2019 CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Westin St. Louis
St. Louis, Missouri
July 19th - July 21st, 2019

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“Train the Trainer” Program
Plaza Room AB, 9 am – 5 pm

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Promenade Ballroom, 12:30 pm – 2 pm

Plenary Session II: Elections
Cupple Ballroom, 2:15 pm – 5 pm

PAC Fundraiser
Private home, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 21

ERA Panel
Cupple Ballroom, 9 am – 10:30 am

Elected Leaders Brunch Panel
Promenade Ballroom, 10:45 am – 12:45 pm

First Meeting of the New Board
Plaza AB, 1 pm – 3 pm
Greetings National Women’s Political Caucus Members and Guests,

On behalf of the National Board, I'm delighted to welcome you to the beautiful city of St. Louis and the National Women’s Political Caucus 24th Biennial Convention.

Our organization was founded on July 10, 1971 for the express purpose of increasing the number of women in all aspects of political life. At the founding meeting, Gloria Steinem delivered an Address to the Women of America, in which she characterized feminism as a “revolution” that meant striving for a society free of racism and sexism—48 years later, the revolution continues.

The many sobering events on the political scene of late make it clear that our rights as women and citizens of the United States are under attack. Our reproductive rights are under full-fledged attack at the federal and state level—one member of Congress even asserted birth control would lead to the end of civilization. We can no longer count on the Supreme Court to protect women’s reproductive freedom. We have a President who has taken steps to undermine a woman’s right to bodily autonomy and access to health services.

In 2018, the NWPC endorsed 80 outstanding pro-choice women for the U.S. House and Senate; 42 of these women were elected or re-elected. It is time for us to get back to work. We must double our efforts to ensure more progressive women are elected to the U.S. House and Senate, state legislatures, and local offices nationwide. The only way to safeguard our freedom is to be at the table. As Gloria Steinem recently said, it is time to “put our bodies where our beliefs are.”

I sincerely hope that every one of us rededicates ourselves to achieving political parity. WE HAVE A CLEAR CHOICE. We will either lead the way or fall by the wayside. I hope you will take full advantage of all the valuable tools this Convention has to offer, including trainings, workshops, and special events.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate our accomplishments and strategize for our future. As Mary Louise Booth, renowned suffragist from my hometown of Brookhaven, NY always signed her letters with “Believe me,” I do so today.

Believe me,

Donna Lent
National President
Dear NWPC Colleagues and Friends,

As I welcome you to the NWPC 24th Biennial Convention, stop and think what is happening to us right now! Right here, in St. Louis MO, women are on the brink of losing access to safe and legal abortion. We are not the only state under siege by the current administration, as they make a brazen attempt to overturn Roe v. Wade. That is their intention pure and simple…take away access to abortion care. We cannot let this abuse of their power stand.

In 2018, we celebrated a banner year for women being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. But we need more! We must retain the current women in office, and we must send more; to both the House and the Senate. We must all pull together to get this job done.

At the National level, we vet and endorse those women candidates running for Congress, Governorships, and Mayors of large cities, who seek our support. Last year, 41 of the women we supported won their election or re-election.

In 2020, we are seeking to re-endorse the incumbents and hope for another banner year of new women running.

Our Political Action Committee (PPAC) made up of members from caucuses around the country, vet each candidate that comes before us, after which we make a decision whether to move that candidate to the full NWPC Board with a recommendation for approval. Eventually, we make decisions about funding for endorsed candidates. That funding comes from the Parity PAC.

We rely on donations to the PAC, from all over the country, including all your respective caucuses. Everyone dollar donated goes directly to candidates and no money is used for administration of this fund. With these donations we are able to support women from all across the country. So, your money donated, goes a long way and stretches across the map. Please remember, every pro-choice woman elected, no matter where she lives, moves us all forward.

We have protested, we have rallied, we have written letters and made signs, and all these efforts are necessary, but the only way to ensure that our rights are not taken away is to elect more pro-choice women at all levels of government, but specifically in the U.S. House and Senate. This is up to us. Women are the key and women will succeed in this effort if we stay together; lift one another up and keep us moving ahead. Alice Paul, mother of the ERA, said “When you put your hand to the plow, you can’t put it down until you get to the end of the row.” We are not finished, our hands are still on the plow, and we can’t quit. Please support the Parity PAC.

I wish you all the best for a wonderful Convention!

Best,

Paula Owen Willmarth
Vice President of Political Planning & Appointments
NWPC Convention Co-Chair
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POLITICAL PROGRESS BY THE NUMBERS

In 2019...

