

Previous Meetings:

2021-2022 Program Year

Thurs., Sept. 16, 2021 6:00 p.m. - 2021 Kick-Off Meeting - Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://wartburg.zoom.us/j/83658376729>

Meeting ID: 836 5837 6729

Program: Speaker: Dr. Debora Johnson-Ross, Dean of Faculty, VP of Academic Affairs, Wartburg College; Also, review of [AAUW's Mission and Current Issues](#); and Waverly plans for the 2021-2022 Year.

[Sept. 2021 Announcements and Program-related Links - click here to download info from Sept. 16 meeting](#)

Thurs., Oct. 21, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. Social Time/Business Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Program; Location - In-Person - Science Center 134, Wartburg College

Program: Heidi Solheim, Interim CEO, Waverly Health Center - Heidi will talk about women in leadership roles, and the challenges of leading/managing during a time of pandemic and facility construction project.

Connect to Zoom for Hybrid Classroom Access if needed.

[AAUW Oct 2021 Meeting Agenda - Click here for updates from the Oct. 2021 meeting.](#)

Thurs., Nov. 18, 2021; 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Bremwood, 106-16th St. SW, Waverly. Karen Lehmann, contact - (karen.lehmann@wartburg.edu)

Serve Thanksgiving dinner to students at Bremwood – 5:00 p.m. serve dinner; 5:45 p.m. play Bingo. Come whenever you can! Meet at the Spiritual Life Center on the Bremwood campus, Feel free to bring a centerpiece for a table if you have one handy (these can be taken home afterwards) and small prizes for Bingo - appropriate for boys and girls ages 11-18. If you can't attend, please drop prizes at Karen Lehmann's, 220 2nd Ave. NW in the front porch by Tues., Nov. 16. Click here for [Bremwood-Bingo-Prize-Ideas](#)

Thurs., Dec. 9, 2021, 5:00 p.m. - Waverly Senior Center - 506 E. Bremer Ave., Waverly (note this is the 2nd Thurs. of the month)

Meet for hors d'oeuvres and social time with fellow Waverly AAUW members at the Waverly Senior Center. Then if you'd like, stroll down Main Street to the Waverly Christmas Greetings

on Main (6:00-8:00 p.m.). Cars can be left in the Senior Center parking lot during the Christmas Greetings event.

Reception cost is \$5.00 cash or check payable to Waverly Senior Center at the door (AAUW is picking up 1/2 of the \$10 per person reception cost). **RSVP required by Dec. 7 to karen.lehmann@wartburg.edu.**

Thurs., Jan. 20, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Social Time/Business Meeting; 7:00 p.m. -

Program: The Immigrant Experience in Iowa, Nick Wuertz, Lutheran Services in Iowa

Follow-up info from Nick: If anyone wants to do a coat drive in addition to the welcome boxes please have them reach out to Natalie.Rork@lsiowa.org to let her know and coordinate. She is our new point of contact for groups that are gathering donations for families.

Here are the links that I thought would be helpful to share with the group:

- **LSI Resettlement Page** – www.lsiowa.org/resettlement
 - - Resettlement Information/Stories, Welcome Boxes, Monetary Donations, and Volunteer Opportunities
- **Afghan Adjustment Act** - <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/urgent-take-action-urge-congress-to-support-our-communities-in-welcoming-refugees-pass-an-afghan-adjustment-act/>
- **Lutheran Day on the Hill** – March 10th – www.lsiowa.org/ldh
 - - Policy Priorities and Event Details
- **LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services Monthly E-newsletter:** <https://lsiowa.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=1bbadc0e0368b62446fe979dd&id=5e9405273d>
 - - Updates, Opportunities, and Stories from LSI's Refugee and Immigrant Services

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Welcome Boxes for Afghan Refugees in Iowa (from St. Paul's Lutheran, Waverly - connects with January program (drop off supplies at St. Paul's))



St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH
& SCHOOL

Want to assist Afghan refugees in Iowa? You, your family or group are encouraged to assemble a WELCOME BOX to assist Afghan refugees in getting comfortable in Iowa. Approximately 500 will be moving to Iowa soon. Take a list of items for a WELCOME BOX in the Narthex. After you have assembled a WELCOME BOX, bring it to St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School and we will transport it to Des Moines for distribution by Lutheran Services in Iowa.

