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AAUW of Washington 2019 Annual Meeting Bellingham

Holiday Inn, Bellingham International Airport



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Friday April 12- April 13, 2019

1:00-4:00 PM

AAUW WA Board Meeting

5:00-6:00 PM

Registration and Open Bar

6:00-8:00 PM

Dinner

6:30-7:30 PM

Keynote Speaker Kim Churches, AAUW's Chief Executive Officer:
"This is Your Moment: Taking Action on Economic Security in 2019"

Saturday April 13, 2019

8:00-8:30 AM	Registration and Breakfast Buffet Opening Remarks: Welcome from Judy Prince, AAUW WA President and Judith Entwife, Bellingham Branch President
8:30-9:00 AM	Legacy Circle Invitation 2020 Joint WA-OR State Convention: Eileen Baratuci, AAUW WA Vice President and Program Director
9:00-10:00 AM	AAUW-WA Strategic Plan Update and Planning Session AAUW WA Board Members
10:00-10:15 AM	Break
10:15-12:00 Noon	Keynote Address: Leta R. Sanchez, Immigration Attorney, Mt. Vernon and Holly P. Pai, Immigration Attorney, Bellingham: <i>“Immigration Rights-Helping Families, Women and Children in a Time of Need”</i>
Noon-1:00 PM	Lunch Buffet
1:00-2:00 PM	Jackie Sandmeyer: Founder TIX Education Specialist: <i>“Making Good on the Promise of Sex Discrimination Laws: The Power of the #metoo movement and the demand for a framework of Support.”</i>
2:00-3:00 PM	Rep. Sharon Shewmake, Washington State Representative for the 42nd. Leg. Dist.: <i>“Why I Ran: A First-Time Candidate’s Story”</i>
3:00-3:15 PM	Break
3:15-5:00 PM	AAUW-WA Annual Business Meeting, Facilitated by Judy Prince, President

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6:00-8:00 PM	Optional Dinner to Celebrate Bellingham Branch’s 100 th Anniversary – please advise president@aauw-wa.org if you will attend (Location to be Announced)
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Speakers for AAUW Washington's Annual Meeting



Kimberly Churches: AAUW's Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Kimberly Churches is the Chief Executive Officer of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), a leading voice in advancing equity for women and girls through research, advocacy and education. Prior to joining AAUW, Kim served as the managing director of the Brookings Institution, an internationally recognized public policy think tank. In that capacity she strategically guided Brookings, providing vision and problem-solving skills while focusing on expansive partnerships, external relations, and advancement.

She has also served as an associate vice chancellor at the University of Denver, a director of development at the University of North Florida, and a division director at the American Heart Association. She has extensive experience working collaboratively on education (K–12 and higher education) as well as on capacity building among grassroots groups and national and international nonprofits.

In addition to her work at AAUW, Kimberly currently serves as the chair of the BUILD Metro DC board, which focuses on the power of experiential learning through entrepreneurship for under-resourced communities and is on the board of the Virginia Center for the Literary Arts. She is also a member of the International Women's Forum of Washington, D.C., an organization that represents women leaders in diverse fields and whose mission is to further dynamic leadership and leverage global access to and maximize opportunities for women in 33 countries on 6 continents. Kim lives in the District with her daughter and is a devoted Washington Nationals fan.

Jackie Sandmeyer: Founder TIX Education Specialist



Jackie is the founder of TIX Education Specialists (TIX Edu) and a national Title IX trainer and policy advocate. At TIX Edu, Jackie and their team provide Title IX training and guidance to K-12 school districts and colleges struggling to align emerging best practices with changing state and federal mandates. Jackie founded the country's first statewide campus program in Oregon that changed the way campuses respond to harassment.

Oregon saw dramatic improvement in institutional response, as well as reporting numbers, by working to create better trained Title IX investigators and administrators. That program has now become a national model and is replicated in other states.

Jackie's discussion will review how the #metoo movement triggered a renewal in efforts to

create space for survivors to tell their stories. Jackie will also discuss how they advocate to support schools to implement student-centered and trauma-informed practices into Title IX responses in order to better serve all students involved in the process.

Representative Sharon Shewmake, 42nd District



Sharon Shewmake became an economist because she wanted to “save the world.” She has a PhD in Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics from UC-Davis and is an Associate Professor at WWU where she teaches economics and energy policy. Dr. Shewmake is passionate about teaching economics to anyone who will listen, including children, and has written a picture book about economics that explains the benefits of trade to both children and politicians. She is State Representative from the 42nd LD where she serves on the Transportation Committee; the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee; and the Energy and Environment Committee. She is married with two children and enjoys cycling, hiking, soccer, drinking coffee, and writing down the stories her kids tell.

Holly Pai, Immigration Attorney, Bellingham



Lawyer Association.

Holly Pai has years of experience as an immigration lawyer fighting for the rights of immigrants. Her practice in immigration and nationality law focuses on complex immigration matters. She came to Bellingham in 2015 after practicing immigration law in New York for nearly 10 years. She graduated cum laude from Seattle University School of Law and received the Dean’s Award for Leadership in Race and Gender Issues. She is authorized to practice immigration and naturalization law in all 50 states and US Territories and is an active member of the American Immigration

Leta R. Sanchez, Immigration Attorney, Mt. Vernon



Leta Sanchez has practiced exclusively immigration law for over a decade. She represents individuals seeking protection under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), asylum, waivers of inadmissibility, litigation before the immigration courts as well as appellate work before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Ms. Sanchez is passionate about advocating for immigrants and enjoys serving people from diverse backgrounds. She dedicates a significant portion of her practice to assisting survivors of gender-based violence to obtain protection under U.S. immigration law.

Ms. Sanchez is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) and a regular participant in outreach in the Skagit Valley. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the AILA WA State Chapter as the Programs Chair. She is committed to promoting access to justice for marginalized members of her community and regularly provides pro bono assistance. Ms. Sanchez enjoys finding ways to support immigrants outside of her legal work and is the Executive Director of a local non-profit, IRIS, dedicated to meeting the basic human needs of immigrant families.

Ms. Sanchez's immigration practice is complemented by her experience in international law. She previously worked on cases at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in San Jose, Costa Rica, studied international law in Geneva, Switzerland, attended the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France and volunteered at a non-profit in Nicaragua. These experiences have deepened Ms. Sanchez's understanding of the global forces that compel migration and allow her to employ a compassionate and culturally sensitive approach to her law practice.