

## Spring Lecture Series Begins April 4!

The Lecture Series is back *in person* at Yale's West Campus Conference Center, beginning April 4<sup>th</sup>, with a new feature—follow-on discussion groups over lunch after each presentation! Also new this season: Payment can be for the full series (\$65) or for individual lectures (\$25 each). Registration is open now. And remember: All proceeds go to augment YUWO Scholarship funds!



### WOMEN, SEX AND GENDER: THE IMPACT OF TITLE IX— YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

- Advancing Women's Rights
- Challenging Stereotypes
- Evolving Concepts of Gender and Sex Roles

This Lecture Series focuses on 50 years of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the law that made gender equality a reality, with an impact on women's roles in community, workplace and family. Today, in an era of fluidity in gender definitions, Title IX challenges us to embrace the entire LGBTQ community.

*Please plan to stay for a no-host lunch in the West Campus Conference Center Cafeteria after the talks to continue discussions with the speakers and to reconnect with fellow YUWO members!*

*[See page 2 for schedule and registration details.]*

## SAVE THE DATE! The Great Give 2023 is May 3-4

Visit [thegreatgive.org](http://thegreatgive.org) to find out how you can support YUWO's scholarships. Look for details about goals, incentives, and prizes in April. Proceeds from the Spring Lecture Series will also be added to scholarship funds.



### Scholarship Committee Goes On the Road—Again!

The Scholarship Committee's efforts to publicize the program have been non-stop in anticipation of the March 31 application deadline. Meanwhile, once again YUWO will participate in the Great Give initiative of the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Board and committee members are working now to offer a match that will encourage maximum participation by YUWO members. Depending on the success of the Great Give, the committee hopes to recommend \$30,000 in scholarship support this year.

The committee has been publicizing the YUWO scholarship throughout the Yale community this

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*And as always, let us hear from you! We are eager for your input! Email us at [president@yuwowomen.org](mailto:president@yuwowomen.org)  
With warm regards, Elizabeth, Betsy and Sandra — YUWO's 2022-2023 Leadership Team*

**Spring 2023 Lecture Series**  
**West Campus Conference Center**  
**800 West Campus Drive, West Haven, CT 06516**

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**APRIL 4, 2023 (TUESDAY 10:30-12:00)**  
**HENRY (SAM) CHAUNCEY, JR, former Secretary of Yale University**

Sam Chauncey discusses his recent publication, *Recollections and Reflections on Yale*, with a panel of YUWO members. Thanks to his generosity, the book will be available for purchase at the Conference Center, with all proceeds going to the YUWO Scholarship program. In preparation for the lecture, consider listening to a Niskanen Center podcast in which Geoff Kabaservice interviews Sam about his book and his perspective on how societal change affected Yale in the '50s and '60s. Click [here](#) to listen.

**APRIL 12, 2023 (WEDNESDAY 10:30-12:00)**  
**DAPHNE BENAS, MS, ATC**

The first woman head athletic trainer at an NCAA Division I school and a YUWO member, Benas will speak on the impact of Title IX and the first women admitted to Yale College in 1969—challenges, successes and continuing issues.

**APRIL 19, 2023 (WEDNESDAY 10:30-12:00)**  
**PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF APNH: A PLACE TO NOURISH HOPE (formerly AIDS Project New Haven)**

In this panel discussion, APNH's diverse professional staff explores the continuing workplace discrimination the LGBTQ community faces and ways to overcome the stigmas confronting this group. How do we ensure that Title IX's protections for gender and gender identity continue to provide equity, equality, and respect for gender identity in a time of increasing gender fluidity? The challenges, opportunities and increasing awareness of the needs of the LGBTQ community are our focus.

**APRIL 26, 2023 (WEDNESDAY 10:30-12:00)**  
**THE HONORABLE GLORIA SCHAFFER, FELLOW OF BRANFORD COLLEGE**

The former six-term State Senator and Connecticut's first woman Secretary of State and YUWO member, shares her pioneering experience as a path-setting woman in government. She was the only woman to run for the US Senate in the 1976 election, losing to Lowell Weicker, and in 1978, she was appointed a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board by President Carter. In 1985, she was appointed a member of the Freedom on Information Commission by Governor William O'Neill, and in 1991, she was appointed Commissioner of Consumer Affairs for Connecticut by Governor Lowell Weicker.

*[[Click here](#) to register!]*

## Scholarship Committee *(continued from page 1)*

year, now that the doors at Yale are open again after having been closed during the Pandemic. With the help of recent scholarship winners, the committee has been working with Yale's 12 affinity groups, attending the monthly meetings of the Asian Network at Yale (ANY) and Future Leaders of Yale (FLY) and distributing 240 flyers across campus during International Women's Day on March 8. Members too are encouraged to mention the scholarship program to friends.

Across the wider community, committee members have contacted financial aid officers at local universities including SCSU, Albertus Magnus, Quinnipiac, Gateway, and UNH. Flyers have been posted at local libraries, offices, and places where Yale employees might gather. Our program description is also published online at the Patch news websites covering greater New Haven.

We look forward to receiving an abundant crop of applicants by our March 31 deadline. Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on May 3 to meet our 2023-24 Scholarship winners.



## From the Board

At its March 6 meeting, YUWO's Governing Board approved the following slate of officers for 2023-2024:

Assistant Treasurer—Judith Calvert  
Recording Secretary—Connie Matheson  
Membership Chair—Willie Stahura (a second term)  
Scholarship Chair—Jane Shaw (a second term)

In addition, the Board adopted the President's recommendation to add Judith Cole as a second Vice-President, and approved an increase in annual membership dues to \$45.

