### Tuesday, November 5
12 – 1 p.m.
Yale Welcome Center
Lunch and Learn

Brexit: Why It May Happen and What Would it Mean for the UK and the EU?

David R. Cameron

### Tuesday, November 12
12:30 p.m. – Lobby of Yale University Art Gallery
For Art Aficionados:
A tour of Place, Nations, Generations, Beings: 200 Years of Indigenous North American Art

### Sunday, December 8
3 – 5 p.m.
YUWO Holiday Party
Q Club in New Haven.
Don’t miss it!

### Monday, November 4
10:30 – 12 noon
Final Middle East Lecture
Yale West Haven Conference Center.
(Note! date changed)

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YUWO Members and Friends, Happy Fall!

As I write my November greeting, members and their friends are immersed in our fine Lecture Series on the Middle East. Some are enriching their experience by reading *Lawrence in Arabia* by Scott Anderson, *The Desert Queen* by Janet Wallach and *Gertrude Bell, Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations*, by Georgina Howell.

The Gourmet Group recently experienced the flavors of the Middle East with a menu from Baba Ganouj to Khatai.

Ahead of us are the Lunch and Learn on “Brexit” and the visit to Common Ground. Details of these events are inside this Newsletter.

**Reminder:** A membership renewal form is included in this newsletter. Please check your files to be certain that you have returned this year’s form and your $40 dues.

YUWO offers members a chance to learn, to make new friends and to participate in an organization that provides scholarships to women whose education has been interrupted. Keep us growing and thriving by your participation.

Mary-Jo W. Warren, YUWO President

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**YUWO Monthly Book Groups – Read On**

**Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 p.m.** Monday, November 11, we will be discussing *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

**Second or Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 p.m.** Monday, November 28, at the CR Clubhouse, *The Secret Scripture* by Sebastian Berry. *Kirkus Review* calls it “a subtle study of psychology, religion, family and politics in Ireland.” Meet at Betsy Suatoni’s home on Monday, December 9, 2 p.m. Bring next year’s book choices and share a poem. Contact Betsy Suatoni at elsuatoni@sbcglobal.net or (518) 483-6509.

**Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 p.m.** Tuesday, November 12. We are reading *Normal People* by Sally Rooney (postponed from October.) Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe66@gmail.com

**Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 a.m.** Thursday, November 14, *The Moor’s Account* by Laila Lalami, is called one of the best books of 2014. *Kirkus Review* calls it “an assured, lyrical imagining of the life of one of the first African slaves in the New World.” Meet at Eleanor Radune’s home. On Thursday, December 12, at 9:30 we will meet at a location to be determined. We are reading *She Has Her Mother’s Laugh: The Powers, Perversions and Potential of Heredity* by Carl Zimmer, science writer for the *New York Times* and father of a Yale freshman. Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or amdefronzo@gmail.com

**Needler’s News**

Needlers will meet twice in November, Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 1:30 p.m. Meeting place information will be provided closer to the dates. If you would like to join us but are not on the email list, Contact Dinny Wakerly for information and directions. (203) 624-9343, or dinnyw999@gmail.com. As always, you are invited to bring your projects or just come for conversation.

**Tennis**

The ladies of the YUWO tennis group are back at Yale on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 am. Contact Carol Munch at 203-278-3862 or munchcarol@gmail.com to sign up.

**Art Aficionados**

This group is active! In October, thirteen happy participants joined in a guided tour at the Yale University Art Gallery of two temporary exhibits, *Ceremonial Dress from Southwest India* and *William Bailey: Looking Through Time*. Both exhibits are on display until January 5, 2020. The next guided tour for YUWO Art Aficionados will occur on Tuesday, November 12 at 12:30 p.m. Called *Place, Nations, Generations, Beings: 200 Years of Indigenous North American Art*, the exhibit will be open through June 21, 2020. Please contact Anneke Hathaway at apthathaway@gmail.com or 203-752-0460 if you are interested in attending as part of a group. As usual we will meet in the lobby before the tour. Groups are limited to 20.

**Hikers**

Contact Patty Pollard (203-668-6019) or pollpatty@yahoo.com for information about the latest hiking plans.

**Movie**

See “Mr. Turner” at the Willoughby Wallace Library in Branford, Friday, November 22, 1:00 p.m.
Book Review

*Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly, and the Making of the Modern Middle East* by Scott Anderson. (National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist, 2013.)

The Lecture Series continues to inform attendees about past and current issues in the Middle East. Dr. Mithat Mardin uses maps, graphs, and up-to-date commentary to explain the complex situation facing the world today—and how it got this way. His recommended reading, Scott Anderson’s 2013 book, *Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly and the Making of the Modern Middle East*, provides a solid base for understanding the issues that rocked the world in the early twentieth century and still pertain to events covered in today’s newspapers.

This history of events in the Middle East during the years running up to and through World War I, is familiar, yet for the casual reader, obscured by the century that has passed since that time. Perhaps you saw Lawrence of Arabia, the 1962 technicolor film starring Peter O’Toole as the British T.E. Lawrence and Alec Guiness as his Arabian counterpart, Prince Faisal. The movie was a basically historically correct in many ways, but reading the immense amount of detail in 505 pages, including the epilogue, reveals much about Lawrence’s personality and demonstrates the full extent of his involvement in machinations to protect the Middle East from the imperial powers of France, Britain, and Russia.

If you have the time, it’s worth reading this book to gain a greater appreciation of the origins of the current conflicts in the region. If you don’t have time to read the book, maybe watch the movie. Or do both.
"Brexit: Why It May Happen and What It Would Mean for the UK and the EU"

All are invited to the first Lunch and Learn of this year, on Tuesday, November 5 from 12:00 – 1:00pm at the Yale Welcome Center, 149 Elm Street, New Haven. David Cameron, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Yale Program on European Union Studies, will discuss Brexit, the current state of affairs in the UK, and ramifications for the EU.