January 22, 2022 - Cedar Falls/Waterloo AAUW Brunch, Waterloo YWCA, 10:00 a.m. (optional) - Program: Adult

Caregiving for Families - Dr. Elaine Eshbaugh, Associate Professor of Gerontology, UNI

Thurs., Feb. 17, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Social Time/Business Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Program - Zoom; Click here for Feb. announcements: [AAUW Feb 2022 Meeting Agenda](#)

Dr. Rachel E. Clark | Pronouns: she/her/hers; Associate Professor of English; Scholars Program Director; Faculty-in-Residence

“Disability and Ableism: Beyond ‘Inspiration’”

What’s wrong with calling someone “inspirational”? How do you know what terms to use? What exactly *is* ableism? In this session, you will be introduced to the basic principles of disability studies, an interdisciplinary field that stems from the disability rights movement. We will define and discuss ableism and evolving terminology for disabled communities, as well as common experiences among disabled people. You will leave with new vocabulary, new perspectives, and a list of suggested materials for further investigation.

And here’s the link to a video that participants should watch beforehand:

https://www.ted.com/talks/stella_young_i_m_not_your_inspiration_thank_you_very_much?language=en (This link has both subtitles and a full transcript.)

February 26, 2022 - Cedar Falls/Waterloo AAUW Brunch, Waterloo YWCA, 10:00 a.m. (optional) - Program - Challenges of Affordable Childcare, Estee Meuer-Valtchev, Childcare Resource and Referral of NE Iowa; RSVP by Feb. 18 to karen.lehmann@wartburg.edu. \$15 payable at the door.

Sat., March 19, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Brunch with Cedar Falls/Waterloo AAUW in Waverly - Wartburg College, Heritage Ballroom-Student Center (takes the place of our regular March meeting)

Program - [Road Scholar Experiences](#) - Dr. Vicki Edelnant - Road Scholar is what used to be the Elderhostel program. Vicki Edelnant is a retired Wartburg faculty member/Director of Pathways. Brunch cost: \$11 - RSVP to karen.lehmann@wartburg.edu by March 10.

Directions to campus: <https://www.wartburg.edu/directions>

Campus Map: <http://vip.wartburg.edu/campusmap.pdf>

Fri., Apr. 8/Sat. Apr. 9 - Iowa AAUW State Conference - Des Moines area -

The main part of the conference programming will take place Sat., Apr. 9. Our Waverly Branch will cover registration (\$75 by Mar. 25) for any member who would like to attend. Contact Kim Folkers (kimberly.folkers@wartburg.edu) or Ann Henninger (ann.henninger@wartburg.edu) if you have questions, would like to register, or are interested in carpooling.

[Click here for Conference Information](#)

Thurs., April 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Social Time/Business Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Program - Zoom

Women in Politics - Hear from State Senator and Congressional Candidate, Liz Mathis, about her journey in the world of politics as a woman.

Thurs., May 19, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Social Time/Business Meeting; 7:00 p.m. Program (6:30 - Sub sandwiches for those who RSVP'd)

[AAUW May 2022 Agenda](#) -Agenda/Announcements - shared at meeting - download here

In-Person - Wartburg Science Center #134 OR

Zoom option will utilize the OWL system in SC 134 if you choose to attend remotely.

Program - Waverly-Shell Rock Technology, Teaching, and Distance Learning - Insights & Challenges - Katie Johnston, W-SR Technology Director

Sept. 17, 2020 6:30 p.m. - social time on Zoom; 7:00 p.m. program starts.

Program: Carletta Knox-Seymour, AAUW Iowa President - The Year Ahead for AAUW

Carletta Knox-Seymour (Cedar Rapids), Carletta earned a BA in Communication/Print Journalism with a minor in African American Studies. She is founder and owner of D.I.G.N.I.T.Y. Life Skills, LLC, which trains disenfranchised African-American women soft skills for gainful employment. Carletta has also worked as a communications manager and fund developer for different organizations. She has served two terms as AAUW branch president for

Cedar Rapids and one term as state diversity director. Carletta has been involved in her community, serving as a city planning commissioner for Cedar Rapids, state president for Iowans for Gun Safety, and a myriad of boards which serve people in need. She also has been a guest columnist for the Cedar Rapids Gazette and a guest panelist on the River to River radio program.

