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**MONONA/MADISON (WI)
BRANCH**

**Monona/Madison Branch
Newsletter**

JANUARY 2025

TUESDAY, January 28

6:30 p.m.: Social Time on Zoom

7 p.m. Dr. Sergio M. Gonzalez, Assistant Professor of History,
Marquette University

Title: Histories of Latino Wisconsin

For more than a century, Latino immigrants, migrants, and refugees have turned their sights northward to Wisconsin in search of a stable and secure future for themselves and their families. Today, more than a half a million people of Latino descent call the state home. Sergio M. González, an Assistant Professor of History at Marquette University, is a historian of twentieth-century U.S. migration, labor, and religion whose scholarship focuses on the development of Latino communities in the U.S. Midwest.



He is the author of *Mexicans in Wisconsin* (Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2017) and the co-editor of *Faith and Power: Latino Religious Politics Since 1945* (New York University Press, 2022) with Felipe Hinojosa and Maggie Elmore. His most recently published book, *Strangers No Longer: Latino Belonging and Faith in Twentieth-Century Wisconsin* (University of Illinois Press, 2024), explores the relationship between Latino communities, religion, and social movements in the twentieth century Midwest. He delves into the stories and challenges of these resilient communities, from the farm workers who helped make Wisconsin America's breadbasket in the mid twentieth century, to the labor organizers who fought for better living and working conditions in the civil rights era, to the everyday families who continue to make space for themselves all across the state today.

His current research expands on these themes through two new initiatives. The first examines the history of sanctuary movements in the late twentieth and early twenty-first

centuries, exploring the pivotal role religious institutions and people of faith have played in developing contemporary social movements for immigrant and refugee justice. His second project analyzes the central role the Midwest has come to play in the country's fraught immigration politics, studying the century-long record of anti-immigrant sentiment in the region and the social movements that have risen to combat it.

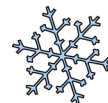
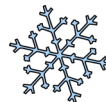
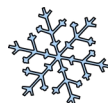
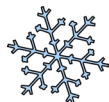
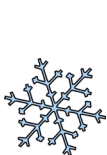
ZOOM: Kleo will send out Zoom invitations on Sunday night. In the past you could come in early without Kleo, the host, and just visit. She now will use a waiting room for our general meetings and you will see the message "The host will admit you" when you open your zoom invite. Kleo would appreciate you signing in by 6:45 and plans to let people in starting 6:30 so you can visit, but she would like you to be signed in by 6:50. The speaker will start precisely at 7 and she hopes to have everyone admitted who is coming. Kleo's cell phone is 765-469-1936 if you need to call her for any reason the night of the meeting. If you haven't zoomed for a while and need a "practice" session, contact Kleo in next couple weeks.

Other branches including Beaver Dam, Fort Atkinson, Janesville, and Tomah as well as the State Board have been invited so expect to see some unfamiliar faces who are also interested in our speaker. The meeting will be recorded and sent out to our members and recording will be available until next meeting.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER, Pat Ruppert & Debbie Mahaffey

Happy New Year! We wish you all good health and many joyful moments throughout 2025. We wrapped up 2024 with members and guests joining together for a wonderful Holiday Luncheon celebration with delicious food, time to mingle with friends, and raise funds to continue to advance our mission. With gratitude and thanks to the Holiday Luncheon Committee: Robby Sonzogni, Donna Anderson, Sharon Knoop, Kleo Baruth Kritz, Sue Richter, Pat Ruppert, Gail Stirr and Mary Michor. And thank you to all you participated, donated and/or purchased auction items and books/ The event was a huge success by all accounts. Many heartfelt thanks to all of you!

