoom. Here is the screen shot of our visual feast discussion. The hostess decides the theme (next month is 'bacon'). Everyone makes a dish, sends a picture of the finished product and the recipe, then we present it to the group. We miss getting together but it works out well! Ginny



Grandma and Grandpa take three lovely granddaughters to brunch at The Briar Patch: Kaley will be returning to Massachusetts to finish her last year of a 3-year Masters in Applied Behavioral Analysis; Delaney will be returning to UCF to finish her Senior year and graduate with a BS in Early Childhood Education & Development; and Emma will be returning to Boone High School to finish her Senior year (itching to get to college!).

Barbara Knapp

Foreign Affairs takes a break from solving the weighty issues of the world.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I ZOOM	6 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII ZOOM <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IX ZOOM <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II ZOOM <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VII ZOOM	7	8 <u>10:30 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IV ZOOM <u>12 noon</u> Dining In ZOOM	9 <u>10 a.m.</u> General Meeting ZOOM Dr. Jonathan Cox
10	11	12 <u>3:15 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI ZOOM	13 <u>1:30—3</u> Board Meeting ZOOM	14	15 <u>10:30</u> B-Lovers IV ZOOM	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21 <u>1:30</u> B-Lovers X ZOOM	22	23
24 <u>2 p.m.</u> Foreign Affairs ZOOM	25	26 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V ZOOM	27 <u>1 p.m.</u> Booklovers III ("Lite") ZOOM	28	29	30 <hr/> 31

Contact Judy McDonald if you hear of any member who is ill, having surgery, experienced a loss, etc.

Judy McDonald

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Did a load of pajamas so I would have clean work clothes this week.