WOMEN LEAD

127 women in U.S. Congress
25 women in Senate
102 women in House
86 women in statewide elective executive posts

U.S. CONGRESS
8.8% are WOMEN of COLOR

STATE LEGISLATURES
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Source:
NATIONAL WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS

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information source: Center for American Women and Politics, 2019
Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Registration Table
Plaza Room AB, 8 am – 12 pm

“Train the Trainer” Full Day Certification Training Program
Plaza Room AB, 9 am – 5 pm
Training Registration Fee Required

Become a certified NWPC trainer and learn how to train women in more than 20 different subjects, armed with over 30 interactive exercises, and extensive background on the importance of each subject. With more than 13,000 women this year already declaring an interest in running for office, we will need hundreds of new trainers, campaign workers, and strategists to help as many women as possible win. This class includes all campaign training materials. Trainees will be given hands-on experience in training the next day as women all over the country attend our “Winning with Women” session.

Friday, July 19, 2019

Registration Table
Cupples Ballroom, 8 am – 5 pm

“Winning with Women:” Candidate & Campaign Training
Cupples Ballroom BC, 9 am – 5 pm
Training Registration Fee Required

Women candidates are announcing in record numbers – motivated by challenges to our hard-earned rights and a new federal administration which has turned the clock back on women’s equality. Join us to learn about targeting, social media, and new field and fundraising tactics that are giving our women candidates a head-start on setting the agenda for upcoming campaigns. Getting your campaign started early and on track, designing social media strategies that save you money and gets you votes, image that focuses on your voice and builds your confidence, and new tips for raising money.

Recruit, Train & Elect Press Conference
Promenade Ballroom, 11 am – 12 pm

NWPC believes in our mission of recruiting, training, and electing pro-choice women. We are using the Convention as a platform to protest the recent attacks on reproductive freedom by training the next class of Missouri leaders and fostering a community to support them! Together we can and will elect more pro-choice women and, in turn, secure a woman’s right to choose in Missouri and across the country. Now is the time to stand firm and speak up!

Diversity Panel Luncheon
Promenade Ballroom, 12 pm – 1:30 pm
Included with the Training Registration Fee

Diverse women candidates won in record numbers in 2018. We must continue the momentum in electing diverse women to political office! Join us at the Candidate Diversity Panel Luncheon for a rich discussion with individuals who represent diverse backgrounds including race, heritage, sexuality, age,
and ability on the importance of diverse women running for political office. The panelists will focus on how to build the foundations needed to create inclusive political environments, improve cross cultural communication on the campaign trail, build cohesive powerful diverse campaign teams, “how to” get support, endorsements, and financing from diverse constituencies, assessing the advantages and disadvantages of running as a diverse candidate, and working with media biases.

AAUW Work Smart Workshop  
Plaza AB, 2 pm – 4 pm  
Our friends at The American Association of University Women (AAUW) embarked on a bold mission to train 10 million women in salary negotiation by 2022 as a part of our greater efforts to narrow the gender pay gap. Through this salary negotiation workshop, you will learn the skills and confidence to negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion.

Opening Night Reception  
Hosted by NWPC St. Louis  
Hyatt Regency St. Louis At the Arch, 6 pm – 7:30 pm  
The NWPC St. Louis Chapter will welcome all new and returning members as a tribute to Suffragists. The attire for the evening will be white to honor women’s fight for equality. The event will feature keynote women leaders who have built a reputation for standing by women rights. The guest speakers will inspire us to stay the course in achieving women’s rights and encourage our success as we continue to recruit, train and support more women to run for office.

Saturday, July 20, 2019

Registration Table  
Cuppes Ballroom, 8:30 am – 5:30 pm  

Plenary Session I  
Cuppes Ballroom, 9 am – 11 am  
NWPC begins the day with our first plenary. State delegations must be in attendance for the review of submitted resolutions and amendments to the National by-laws as votes on these measures take place during this session.

Building a Better Caucus: Engaging Young Women  
Plaza AB, 11:15 am – 12:15 pm  
Come learn how to grow and improve your state or local caucus by engaging younger women to join your caucus chapter! Young women are the future leaders of our Caucus and country. Learn tips on how to encourage young women to join the movement and how you can help them pave the way for the next generation of women leaders.

Women of Courage Luncheon  
Promenade Ballroom, 12:30 pm – 2 pm  
The Women of Courage Awards acknowledges women who have succeeded in the face of adversity. Join us in honoring these women who give us courage through their courageous acts. We will be honoring activists, congresswomen, senators, state elected officials, and women who work to make our society more just!
Plenary Session II: Elections
Cupples Ballroom, 2:15 pm – 5 pm
This session will include news about NWPC progress and projects from the NWPC business (INC.), its Foundation, its non-profit entity (LDERF), and its political action committee (Parity PAC). The meeting will feature women running for NWPC national board of officers, with speeches from all candidates and lastly, the election of officers.