Professor Cameron received his B.A. from Williams College, an M.B.A. from Dartmouth, an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and his Ph.D. from The University of Michigan. He teaches courses on European politics and the European Union.

He has written about the impact of trade openness on government and, with respect to the EU, the operation of the European Monetary System, the negotiation of the Treaty on European Union, Economic and Monetary Union, the eurozone crisis, the creation of democratic polities and market-oriented economies in central and eastern Europe, the crisis in Ukraine and, most recently, Brexit. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided.

— Marianne Lyden, Lunch and Learn Coordinator

P.S. Thank you, Newcomer Marianne Lyden, for volunteering to be the Lunch and Learn Coordinator

Opportunity Knocks!

Do you have Production Editing skills? If so, YUWO needs your help! And so do I!!

As your Newsletter Editor, I gather stories and pictures, write and edit articles, organize and sequence content, and fine tune presentation to provide timely, interesting, and informative news for all YUWO members.

Producing eight YUWO Newsletters each year is a big job! To help me (and YUWO), I’m searching for another YUWO member to volunteer her time as Production Editor.

The Production Editor’s job: format layout; edit content to fit; create and apply desired graphic style; edit, size and place pictures and other media; insert tables where needed; ensure hyperlinks function; convert finished pages to pdf form; then assemble for printing and sending finished Newsletters to members in either printed or e-copy form.

As Production Editor, you’ll need to be a reasonably accomplished user of Microsoft Word, Adobe Photoshop, and Adobe Acrobat or equivalent software applications. We’ll provide you training in the specifics.

Come aboard for the next issue! Please contact me or Mary-Jo Warren.

With many thanks, Susan Leonard
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Fascinating (and timely) Tour of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

On September 24, nineteen YUWO members heard the CAES Director Theodore Andreadis provide an overview of the Station’s research and services as well as its 144-year history, 137 years at its current location at 123 Huntington Street in New Haven.

Since 1875, CAES has offered a wide variety of services to everyone in Connecticut, but the availability of computers has made accessing that information much simpler. A visit to the website under ct.gov shows just how many areas are covered, including soil testing, plant and insect information and descriptions of problems, and testing for ticks, mosquitos and invasive aquatic plants and animals, to name several. That said, visiting in person makes the work of the Station even more real.

The group toured four of the labs to hear lead researchers speak about their current work. Most significantly, Mr. John Shepard, head of the Mosquito Surveillance Program spoke on the Station’s collaboration with neighboring states to monitor mosquitoes for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. (This was the day before Connecticut’s second fatality and the beginning of the variable warnings about EEE on the highways.)

Other researchers and labs included Dr Goudarz Molaei on CAES’ Tick testing Program (tick-borne diseases are up significantly), Dr. Robert Marra on the services of the Plant Disease Information Office (diseases are up due to globalization and climate warming), as well as Dr. Gale Ridge on the Insect Inquiries program and her work on bedbugs. (Spoiler alert: put your suitcase in the hotel bathtub overnight and vacuum the crevices in your mattress after you get home.) The gardeners among us were entranced by the specimen trees and shrubs throughout the grounds; they might be worth a future guided tour.

—Shavaun Towers Bennett, YUWO Tour Coordinator

YUWO Membership Report

Membership Chair Margaret Sipple reports that we have 17 new members for a total of 331 members. Last year’s number was 313. Of the 331 members, 242 have paid so far. Dues are $40 and are DUE. Unfortunately, we have not yet had renewals from 71 members. Following find the contact information of our new members and a few corrections from last month’s newsletter. Let Margaret know if you have information about former members no longer active in YUWO.

Additions and Corrections

Betsy Weber’s email address should be eweber@edgedev.com.

The new date for the final YUWO fall lecture is Monday, November 4, 10:30 to 12:00 noon at the Yale West Haven Conference Center. The date was changed from November 6 because of the need to use the center for mid-term elections on November 5. By the way, don’t forget to vote in your local elections!
Newcomers Contact Information

Newcomers Chair Mary Jane Miller – mjmiller@computerdesign.net – submitted this list of 17 new members. Welcome all. Please, everyone, make an effort to reach out to and include these women when you see them.

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Offer Support for Continuing Education through YUWO Scholarships

Six women are continuing their education this fall thanks to awards from the YUWO Scholarship program presented at the Annual Luncheon in May. Each of these women is in an accredited and advanced degree program, whether in health care and research or fine arts and finance. In addition to studying for their degree, each of them has a full-time job and family responsibilities. We congratulate them again and applaud their effort to continue their education.

Now YUWO is soliciting a new round of applications for the 2020 awards. Any woman associated with Yale University, whose education has been interrupted or delayed, is eligible to apply. YUWO is making an effort to reach out to the Yale Affinity Groups, i.e. separate campus support groups for working women, Latina, Asian-American, African-American, LGBTQ, women veterans and women with disabilities in the Yale community. Last year we received 18 applications and had to make some hard decisions about which deserving women should receive the six scholarships.

If you have not yet contributed to the Scholarship fund, please consider making a donation now. Send a check made out to YUWO with the notation, Scholarship Fund, to P.O. Box 207165, New Haven, CT 06405. Last year nearly sixty per cent of YUWO members contributed to the Fund, which is admirable, but our goal this year is one hundred per cent. So many women working to advance their careers and improve the ability to support themselves and their families are deserving of our support. And one hundred per cent of your tax-deductible donation goes directly to scholarship recipients.

Don’t Miss Out!

If you haven’t yet done so, please register yourself as a YUWO member.
YUWO Newsletter for November 2019

The YUWO Board wishes you a pleasant Fall season