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AAUW DENTON: BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

March Meeting to Examine Waves of U. S. Feminism

March 6, 2013, 6pm
Chestnut Tree

Dr. Agatha Beins, Assistant Professor of Women's Studies at TWU, will address our Branch's March meeting.

In 2011, Dr. Beins earned her Ph.D. in Women's and Gender Studies from Rutgers University. She also holds an M.A. in Women's Studies from the University of Arizona, and



an M.F.A. in Creative Writing and Poetry from Eastern Washington University.

Dr. Beins' topic will be "Riding the Waves: An Aesthetic Interpretation of US Feminism

Since 1970."

Dr. Beins writes: "An image of Wonder Woman proclaiming 'with my speculum I am strong! I can

fight!' from the cover of a Los Angeles feminist newspaper published in 1973 appears 25 years later on the cover of a riot grrrl zine (an informal, hand-made, photocopied magazine) in England. While it is not unique or uncommon for graphics to circulate across space and time, particularly within do-it-yourself cultures, the recurrence of this particular image invites a rethinking of the history of contemporary feminism. In recent scholarship there has been

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President's Corner

Spring has announced it is coming, buds, blossoms, weather and with it a celebration of women, their stories and our history. The National Women's History Museum Project's theme

for this year is Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. How many of

their honorees do you recognize?

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AAUW unveiled its new logo and tagline on February 20.



Four Receive Branch Scholarships



The Denton Branch Scholarship Committee met last November and chose four applicants to receive scholarships of \$1000 each for the 2012-2013 year.

From TWU, the recipients are Sunita Parajuli and Neetu Jain. Both women are pursuing Master's degrees, Ms. Parajuli in Nursing and Ms. Jain in Molecular Biology.

Danielle Vincent and Diana Perez are UNT's scholarship recipients. Ms. Vincent is a graduate student in Women's Studies, while Ms. Perez is an undergraduate, majoring in Spanish and Linguistics.

The Scholarship Committee had received twelve applications this year. Five were from Master's candidates,

while seven were from undergraduates.

Committee members are Denise Philpot and Connie Martinez from UNT, and Kay Goodman and Brandie Golleher from TWU.

Congratulations to all recipients and many thanks to the Committee for their careful consideration of all applicants.

Dr. Beins to Speak at March Meeting

Rethinking the history of contemporary feminism

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considerable attention to the relational dynamics of 'second wave' feminism (1970s-1980s) and 'third wave' feminism (from the late 1980s-1990s), much of which works to deconstruct the wave metaphor and examine the often antagonistic depiction of this relationship. Contributing to this conversation, my talk offers a reinterpretation of the second/third wave debate. Specifically, I use a close reading of the aesthetics of

grassroots publications to disrupt the narrative that characterizes the third wave as a negative reaction to the politics of the second wave."

Join us for what promises to be a thought-provoking discussion.

Menu

Baked Idaho Potato with butter, sour cream, cheese, and bacon bits

Tossed Green Salad with choice of Ranch or Basil Vinaigrette Dressing

Strawberry Pretzel

Coffee, tea, water

Interbranch Council hears TFN's Garrett Mize

Garrett Mize, [Texas Freedom Network's](#) Youth Advocacy coordinator, spoke to AAUW North Texas Interbranch Council on February 2 at the Highland Park Cafeteria. The event was hosted by the Mesquite Branch and was well-attended by area AAUW members.

[Mr. Mize](#) focused his remarks on the newly-elected State Board

of Education. According to Mr. Mize, although a number of new members have joined the SBOE, it remains to be seen how the balance of power between moderates and religious-right members will be affected. The divisive, and often embarrassing, conflicts over the Science and Social Studies curricula that put Texas in the national spotlight may be repeated as

the SBOE now moves to adopt textbooks for those subjects.

Mr. Mize concluded by showing a short clip from *The Revisionaries*, TFN's documentary about the SBOE's culture wars. The film will be shown in its entirety March 5, 6-7:30, in Room 111C, Chilton Hall, on the UNT campus. The showing is free and sponsored by UNT Libraries.

Find out more about the North Texas Interbranch Council by going to <http://northtexas-ibc.aauw.net>.

Deadline Nears for Every Member Survey

AAUW's 2012 Every Member Survey, which allows you to express your opinion about what our organization does, is available online and in print format. The deadline for submitting your survey is **April 2, 2013**. The

printed copy was mailed to you with the Winter edition of *AAUW Outlook*. The same survey is available at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/2012-aauw-every-member-survey/>.

Please do not take

the survey in both places. Only one survey per member will be accepted.

Make your voice heard. Influence the future course of AAUW!



Texas Storytelling Festival

The [28th Annual Texas Storytelling Festival](#) will be held March 7-10, 2013, in the Denton Civic Center, 321 E. McKinney Street.

The Festival is a production of the Tejas Storytelling Association, a non-profit or-

ganization "dedicated to fostering an appreciation of storytelling as an oral tradition, a performing art, and an educational tool."

Evening tickets are only \$10. Attendees will hear stories from around the world, including Japan and

Africa. Ghost stories, sacred tales, folklore, and tall tales are among the fare offered to delight audiences of all ages.



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Events of Interest to AAUW Members

The **National Women's History Project** is celebrating the **Centennial of the 1913 Woman Suffrage March** in Washington, DC, the weekend of March 2-3. If you are in Washington this weekend, participate in the Centennial Woman Suffrage parade and attend special events with author and NWHP board member, Robert P.J. Cooney, Jr. Spend an amazing weekend in our nation's capitol immersing yourself in our past and present, surrounded by history and history-in-the-making.

Equal Pay Day: Tuesday, April 9, 2013, marking the point at which women finally earn—on average—what men earned in 2012. The National Committee on Pay Equity has more information on their **web-site**.

AAUW Convention in New Orleans, June 9-12. Early-bird registration ends April 15. **Register now!** Speakers include Lilly Ledbetter and Melissa Harris Perry, professor of political science at Tulane and host of her own weekend show on MSNBC.



At a meeting in Florida of AAUW members and other women leaders on February 22, former Speaker Nancy Pelosi commended AAUW and called for passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act.