

Asheville, April 15-17 – Panel Discussion, Tours, Much More!

Intergenerational Panel Discussion Poses Questions, Seeks Direction

Dr. William Spellman, Moderator

UNCA PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND ASSOCIATE VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROGRAMS

Different Needs, Different Times

Friday, April 15 • 1-3 p.m.

University of North Carolina at Asheville
Humanities Lecture Hall

Gwen McNeill Ashburn, Ph.D.

Chair of Literature and Language Department
University of North Carolina at Asheville

Gwen earned her doctorate in linguistics at Chapel Hill in 1979. She moved to Asheville in 1987, and began teaching in the literature and language department that August. She is now an associate professor and chair of the department. Her research interests include Asheville women, especially those in Asheville in the 1920s and 30s and regional literature and language. Gwen has four children, who are teenagers and young adults.

Alison H. Climo, MSW, Ph.D.

Social Work Program Director

Alison earned her MSW and Ph.D. in social work and a graduate certificate in women's studies from the University of Michigan, where she specialized in gerontology and life-course development. She joined the social work faculty at Warren Wilson College in 1999, where she served initially as director of field education, and most recently as program director. Alison teaches courses in social work practice with individuals and families, life-course development, environmental social work, peer helping, as well as introduction to social work and the skills of helping others. Alison is the mother of a two-year-old son.

Peg Downes, Ph.D.

UNCA contact for the intergenerational program.

A professor in literature and humanities, Peg has worked full-time at the university since 1981. Her doctoral degree is in interdisciplinary humanities, from Florida State University. She has won campus and state teaching awards, and has served in several administrative capacities at UNCA. Peg is president of the National Association for General and Liberal Studies; president and founder of the international Consortium for General & Liberal Studies; and serves on a number of other national, state, and local boards. Her research and publications since 2000 have focused on international general and liberal education.

Beth Lazer

Project Coordinator, NC Center for Creative Retirement

Beth moved to Asheville in 1993, after taking early retirement from IBM Corporation where she held various technical support and management positions assisting clients with the installation and usage of large, mainframe computer systems. She worked until 1997 at McGuire, Wood & Bisette as a litigation paralegal. Since that time her most memorable position was project coordinator at the NC Center for Creative Retirement developing and coordinating a leadership training program for low income older adults.

Beth has served on and led many community boards: Asheville-Buncombe League of Women Voters, Leadership Asheville Forum, Buncombe County Women's Commission, Asheville Public Access Channel Commission, and Asheville Buncombe VISION. She currently serves on the boards of URTV, Inc. and Holy Ground; the NC Center for Creative Retirement Steering Committee, and is President of the Board of Trustees at her church.

Beth was awarded the Leadership Asheville Forum Circle of Excellence Award in 2000 and the Land of Sky Regional Council Regional Volunteer Excellence Award in 2001.

Dorothy R. Murphree, M.Ed.

Retired Asheville Area Volunteer

After earning her bachelor of religious education from Southwestern Seminary and her master of education from the University of South Carolina, Dorothy began a career that ranged from serving as director of communications and publications at Maryville College, Maryville, TN to being an adjunct instructor at Francis Marion College (now Francis Marion University, and director of adult and community education, in Florence, SC. She retired in 1991. Dorothy's career includes serving as president of four professional organizations: SC Association of School Administrators, 1983-84; SC Association of Adult Education Directors, 1981-82; Florence Area Literacy Council, 1974-76; Florence Human Services Association 1976-77; and trustee, Anderson College, Anderson, SC 1988-93.

Dorothy's volunteer service in the Asheville area since retirement includes: Board member and president, League of Women Voters of Asheville/Buncombe County and the College for Seniors at the NC Center for Creative Retirement; Co-chair of Steering Committee to plan, design, and raise money for the 4.2 million dollar Reuter Center on the campus of UNCA to house the NC Center for Creative Retirement. She also finds time to be a literacy tutor, information desk volunteer at a hospital, and is active in her church.

Laura Shiver

Youth Leadership Coordinator at UNCA

A graduate of Rollins College with a degree in sociology, Laura moved to Asheville to join AmeriCorps. Originally from Belle Glade, a small farming town in the Everglades of South Florida, Laura enjoys experiencing the close community feel and neighborliness of Asheville and Western North Carolina. Prior to joining the Leadership Programs office, Laura developed and led Youth Leadership Asheville at Children First of Buncombe County, a local non-profit. At Children First, through a partnership with The Points of Light Foundation, Laura was the Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Ambassador to North Carolina for two years. During her tenure, she led workshops and provided technical assistance to communities around the issues of youth leadership, service-learning, youth voice, dialogues, and civic engagement. Laura has made Asheville her home and is committed to the development of young leaders in our community.

Trolley Tour Asheville

Friday, April 15, 4 - 5:15 PM

See Asheville's finest sights aboard a vintage touring trolley leaving from our hotel and enjoy a fully narrated tour covering Asheville's major points of interest, including Montford Historic District, Grove Park Inn and Resort, Thomas Wolfe Home and Museum, Battery Park, Grove Arcade, Pack Square and Biltmore Village. Advance reservations are required by April 1st. Space is limited. Cost is \$15/person. Make reservation and payment separately from convention registration. Write checks payable to AAUW Asheville and mail to Mara Pasternack, 64 Honey Locust Drive, Arden, 28704. After April 1st, others can participate if space is available. Call Grace at 828-254-1303 to inquire.



Walking Tour

Our hotel is adjacent to the Thomas Wolfe House which is a stop on the 1.7 mile Urban Trail which highlights historical spots in downtown Asheville. Directions for this self-guided tour are available in the hotel lobby. See page one for the list of other attractions.

2005 AAUW NC Convention

Hostesses	Asheville AAUW Board
Convention Chair	Grace Walker
Treasurer	Mara Pasternack
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Credentials	Marilyn Kolton
Transportation	Marian Huck
Registration Packets and Favors	Priscilla Lloyd, Pat Argue
Decorations	Luisita Haas, Eleanor Walther
Intergenerational Conference	Sandra Abromitis
Hospitality Room	Brevard, Hendersonville, Tryon branches
Hospitality	Jeanne Gochenour
Physical Arrangements	Cathryn White
Publicity	Mary Lasher, Jacqueline Morgan

Atkinson Reports Status of Bylaws Process

Karla Atkinson, RCC Goal VI Chairperson | January 30, 2005

Excerpts from a letter to AAUW NC Board Members, incl. Branch Presidents)

A SIGNIFICANT AGENDA item needs our attention: Should the Board support the proposed bylaw changes?

Two documents, (a) the SUMMARY of the results from the SURVEY which was sent to AAUW NC members in reference to the current structure and organization of AAUW NC and (b) the SUMMARY of the proposed BYLAWS changes, can be downloaded from www.aauwnc.org.

Association Bylaws Committee Chairperson Caroline Pickens has read a draft of the proposed bylaw changes and wrote, "Basically everything looks fine, and I found the survey results interesting. You did a nice job. There are a few typos I noticed and a couple of minor suggestions..."

As chairperson of the ReConnection (RCC) Goal VI Committee, I am recommending that the Board support all of the proposed bylaws changes for four reasons:

- **FIRST**, the changes provide more flexibility for doing business at the state level.
- **SECOND**, the changes bring more accountability at the state level for carrying out work related to the mission.
- **THIRD**, the changes are designed to encourage more members to participate in AAUW NC.
- **FOURTH**, the changes clarify sections of the current bylaws which are outdated or vague.

Most of these proposed bylaw changes were supported by those responding to the survey sent out a few months ago. (A profile of the survey respondents can be found on the Survey Summary Results on our web site).