

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Watch for Zoom Invites!

“The Year of the Woman at Yale”

Wednesday, October 7, 10:30

Susan Gibbons

Wednesday, October 14, 10:30

Linda Greenhouse

Wednesday, October 28, 10:30

Constance Royster

Please read the speaker biographies on page 3 and send your questions to: sandrajogreer@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 13, 12:00

Lunch & Learn – Marci Shore, Associate Professor of History (see page 3 for more)

ZOOM Etiquette: The Do’s and Don’ts

1. Find a well-lit, comfortable chair. Avoid backlighting from bright windows and have good lighting on your face so you can be seen clearly.
2. Join the meeting 5 minutes early. (If you haven’t used Zoom before click the link to download Zoom prior to the meeting day.)
3. Stay seated as moving with your camera is a distraction to the speaker and the audience.
4. If distractions occur in your surroundings, mute your microphone and disable your video. You can continue to participate.

MAY DAY AT YALE, 1970

On Thursday, September 10, Henry “Sam” Chauncey treated a large YUWO audience and guests to a discussion about his experiences as an administrator in the Yale community during the Spring of 1970. He is the author of a book on the subject.



YUWO Members and Friends:

Here we are! 90 of us ...

Welcome once again to a new kind of fall. In October, YUWO members will have the opportunity to listen and be inspired by women in the Yale Community at the Fall Wednesday mornings Lecture Series and the Tuesday, October 13 Lunch and learn.

Mark your calendars and watch for the Zoom invite. Looking on the bright side, with Zoom lectures, there is no difficulty finding a parking space. Again, I encourage you to practice Zoom. Remember the small interest groups, book, gourmet, French. Those Zoom experiences are more intimate. If you are interested, call or email the

contact person, or Elizabeth Parker, the YUWO Vice-President or myself. We are here to help you to tolerate this “confinement” and anticipate the joy of future reunions.

Mary-Jo W. Warren, YUWO President

YUWO VIRTUAL Monthly Book Groups – Read On!

Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Monday, October 12. We will have a Zoom discussion of *The Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabelle Allende. Allende's new novel follows two refugees from the Spanish Civil War, whose mock marriage as they flee to Chile gradually deepens into real love, set against a backdrop of war and upheaval. (NPR Review.)

Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

Second or Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Monday, October 19. *The Noise of Time* by Julian Barnes. This book ventures into the mind of Dmitri Shostakovich, the 20th century musician whose work Stalin denounced as “the perverted taste of the bourgeois with its fidgety, neurotic music.” We will venture there, too.

Contact Betsy Suatoni (518) 483-6509, or elsuatoni@sbcglobal.net.

Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Tuesday, October 13. *Nobody Will Tell You This But Me* by Bess Kalb. A recent review called this “A brilliantly original memoir of a grandmother speaking to her granddaughter from beyond the grave, telling the story of her life.” Wouldn't we all love to tell our granddaughters more about our lives? Lyn writes, “Most everyone comes to the meetings on Zoom, even people currently in Massachusetts and Florida, to exchange news and views as well as a thorough discussion of the month's book

Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe66@gmail.com

Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am on Zoom:

Thursday, October 8. *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. *The Guardian* calls this book one in which “A light-skinned twin sister constructs a new identity as a white woman in a clever novel that confounds expectations.” Sounds intriguing! This is the second time this book has been chosen by a YUWO group

Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or amdefronzo@gmail.com

Hiking

We will hike two or three times a month on scenic trails in the New Haven area for as long as the weather allows. Hikes are limited to eight people, masked and socially distanced, so if this sounds good to you, contact Patty Pollard at pollpatty@yahoo.com to be sent details of each hike.

Memoir Writing

The first YUWO group is under way. Eight people meet on Zoom and share our writing, two pages a week. This group is closed, but Margaret Flesher, facilitator, may be convinced to lead another one. Interested? Contact Margaret at mcflesher729@gmail.com.

NOTE: The Needlers, Tennis, and Scrabble Groups are temporarily on hold until people can gather safely.