We begin 2025 with our practice of meeting via zoom and extending an invitation to other AAUW Branches to join us to enjoy our guest speaker, Dr. Sergio M. Gonzalez, Assistant Professor of History, Marquette University. Dr. Sergio will speak on "Histories of Latino Wisconsin". Social time begins at 6:30 and speaker at 7:00. We won't have a formal meeting this month, but please stay tuned in for a few brief announcements immediately following the speaker. We'll miss our face-to-face interaction, but welcome the opportunity to meet via zoom. We hope you are able to join our January 28, 2025 meeting via zoom. Happy 2025!



**FINANCIAL REPORT, Gail Stirr
November 30, 2024**

Beginning Balance 10/31/24 **\$8,487.73**

- Holiday luncheon \$825.00
- Bridge donations \$32.00
- Lit Group (scholarship donations) \$20.00
- Tandem Press tour donations \$15.00

Total Income: **\$892.00**

Total Expenses: **\$0.00**

Balance 11/30/24 **\$9,379.73**

December 31, 2024

Beginning Balance 11/30/24 **\$9,379.73**

- Holiday luncheon \$325.00
- Holiday Auction Fundraising \$2,880.00
- Repayment/Auction cash box loan \$100.00
- Bridge donations \$22.00
- Branch T-shirt orders \$205.00

Total Income: **\$3,532.00**

- Hosted Odyssey Meal (November) \$493.04
- Auction cash box loan \$100.00
- Maple Bluff Holiday Luncheon \$1,199.79

Total Expenses: **\$1,792.83**

Balance 12/31/24 **\$11,118.90**

MILESTONES

Birthdays in January: ; Lucy Bautz, 6; Helen Sjolander, 6; Gail Stirr, 7; Mary Zupanc, 27; Percy Mather, 31



FROM THE STATE PRESIDENT, Deb Thiel

Deb Thiel is planning an article for Badger Brief about Wisconsin AAUW members who fill local governmental leadership positions! We have State Representatives, Mayor and more among our statewide membership! So she is checking with each Branch to see if additional members should be highlighted. School Boards, Town Boards, etc., are all folks making a difference. So the question is, **do any of our Monona/Madison members serve on any local governmental boards**, this would include neighborhood associations in addition to those listed above. Please let Debbie Mahaffey know ASAP if you serve in any such capacity. Thanks much for spreading the word.

Please send names, positions, email addresses and anything interesting to share to Debbie at Mahaffey11@gmail.com. THANKS

AAUW Monona/Madison T-Shirts

A reminder, if you have already ordered your **AAUW Monona/Madison t-shirt** please do so ASAP. The shirts are blue; fabric is a nice weight of 35% cotton, 65% polyester; AAUW Monona/Madison logo will be on the upper left side. Shirts are \$20 and an order form is below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Mahaffey at mahaffey11@gmail.com or phone 608.770.9681.

Order form and checks should be mailed to Co-President Pat Ruppert at 2925 Maple Run Dr., Madison, WI 53719.

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Name _____ Phone _____

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Indicate your T-Shirt Size

T-Shirt Size: XS Small Medium Large X-Large XXLarge

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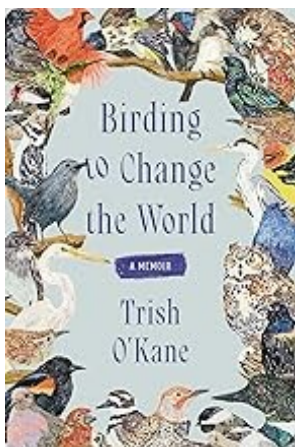
SCHOLARSHIPS, Liz Senseman

Scholarship Update: Our two endowed funds at National contributed to two Career Development Grants this Fall. Anna Aponte Baez is pursuing a Masters in Education, specializing in Instructional Technology, K-6, and is attending the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford, CT. Divieke Angelo is working towards a Masters of Health Science, with an emphasis on the Pharmaceutical Sciences, and is attending the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. As a reminder, the interest from our funds (the Monona Branch 25th Anniversary Fund and the Madison Branch Research Projects Fund) is combined with the interest from other funds to make these grants possible. Our annual contribution to the Greatest Needs Fund is used primarily for administrative purposes. Additional information about the various funds at National is available at the National website, AAUW.org.

