



## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN CLAYTON BRANCH AAUW February 2022 NEWSLETTER

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### Clayton & Concord Branches AAUW Funds Program 2021 Zoom Meeting - Feb. 12, 2022 at 11:00 am

#### Selected Professions Fellowships



**Name:** [Aliannea Sherman](#)

**Award Year:** 2021-22

**Award:** Selected Professions  
Fellowship

**Institution:** California State  
University, Los Angeles

**Location:** Los Angeles, California

**Discipline:** Computer and  
information sciences

**Degree and Specialization:** M.S.,  
Data Science, Web Development,  
Software Engineering

Aliannea Sherman's work on creating a virtual-reality development pipeline for nursing simulation training aims to address diversity concerns in training simulations, as well as rapport-building with virtual characters. In her free time, she offers support to undergraduate and high-school students through mentorship and volunteerism.

## February President's Message

I hope everyone is well and had a nice Holiday. Interest Group Chairs can contact those who want to start up again. The Book Group has been meeting although they opted for Zoom in January. Besides the work of AAUW it will be nice to see our AAUW friends in person.

We have a new member, Carlyn Obringer. Carlyn is a dual member with Concord Branch. She is a Concord City Council member representing District 2 and served as Concord Mayor in 2019. She has a BS from Salem International University in Japanese Studies and International Business. She also has an MBA from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Please welcome her to the Clayton Branch. Her email is [carlyno@yahoo.com](mailto:carlyno@yahoo.com).

We look forward to hearing our AAUW Funds speaker on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February via Zoom. Aliannea Sherman graduated from Cal State LA with her Bachelors of Science in Biochemistry in 2019. She is working on her Master's of Science in Computer Science and plans to graduate Spring 2022. Her thesis topic involves using Virtual Reality to create a training simulation with the goal of training nursing students in cultural competence. The project uses Unreal Engine and an HTC Vive Pro Eye. Over the summer she worked as an Analyst Intern/ Software Engineering Intern at American Express. Her expertise is primarily in software engineering, and web development. She also worked as a student assistant web developer at Cal State LA library and has been working as a teaching assistant for an entry level programming class where she teaches students to program in Python and provides mentorship. In November, she completed the OC half marathon and previously participated in Students Run Los Angeles in high school. She enjoys swimming, biking, roller skating, video games, and comedy shows.

***An invitation to the Zoom meeting will be sent to all members one day before the program. Please take this opportunity to hear Aliannea's story, and to visit virtually with other AAUW members.***

*Afternoon Book Group Selections*

The Book Group continues to meet either in person at Priscilla Schmalzel's house or via Zoom, depending on the Covid status, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 2:30 pm

- February 23<sup>rd</sup> - *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> - *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes
- April 27<sup>th</sup> - *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare

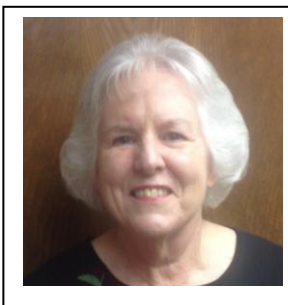
We will continue to look for “uplifting” books to include in our selections. Everyone is welcome.

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**Ladies Bridge and Saturday Night Bridge have been cancelled during the Covid19 Crisis.**



Carol Wolfe and Joyce Atkinson are in charge of Saturday Night Bridge and Ladies Bridge.