

**AAUW WA ONLINE BRANCH PROGRAM**

**ZOOM, 4 PM – 4:45 PM Thursday, February 25, 2021**

**Pre-registration required**

**Naomi Ishisaka, Seattle Times**

**Viewing Leadership, Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Development:  
A major influencer speaks Her Truth in Changing Times**

Join us for a spirited discussion on leadership, diversity, inclusion and community development through the eyes and voice of Naomi Ishisaka, the Assistant Managing Editor for Diversity, Inclusion and Staff Development and the Social Justice Columnist for *The Seattle Times*. A Major Influencer in the Seattle region, she is an award-winning columnist and photographer. Naomi edited *Colors NW* and under her leadership the publication received over 50 awards, and she personally received 5 of those awards. Naomi Ishisaka speaks about our communities and works tirelessly to address that truth through her Seattle Times column. Her experiences as an editor, writer, artist, and columnist offer insights for AAUW members and leaders in Washington State and across the US. We are fortunate to have her join us for an open conversation.



Register to attend this ZOOM meeting by 4 pm Wednesday, February 24, at: [waonlinebranch@gmail.com](mailto:waonlinebranch@gmail.com) Include your name, branch, if appropriate, state, and mobile phone number, preferably.

We live in changing times and that's not easy. Many of us remember Bob Dylan's 1964 song-- "The Times They Are a-Changin'"—which reflected the sentiment that imminent change was in the air. Soon the country was torn up by war and peace movements; civil rights and assassinations; women's rights and abortion reform. Today, once again, we can sing Dylan's song loud and strong: the pandemic rages; the number of deaths roar up – impacting minority populations, especially people of color, disproportionately, while shots in arms cannot get in fast enough to meet the potentially deadly mutations. Black Lives Matter and Me Too challenge our communities to see differently. We are at another crossroads as a country; for all of us – what is fair, reasonable, equitable? Can we see each other as individuals worthy of respect in our communities? What is TRUTH? Whose truth is it?

AAUW as an organization has long been committed to diversity and inclusion. The AAUW supports diversity through major grants in all programs. The [AAUW-WA On-Line Branch](#) seeks to further our diversity and inclusion mission through programming and strategic planning.

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