FROM ANN PETERSON of the AAUW Janesville book group: I am writing to let you know that our **February 12, 2025 Zoom meeting at 6:30 pm** will be to discuss the book, ***Birding to Change the World: a Memoir* by Trish O'Kane**. This popular book is set mainly in Madison, especially Warner Park. It's a great read. The author will be at our meeting gratis (her usual fee is \$3,000.00) because she loves AAUW. She only asks that we do read her book and that those who are able, purchase it. She will not give a speech but she will answer questions from attendees.

I do hope that members of AAUW/Monona/Madison will join us for this Zoom meeting. Details for joining the Zoom will be available later. I hope to see you at the meeting. Ann

From Kleo Baruth Kritz: Tap the cover below to find out more about the book and how to order it. I am planning on attending and just ordered the book. I am on Ann's mailing list so let me know if you want her zoom invite when it comes out.



AAUW-WI Convention 2025 Highlights

The 104th Wisconsin State Convention will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel La Crosse – Onalaska, April 25-26. Reduced guest room rates have been negotiated at \$104 plus tax (\$118.04 total) per night.

1. Optional Tour

On Friday morning, an optional guided tour of Mary of the Angels Chapel at St. Rose Convent in La Crosse, founded by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in 1878, will be offered to those who arrive early. The church is Romanesque style, with Corinthian pillars and Bavarian stained glass windows. Altars are constructed of Italian marble inlaid with Venetian glass and mother of pearl mosaics. There is no charge for the tour.

2. Keynote Speakers

Keynote speaker Amanda Goodenough, an educator and consultant, works to elevate historically marginalized voices and advance racial justice. She is currently Lead Executive Officer and Founder of Goodenough Consulting, LLC.

Prior to assuming that position, she worked for 17 years as the Director of the Research and Resource Center for Campus Climate at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Amanda serves on the boards of numerous organizations focused on justice, equity, decolonization, and interconnectedness. Her honors include the Social Justice Achievement Award for the YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women (2010) and the La Crosse Area Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award (2021). The title of Amanda's convention presentation is "Welcome to the Struggle . . ."

Lynda Drews of Green Bay is the author of *The Maid and the Socialite: The Brave Women Behind Green Bay's Scandalous Minahan Trials*. Her keynote, "Uncovering the Lost Histories of Women," will discuss the true story behind the book. The historical nonfiction, written in the victims' voices, discusses the truth about the women's abuser, a famous Green Bay surgeon. *Midwest Book Review* says, Lynda's book is "written with the drama of fiction and the compelling research of fact." She also wrote *Run at Destruction: A True Fatal Love Triangle* and *Circle of Innocence*. Lynda will have books available for signing.

3. Concurrent Sessions

Concurrent sessions will feature topics such as the differently abled, artificial intelligence, big money and politics, the Holocaust, reproductive health, and local African American history.

4. Convention Activities

Traditional convention activities, such as tri-board displays from each branch and a

fundraising silent auction, will be included. Branches are encouraged to donate baskets for the auction. The Friday evening “Sweet Suite” will again be offered. **For more information or to receive a copy of this article as an email attachment, please contact Jan Eriksen, La Crosse Branch, at jperiksen@viterbo.edu.**

CALENDAR

- **Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Book Club:** Host: Lynn Christensen or zoom depending on the weather. Reviewer: Gail Stirr. *Finding the Mother Tree* by Suzanne Simard
- **Jan. 23 at 9:30 a.m.: Morning Literature:** Leader: Linda Voss. *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson Held at the Monona Library.
- **Jan. 28: General Meeting via Zoom**
- **Feb. 7 at 1 p.m.: Bridge** at St. Stephen’s, Monona
- **Feb. 12 at 1 p.m.: Board Meeting via Zoom**
- **Apr. 25-26: State Convention, Onalaska**

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