Thurs., Oct. 15, 2020 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.: The Experience of Women Running for Political Office -

-Carissa Froyum – candidate for Iowa House District 63

(<https://www.froyumforhouse.com/>)

-Pam Egli – candidate for Iowa Senate District 32

(<https://www.pamegliforsenate.com/>)

Related NPR article: How Gender Shapes Presidential Debates:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/10/03/919093731/how-gender-shapes-presidential-debates-including-between-two-men>

Nov. 19, 2020: Diversity at Wartburg - Krystal Madlock – Director of Multicultural Student Services, Wartburg College

Jan. 21, 2021: Toshia Burrell – EMBRACE: Celebrating Diversity in the Cedar Valley - Zoom Meeting

6:30 p.m. Social Hour; 6:45 p.m. Business meeting; 7:00 p.m. program.

[Recognized as one of the "20 Under 40" in the Cedar Valley for 2020!](#)

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/la-toshia-burrell-98ba994b/>

<https://www.facebook.com/EMBRACECelebratingDiversity>

From Embrace's Facebook post Jan. 2, 2021:

Embracing Equity Challenge Day #1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2g88Ju6nkcg> - great prep for our AAUW meeting!

"I shared this once on our page- but find it's so important to acknowledge all different meanings of inclusion in real life examples- in a simple and powerful way. This video addresses many layers of inclusive areas to be mindful of and is a great way to showcase representation and diversity that everyone can relate to." - Toshia Burrell

Video Reflection - What stands out to you the most? What is your take-away?

[Women of Color and Impact of Pandemic \(NY Times 1/14/21\)](#)

February 18, 2021 - Insights on Immunology and the Physiology of Vaccines - a timely presentation! -

Dr. Ann Henninger Trax. 6:30 p.m. Social Hour; 6:45 p.m.; Business meeting; 7:00 p.m. program. (Zoom)

[AAUW meeting follow-up details Feb. 2021](#)- follow-up resources from Feb. 18 meeting - emailed to members 2/19/21

March 18, 2021 - Reflecting on the Strangest Election in the History of the U.S. and Its Implications for the Future (2020) -

(This is also our Shape the Future membership event - any new members can join for 1/2 price = \$32 for 15-month membership March 2021-June 30, 2022 - checks must be sent to Sharon Abram following our meeting - 1207 - 18th Ave. SE, Waverly, IA 50677)

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Dr. Chris Larimer is Professor of Political Science at the University of Northern Iowa. He is the solo author of the book, *Gubernatorial Stability in Iowa: A Stranglehold on Power*, as well as the co-author of two other books, *The Public Policy Theory Primer* and *The Public Administration Theory Primer*. He is best known for his research on social pressure and voter turnout which has been discussed in several media outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *PBS NewsHour*, and *The Atlantic*. Chris also provides regular commentary to several media outlets, including *Iowa Public Radio* and *KWWL Television News*.

[From March Program Dr. Chris Larimer AAUW Larimer ppt 3-18-21](#)

Thurs., April 15, 2021 - Ethics, Sex, and Consent on Campus



Dr. Abbylynn Helgevold, Wartburg College; 6:30 p.m. Social Hour; 6:45 p.m.; Business meeting; 7:00 p.m. program. (Zoom)

Dr. Abbylynn Helgevold, ethics, philosophy and religion professor, has been appointed the Board of Regents Distinguished Professorship in Ethics. A public event to recognize Helgevold will be deferred until the campus community can gather in accordance with COVID-19 safety guidelines. [Click here](#) to read more about her and the history of the chair, which was established in 1989.

Thurs., May 20, 2021 - Poverty, Race and Gender in the Digital Economy



Chris Knudson, Director of Marketing and Communications, Wartburg College;
6:30 p.m. Social Hour; 6:45 p.m.; Business meeting; 7:00 p.m. program. (Zoom)