The full membership must approve these actions at the Annual Meeting on May 3. Meanwhile, the Board's ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee provided an interim report on its work, the result of meetings on January 18 and February 20. It will provide a full report at the Board's April 10 meeting.

## Member News

YUWO is all about members and we are trying to do an even better job connecting in our "Post Covid World." Here are some developments: look for recordings of recent Zoom talks on the website ([www.yuwowomen.org](http://www.yuwowomen.org)). The Climate Change Series is well worth the time to learn what you can do to help with this problem. As a community service, YUWO is making the series available to the public through the YUWO website.

New YUWO members now total 29. Newcomers chairs Peggy Atherton and Pam Field have done an outstanding job in welcoming this new group, most recently at a March 8 luncheon at Mory's. Our total membership has reached 219, and we are hoping to reach 230 members in 2023-2024 as we re-build after Covid.

Most YUWO members are now using computers, and we have been pleased that 85% of recipients are opening our email communications, now sent through Constant Contact. For the few members (currently 8) who can't access information online, information is being provided in hard copy.

*Watch your email for your May 3 Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon invitation!*

## **YUWO Activity Groups**

Volunteers needed! **Activities** chair Bernie Wilcox is returning to California, where we hope she may form a West Coast YUWO chapter. And Marianne Lyden is passing the torch after four remarkable years as **Lunch & Learn** impressaria. Please thank them and consider volunteering to help with **Activities** and **Lunch & Learn** or joining the **Newsletter Editorial Team!** There are no better ways to learn about YUWO and our Yale community.

**Lunch & Learn** continues to draw a strong Zoom audience. Dr. Carolyn Mazure shared the history of women's health research on February 21. Although YUWO activities are increasingly in person, we are exploring whether Lunch & Learn should remain on Zoom only, both for convenience and as an outreach to those at a distance.

On March 7, almost 40 YUWO members toured the Hotel Marcel with Bruce Becker, the inspired architect who led remodeling the iconic landmark into a fully sustainable hotel, one of the nation's first. Thanks to Shavaun Towers for arranging this memorable tour.



*Above, the tour began with a presentation by the architect in the building's top floor, which originally housed all of the mechanicals, but which has been reinvented as a wonderful meeting space for this now LEED Platinum certified building. Above right: the cornerstone of the building. [Photo: Carol Warner]*

An ongoing series of Zoom lectures on **Climate Change** and what YUWO members can do to help inspired the Hotel Marcel tour. Thanks to Sharon Huttner and Margaret Sipple for organizing this series, now available on YUWO's website. The series continues on April 10 and May 8.

Registration was insufficient to support a March trip to the Culinary Institute of America, the CIA's first such offering since reopening after Covid in late 2022. Dana Nelson, our intrepid excursions leader, promises a fall trip, hopefully with more notice. Watch for details.

Meanwhile **YUWO's Walkers** have continued to take advantage of the warm winter. They explored the geology of East Rock on March 8 under Sally Fazzone's leadership.

## Upcoming activities (mark your calendars — and watch for Zoom links!)

**Tuesday, March 21** at 12 noon on Zoom: the [Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame](#) hosts “Women Leaders for Social Justice.” Watch for the Zoom invitation in your email.

**Monday, April 10, 12:30 pm:** A Zoom talk by **Jim Finch, Branford’s Finance Director** on his role to promote resiliency and sustainability and his work to draft PA19-77 “An Act Authorizing Municipal Climate Change and Coastal Resiliency Reserve Funds (2019).” Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about a critically important opportunity for shoreline communities. Watch your email for a Zoom link.


**April 4, 6, 13, 14, 1:30 pm.** “Looking at Mondrian” – 4 public lectures on Piet Mondrian by John Walsh. Yale University Art Gallery. Attend the lectures in person or on Zoom. [Registration required.](#)

### In May/June:

**May 9, 10:00 am - Yale’s Marsh Botanic Garden** with Kunzo Kim, Associate Director, who will share the recently completed Master Plan for the Garden; Chris Bolick will tour us through the grounds; and greenhouse and Colleen Murphy-Dunning, Executive Director of Yale’s Urban Resource Initiative-New Haven will explain how the garden provided solace and inspiration for the new Botanic Garden of Healing in New Haven. *Meet in the Garden’s parking lot at 265 Mansfield Street.*

**June 6, 10:00 am - New Haven Botanical Garden of Healing** with Colleen Murphy Dunning, Executive Director of Yale’s Urban Resources Initiative – New Haven, and both founders and volunteers from the garden, which is dedicated to honoring the local victims of gun violence, providing a place of solace for the families, and inspiring communities and leaders to work cooperatively to address the multiple roots of violence. The Garden is at 105 Valley Street, just off Blake Street in Westville. *Parking is on-street or in the nearby public lot at the corner of Blake and Whalley Avenue.*





A special memorial for Ann Bliss sponsored by her role in establishing the Physicians Assistant Program at Yale and nationally.

Please join us to celebrate the life  
of

**ANN BLISS**

Monday April 24, 2023  
at  
2:00 p.m. (Reception to follow)

the Old Lyme Congregational Church  
4 Lyme St, Old Lyme, CT

R.S.V.P. by March 15  
Mabel Peterson (203) 499-7151 [mabelpeterson@segweb.org](mailto:mabelpeterson@segweb.org)  
or Judith Chapman (860) 434-8368 [jscartist@aol.com](mailto:jscartist@aol.com)

## In Memoriam

We were saddened to read that Ann Bliss died in late 2022, but pleased to learn that a celebration of her remarkable life is planned for Monday April 24 at 2:00 p.m. at the Old Lyme Congregational Church, 4 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT. A reception will follow the service. If you would like to attend the service, please contact Mabel Peterson: [mabelpeterson@segweb.org](mailto:mabelpeterson@segweb.org)

[View the full obituary.](#)