~ IN MEMORIAM: LONGTIME YUWO BENEFACTOR ELLIOT BRAUSE ~

As mentioned the day of our recent YUWO Welcome Reception, Elliot Brause of the Quality Wine Shop on Broadway in New Haven for years provided wine and staff to do a wine tasting as part of what then was called the YUWO Wine and Cheese Reception. For over 40 years he proudly owned and operated The Quality Wine Shop on Broadway in New Haven. Among many other services to the community, Elliot was devoted to the Board of Camp Laurelwood in Madison, CT, where he received Lifetime Emeritus Board status. For 25 years, Elliot conducted Wine101 courses at Yale University. He had conducted over 800 wine tastings and had a lifetime love of wine and the wine industry.

YUWO will send a note of condolence to his family.

Lunch and Learn

Due to the ongoing constraints of the pandemic, the YUWO Lunch and Learn series will take place via Zoom.

On Tuesday, October 13, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm Marci Shore, Yale Associate Professor of History and incoming Director of Graduate Studies for the MA in European & Russian Studies, will speak on the 2014 Ukrainian Revolution and her recent book, *The Ukrainian Night: An Intimate History of Revolution*.



What is worth dying for? While the world watched the uprising on the Maidan as an episode in geopolitics, those in Ukraine during the extraordinary winter of 2013–14 lived the revolution as an existential transformation: the blurring of night and day, the loss of a sense of time, the sudden disappearance of fear, the imperative to make choices.

In this lyrical and intimate book, Marci Shore evokes the human face of the Ukrainian Revolution. Grounded in the true stories of activists and soldiers, parents and children, Shore's book blends a narrative of suspenseful choices with a historian's reflections on what revolution is and what it means. She gently sets her portraits of individual revolutionaries against the past as they understand it—and the future as they hope to make it—providing a lesson about human solidarity in a world where the boundary between reality and fiction is ever more effaced.

👉 **SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 10!** On Tuesday, November 10, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm George Syrimis, Director of Hellenic Studies and lecturer in Comparative Literature and Women's and Gender Studies, will talk about the Ancient and Modern Olympics.

Fall Lecture Series Offers Three Exceptional Speakers

We are all persevering through this year using our positive attitudes, creativity, and community support to reach our goals for a healthy and engaging world. Our need for continuous learning survives many obstacles; and to that end, our October Lecture Series will bring that part of our perseverance plans to fruition. You will shortly receive the invitation via email from our president, Mary-Jo Warren, to attend the Zoom-based series to be presented on the Wednesday of October 7, 14, and 28, from 10:30 to 11:30. Our presenters will be engaging with us to give us important insight into their professional development as leaders in their fields, discussing their challenges, exceptional experiences and successes in response to our questions. I've received several questions from our members to generate robust conversations, and I invite your input for more information you would want to hear from our speakers. Email your questions to me at sandrajogreer@gmail.com

We start with **Susan Gibbons**, the Vice Provost for Collections and Scholarly Communications who leads all museums, galleries, libraries and the Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage at Yale.

Linda Greenhouse, the Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law and Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence at Yale Law School, is the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist for the New York Times covering the Supreme Court for 30 years.

Constance Royster is currently the principal of Laurel Associates, LLC. She retired as the Director of Development for Yale Divinity School and was among the first women admitted to Yale College in 1969. She was one of five of these women chronicled in the recently published book, *Yale Needs Women*, by Anne Gardiner Perkins.

While many of us are novices in this Zoom medium, we are all part of a community of scholars and we will get through these troubling days together. Please join us! Feel free to email me at sandrajogreer@gmail.com with any questions to be posed to the speakers that will promote a lively and productive discussion with each. — Sandra Greer

Yale University Women's Organization Awards Seven Academic Scholarships

The Yale University Women's Organization (YUWO) announced the 2020 scholarship awardees in June. YUWO, founded in 1965, has awarded hundreds of academic scholarships, now totaling over \$475,000. This year YUWO congratulates seven deserving women, and proudly supports their academic pursuits with awards totaling over \$30,000.

