

The Lob Tree AAUW Duluth



April 7 and May 14, 2024, Branch Programs



Ellen Baker, prize-winning author and daughter of Branch member Marya Farrell, for her latest book, *The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson*. See information on p. 4 of this newsletter.



Sunday, April 7, 3 pm, ZOOM, Dr. Kelly Mullan, “#emBODYgram: Feminism, Fatness and Visual Representation on Instagram,” <http://tinyurl.com/AAUWfeminismfatness>

Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 pm, IN PERSON, Annual Meeting, Kitchi Gammi Club, Dinner and Presentation by Dr. Sarah Dooling

Duluth AAUW is pleased to present one of
our scholarship winners
KELLY MULLAN



Sunday, April 7 at 3:00
Via Zoom

<http://tinyurl.com/AAUWfeminismfatness>

Kelly will share her doctoral research:

**#emBODYgram: Feminism, Fatness
and Visual Representation
on Instagram**

Kelly's work considers the "impact of absence" of fat bodies on social media for teenage women in Duluth. She will explain how such "absence" ensures a lack of exposure to bodies that represent demographics seen in everyday life, thereby skewing the practice of social comparison.

SAVE THE DATE

BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

5:30-9 pm

Kitchi Gammi Club

**Dinner, Meeting, and
Presentation by Urban Ecologist
Dr. Sarah Dooling**

\$35 per person payable at the door

RSVP Deadline Sunday May 5, 2024

**Contact Diana Brainard,
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Further details forthcoming.

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Au Revoir Wendy Williamson

“Au revoir” literally means “until we see each other again.”

The Branch salutes and thanks Wendy Williamson, who is moving to Moscow, ID, with her husband, Peter, to be closer to family. Wendy has held multiple officer positions with the Branch and was the leading light for the state convention a decade ago. It is hard to imagine activities without her physical presence. From 2014-2016, she was Branch Co-President, and she has been particularly active in recruiting and welcoming new members. She's always full of energy and great ideas. Although we will miss her terribly, we will see her virtually at Zoom events and during the summer, when she plans to visit the Northland. Safe travels, Wendy!





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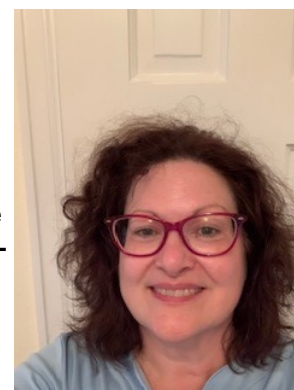
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Named Gift Honorees 2024: Angela George & Linda LeGarde Grover



Every year the Branch recognizes those who have made exceptional contributions. In 2024, we thank Co-Presidents Angela George (right) and Linda LeGarde Grover (left) for their hard work and leadership from 2022-24. **ANGELA** is an experienced Clinical Pharmacist with a demonstrated history of working in higher education, hospital pharmacy, and community/ambulatory care pharmacy. We are particularly grateful for Angela's organizational skills for the 2023 Northland Gathering. **LINDA** is professor emerita of American Indian Studies at UMD. An award-winning author and scholar, her writing spans poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. The Branch thanks her for generously agreeing to give so many readings and presentations.



2024 AAUW Duluth Branch Post-Baccalaureate Scholarships

Applications for the Branch Scholarship for Post-Baccalaureate Study are due no later than **June 1, 2024**.

This one-time scholarship is open to women who hold a bachelor's degree, and live (or have lived) within 50 miles of the Duluth/Superior area for at

least 8 of the past 13 years.

The application, resume, narrative, and enrollment verification form should be mailed together to: AAUW Scholarship Selection Committee, 2210 Woodland Avenue. Duluth, MN 55803.

Recipients will be notified by

August 1, 2024.

The form can be found on the Branch website [AAUW Duluth \(MN\) Branch](http://AAUWDuluth(MN)Branch) under the Scholarships tab.

For details, contact Kate Baldwin at Kate.mary.baldwin@gmail.com

Focus Group Details, Fall 2023

The Lunch Bunch

Contact: Bonnie Edwards, bkedwards@gmail.com

1st Tuesday of the month usually at 1 pm.

Members and guests meet at various local restaurants to chat and get to know each other better.

Roundtable

Contact: Dawn Conlan, conlan518@gmail.com

3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm.

The group meets in the Lyric Kitchen's private room to discuss a random topic informally.

Zeitgeist Afternoons

Contact: Geiger Yount, geigman@aol.com

Contact Geiger for current film viewing options at Zinema or elsewhere.

This group views an agreed-upon movie and talks about it afterwards.

Book Club

Contact: Angela George, ange-la8744@msn.com

3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm. In person or on Zoom.



