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Critical Race Theory: Clarifying the Origins of the Disinformation Campaign

Saturday, January 8, 2022

9:30 Social Time

10:00 Program

Zoom



Marvin Lynn, Ph.D. Dean of the School of Education,
Portland State University

Dr. Lynn conducts research on race, education, the work and lives of Black male educators, and best practices for advancing teacher diversity in the United States. *The Handbook of Critical Race Theory in Education*, which Lynn co-edited with Adrienne Dixson, is regarded as one of the most important resources on race and education.

Lynn has served on a number of editorial boards including *Urban Education*, *Review of Educational Research*, and *Critical Education*. Currently he is on the Board of Directors for the Carnegie Project for the Education Doctorate as well as number of boards and councils in the State of Oregon.

Dr. Lynn received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from DePaul University in Chicago, a Master of Arts in Education from Teachers College-Columbia University, and a doctorate in Education & Social Sciences from UCLA.

Connections

Catharine Hojem



Happy New Year!

May 2022 bring about the conditions we need to achieve health, peace and security for all beings as well as for our dear planet.

These past two years have been so difficult in many ways, but optimism and January just go together, so I am looking ahead, especially for activities which help our AAUW members move forward into some new territory.

I am always so inspired by those of you who adopt New Year's fitness resolutions and keep them. I don't even attempt. In January there usually is some Irish Cream left in the Bailey's bottle leaving fitness resolutions pointless. For me, it seems taking on new activities, commitments or hobbies, is easier than giving things up.

If you are contemplating new activities, below are some new interest group ideas as well as revivals of past

activities that members have suggested. Perhaps you have some additional thoughts which I encourage you to share. A survey will be sent in the upcoming weeks to get your opinions about ways to enliven our branch and to attract new members.

Possible Interest Groups:

Art Museum/Gallery treks

Mah-Jongg

Birdwatching

Hiking/Trail walks

Portland Walking Tours

Movie and Theatre productions

Lecture series

Metaphysical Book Group

I'd also like to put the **FUN** back in Fundraising. Many members have shared examples of past events, which reportedly both the membership and the public enjoyed. As an organization, our efforts to support our operations, as well as the goals to help achieve equity and education for women and girls, depends upon our ability to provide funding. The lovely, creative Suffragette Quilt energized a 2020 raffle which was not just exciting but lucrative as well.

Do you know that the National AAUW Fund awarded \$3.6 million to more than 200 recipients for the 2021 academic year with the goal of advancing educational opportunities for women around the globe? That is just part of the work done by the Fund in an ongoing program to reach our mission.

We are all looking forward to a 2022 which restores the normal tempo back into our personal lives. Until then, continue to take care and look out for one another!!

Save the Date
Tuesday January 11, 2022
4:00 PM, PST

The AAUW **Oregon Online Branch** is delighted to host new **AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell**. You won't want to miss this! Mark your calendars now and invite your AAUW friends! The Zoom invitation will be sent early in January.



AAUW, both at the national and state level, has taken a strong position in addressing the toxic systemic racism and sexism which threaten BIPOC minorities and women. They have urged the creation of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion positions to promote education of our memberships in recognizing and confronting racism. The DEI officer will assist us in advancing policies and taking actions that respond to racial biases and sexist practices.

Marty Maharg has agreed to be Lake Oswego's DEI officer. She has been involved in community anti-racism efforts and is knowledgeable about the systemic changes which are necessary, as a result. The following is her article for the month of January.

Happy New Year! Here is some information on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion activities for the month of January.

Our January 8 branch meeting will be presented, via zoom, by Dr. Marvin Lynn. Dr. Lynn is a professor at Portland State University and an internationally recognized scholar on race and education. Lynn is also a member of the Tigard-Tualatin School Board. He will be speaking on Critical Race Theory. Please join us for this interesting and informative program.

On January 20 at 7:00 PM, the West Linn Alliance will be hosting a zoom program discussing the rise in Antisemitism in our communities. The presenter will be Bob Horenstein, Director of Community Relations of the Jewish Federation of Portland. For more information or to register for this free event, go to the West Linn Webpage, at westlinalliance.org, one week prior to the program.

The following is an excellent and interesting article which appeared in the *Beyond: Fall/Winter 2021* issue. It can be accessed online at: OregonHumanities.org. "Beyond Pigmentocracy: How race, internalized oppression and representation affect one mixed family" by Chance White Eyes, PhD and Rachael L. Cushman.

Stubborn Twig: Three Generations in the Life of a Japanese Family, by Lauren Kessler. The Japanese immigrant experience is documented in a very readable, detailed social history of three generations of the Yasui family in Oregon. The Monday Nonfiction Book Group read this and highly recommends it.



Tuesday Books

4th Tuesday at 11:00am

Date: January 25

Book: *Simon the Peddler* by Paulette Jiles

For more information, contact Lynda Bigler, libigler@easystreet.net

Murder by the Book

2nd Wednesday at 12:00pm

Date: January 12

Book: *A Lady's Guide to Etiquette and Murder* by Dianne Freeman

For more information, contact Jane Taft, taft.jane@gmail.com or Stephanie Carter, secarter1@gmail.com

Interpretive Books

3rd Thursday at 9:30am

Date: January 20

Book: *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie King

For more information, contact Connie Irwin, irwinconnie44@gmail.com

Thursday Evening Books

4th Thursday at 7:00pm

Date: January 27

Book: *The Stranger Diaries* by Elly Griffiths

For more information, contact Suzanne Kaveckis, smkaveckis@icloud.com

Non-Fiction Books

2nd Monday at 11:00am

Date: January 10

Book: *The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century* by Kirk Wallace Johnson

For more information, contact Mary Pat Silveira, mpsilveira@usa.net

Story Telling

3rd Monday at 3:00pm

Date: January 17

For more information, contact Catharine Hojem, hojem2@gmail.com

Public Policy & Advocacy

3rd Friday at 11:00am

Date: January 21

For more information, contact Sharron Noone, smnrrooe@aol.com

Lunch Bunch

3rd Tuesday at 11:30am

Date: January 18

Location: Dang's Thai Kitchen
670 N Street, Lake Oswego

To RSVP or inquire further, contact Marge Ransom, wrandmr68@yahoo.com or Charlene Vojtilla, charjoy8@gmail.com

Lunch Bunch Holiday Potluck at the home of Stephanie Wagner



Left to right (standing) Jeanne-Marie Pierrelouis, Linda Hartling, Marty Maharg, Charlene Vojtilla, Marge Ransom, Mary Pat Silveira and Pat Squire (Seated) Lois Isbell, Stephanie Wagner, Jane Taft



Pat Squire and Mary Pat Silveira



A toast to the holidays!!

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8 Branch Meeting
9	10 Non-Fiction Books	11	12 Murder by the Book	13	14	15
16	17 Story Telling	18 Lunch Bunch	19	20 Interpretive Books	21 Public Policy & Advocacy	22
23	24	25 Tuesday Books	26	27 Thursday Evening Books	28	29
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February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Board Meeting	2	3	4	5 Delightful Dining
6	7	8	9 Murder by the Book	10	11	12 Branch Meeting
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