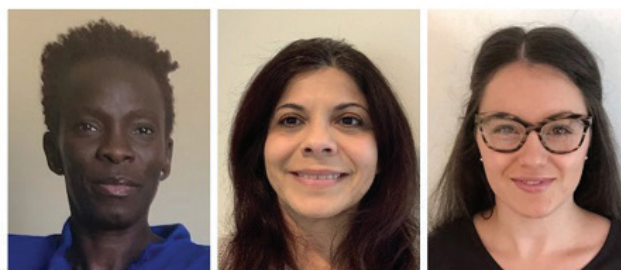


Krystal Augustine

Stacey Bonet

Aja Diggs

Lonnette Diggs



Famatta Gibson

Farah Kidwai-Khan

Camilla Schott

The 2020 YUWO Scholarship recipients are Krystal Augustine, Stacey Bonet, Aja Diggs, Lonnette Diggs, Famatta Gibson, Farah Kidwai-Khan, and Camila Schott.

Ms. Augustine is pursuing a bachelors in organizational psychology at Albertus Magnus, Ms. Bonet is nearing completion of a Doctor of Business Administration degree from Baker College Center for Graduate Studies, Ms. Aja Diggs is enrolled at Gateway Community College completing prerequisites in the pursuit of further education and a career as a nurse-midwife, Ms. Lonnette Diggs, a previous scholarship recipient, is enrolled in a master's program in Applied Laboratory Science and Operations at Bay Path University, Ms. Gibson is pursuing a masters in social work at Nyack School of Social Work, Ms. Kidwai-Khan is enrolled in a doctoral program in engineering management at George Washington University, and Ms. Schott is pursuing a bachelors in business administration at Quinnipiac University.

Support for the YUWO Scholarship program comes from member and friend contributions to the Annual Scholarship Fund, Scholarship Trust Fund, Magee Fenn Trust Fund, Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Trust Fund and the Kay Ross Scholarship. The funds are managed by The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven.

For more information about YUWO and the Scholarship program visit <https://yuwowomen.org/>.

— Adrian Sterling

YUWO SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

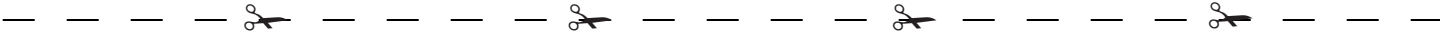


A thank you from Aja Diggs, YUWO Scholarship Recipient

The city of New Haven is an integral part of who I am. It is more than just the city that I was born and raised in. New Haven has educated me; I was a public school student from preschool through college. New Haven made me a humanitarian. My volunteer experiences began as a child at the New Haven Soup Kitchen and brought me to Yale New Haven Hospital as a high school student. New Haven has prepared me for the workforce: from internships through New Haven Promise to employment at The Connection, Inc. and Yale University.

As a recipient of the Yale University Women’s Organization Scholarship, I am thrilled to pursue my education and career in nursing. In my current position as Senior Administrative Assistant, the impact that I have on the patient experience is small when compared to the meaningful connection that I could make with patients as a nurse-midwife. My desire to become a nurse-midwife is fueled by my passion for maternal, infant and child health and reproductive and sexual health. As a public health graduate, I understand the importance of maternal, infant and child health and reproductive and sexual health as leading health indicators.

As a woman, I empathize with these topics on a personal level. I am honored that the Yale University Women’s Organization has given me the opportunity to be on the front lines of healthcare, especially at a time when it is needed the most. — *Thank you, Aja Diggs*



Yale University Women’s Organization Membership Registration Form 2020-2021

Name _____ Phone _____

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Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Please check if you do not have email.

I am renewing my membership _____ I am a new member _____

YUWO Annual Dues \$40.00

YUWO’s Fiscal Year is June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021.
Please remit dues by October 15, 2020.

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A full description of the YUWO Scholarship program and these Funds is found on the YUWO website: <https://yuwowomen.org/scholarships-for-higher-education/>

Check(s) payable to “Yale University Women’s Organization” or “YUWO”

If writing one check, please use the check memo line to indicate the amount and specific scholarship fund donation in addition to your dues.

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