ERA Minnesota Latest ERA Updates from Public Policy Chair, Jackie Falk

2024 Proposed Robust MN ERA Language for SF 37: "All persons shall be guaranteed equal rights under the laws of this state. The state shall not discriminate against any person in intent or effect on account of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, or sex, including but not limited to pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes and reproductive freedom, gender identity and gender expression, or sexual orientation."

Current Status: So far, the MN ERA has not been brought up for a vote in the MN House. The language (above) that is being suggested by advocacy groups is a change from the bill passed last year in the MN Senate, so both the new language and the bill need to be brought to a vote in the MN Senate again.

Actions: Keeping the pressure on our elected officials is more important than ever. Therefore, **1. Please use the 2-minute activist.** Here's the link: <https://secure.everyaction.com/PvxW0UYmckKimSksq4VhIA2> to send messages to your State Senator and Representative **2. Attend town halls.** Because it is an election year, many elected officials are holding them and other opportunities to meet with constituents. And always **3. Call your elected officials to thank them and to encourage them to support the ERA.** Check phone numbers here: <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/>

Women's Rights Activist Clara Hampson Ueland (1860-1927)

From *MNOpedia* at [Ueland, Clara \(1860-1927\) | MNOpedia](#)

"Clara Hampson Ueland was a lifelong women's rights activist. [Her] determination and leadership skills quickly pulled her . . . to the center of Minnesota's suffrage movement. In 1913, she founded the Equal Suffrage Organization of Minneapolis, notable for its male as well as female members. The following year, she organized a suffrage parade in Minneapolis . . . of nearly 2,000 marchers. Its success propelled her to her most significant leadership role as the president of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association (MWSA). She was president of the [Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association](#) when the nineteenth amendment was passed in 1919. That same year, she also became the first president of the Minnesota League of Women's Voters." Her bust is in the state Capitol. **Clara Ueland is Branch Co-Program Chair Diana Brainard's Great Grandmother! Let's finally finish her work a century later and pass the MN ERA.**



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through friendship, education, and advocacy

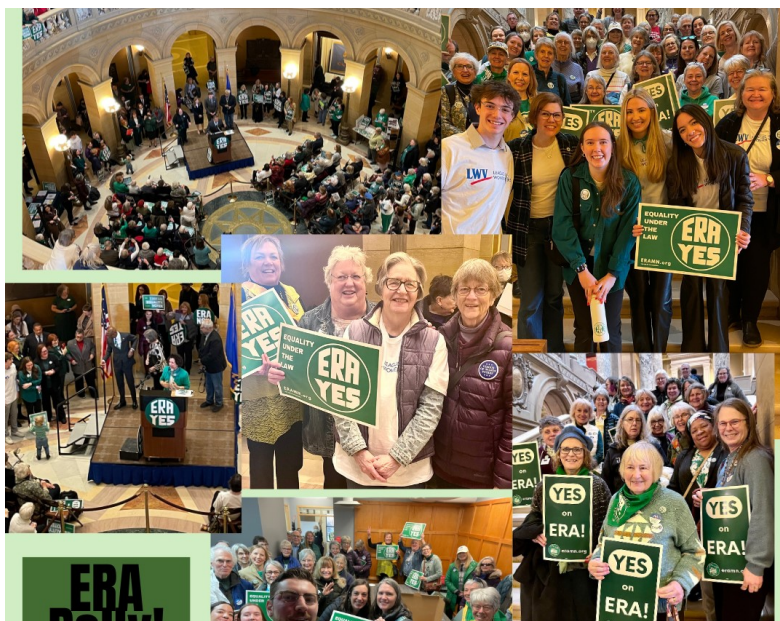
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See also [https://
www.facebook.com/AAUWDuluth](https://www.facebook.com/AAUWDuluth)

Photos from #Day1forERA Rally at the State Capitol, February 12, 2024.

Many Duluth Branch Members Attended.



Diversity Officer's Pick: *The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson*, Ellen Baker (2024)

Ellen Baker is the award-winning author of the novels *Keeping the House* (2008) and *I Gave My Heart to Know This* (2011). She has worked as a museum curator, and as a bookseller and event coordinator at an independent bookstore. She currently lives in Maine.

New York Times best-selling author Lisa Wingate has this to say about *The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson*, "A family

secret, a DNA test, a journey as rich and colorful as the early-day circus itself. Through Cecily Larson's hidden life, Ellen Baker tenderly examines personal determination, lost love, family ties, and our innate need to discover our own truth."

In "A Letter to Readers" about her second novel, Baker says, "When I set out to become a novelist, I didn't realize the corners it would make me turn, the things it would

teach me: how to weld a ship together, live aboard an aircraft carrier—even butcher a chicken. It's not so surprising that in the process of writing an historical novel I'd learn a few facts. What I didn't expect at all was that the same process would challenge and guide me through my own explorations of some of the questions my characters encounter. . . ."