PAC Fundraiser
Home of Betty VanUum
43 Crestwood St. Louis, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Ticketed Event
In 2018, NWPC endorsed a record number of women all over the U.S. Every woman elected, no matter where she resides, helps move us all forward. Every pro-choice woman elected moves us closer to the majority we need to make a real difference in legislating and to help us protect Roe v. Wade. Every dollar raised for our Parity PAC will be used to support women at the federal level across the country whose endorsements are issued by NWPC National Board with recommendations from our hard-working Political Planning Committee. Please come and support our Parity PAC!

Sunday, July 21, 2019

ERA Panel
Cupples Ballroom, 9 am – 10:30 am
Join us for a discussion on the status of the endeavor to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment around the country and why ratification is more important than ever. For the first time in history there are five women running for President and most of them are openly talking about equal rights and the ERA. The momentum is strong particularly coupled with the recent attacks on women’s reproductive freedom. We will press forward.

Where Women Lead: Elected Leaders Brunch Panel
Promenade Ballroom, 10:45 am – 12:45 pm
Join us for the final Convention event to hear from women elected leaders who will share their stories of why they ran and how they achieved success. This panel will feature local and state elected officials who have succeeded in cracking the code of how to win a race in their communities. At the close of this panel of women, the moderator will bring forth the official announcement of the winners of the NWPC National Elections, with their swearing in an address given by the new President.

Convention Closes

First Meeting of the New Board
Plaza AB, 1 pm – 3 pm
Guests Welcome
Speakers, Panelists, and Moderators

Cathy Allen
Vice President of Education & Training, NWPC
Co-Founder, Center for Women & Democracy

Cathy Allen has helped recruit, train, and elect over a thousand women all over the world, establishing her as one of the first international political consultants to focus her work on electing women globally. She has worked to elect women in all 50 states and in 49 countries worldwide. Cathy works with the National Democratic Institute, U.S. State Department, United Nations, and several other organizations that help women gain equal access to public office. She is the NWPC Vice President of Education & Training, and owns her own Seattle-based business, The Connections Group. Cathy is the author and producer of NWPC’s “Train the Trainers” curriculum, and has written several books on electing women, many of which are used on college campuses. Cathy has a Master’s Degree from Harvard’s Kennedy School. Cathy was also a reporter with previous experience at the New York Times.

Lauren Arthur
State Senator, Missouri

Lauren Arthur was elected State Senator for District 17 in 2018, becoming the youngest woman to ever serve in the Missouri Senate. She previously served two terms in the Missouri House. As a state legislator, Lauren has fought for funding for early literacy programs, filed legislation to bring greater transparency to elections, to protect survivors of domestic abuse and assault, and to make the Missouri Department of Revenue accountable to taxpayers. Lauren was born and raised in the Northland. After graduating from North Kansas City High School, Lauren received a B.A. in History from Smith College. Lauren returned home to Kansas City to work as a middle school teacher. She taught English Language Arts at Urban Community Leadership Academy. During that time, Lauren earned her Masters in Education from the University of Missouri – St. Louis. Lauren most recently served as Regional Director for Urban Leaders Fellowship, a program designed for professionals who are looking to accelerate their leadership with a focus on education policy. In her civic life, Lauren is a member of the Children's Trust Fund board and co-chair of Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.’s legislative affairs committee. She has served on the North Kansas City School District's Strategic Plan Steering Committee and recently sponsored a child abuse prevention training with Synergy Services.

Erica Benson
Campaign Coordinator, Project 28 MO

Erica Benson is the Missouri ERA Campaign Coordinator for Project 28 MO, which is a Missouri based organization with the mission to make the Equal Rights Amendment the 28th Constitutional Amendment. Project 28 MO works to unite and organize ERA advocates across the state, works with state campaigns around the country, and coordinates with the national ERA Coalition. Erica uses social media, speaking engagements, and rally events to educate and organize Missourians to encourage their state legislators to ratify the ERA. Erica also actively works in Jefferson City meeting with legislators, coordinating strategic messaging campaigns and testified to the Senate Rules Committee in April 2019. Her background in marketing and Constitutional history blends in the campaign to ratify the ERA in Missouri. As a mother of two young daughters and an American History teacher at the high school and college level; she is determined to get a 38th state to ratify in 2020. Erica received her B.S. in Journalism and Strategic Communication, a B.A. in History, an M.A. in Education, and an M.A. in North American History.

Araceli Campos
Executive Director, Miguel Contreras Foundation

Araceli Campos is Executive Director of the Miguel Contreras Foundation, a non-profit organization with a mission to serve and empower working families in Los Angeles County. Araceli began her legal career at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips where she represented entrepreneur and media clients in government investigations and First Amendment litigation before moving into transactional law. Araceli is also a past Board Member and Civil Rights Committee Chair for the Mexican American Bar Association of L.A. and
served for nearly 10 years as the youngest President in the history of the Commission on the Status of Women. Araceli then supported the Garcetti Administration’s prioritization of gender equity, reflected in the first-of-its-kind gender study of L.A. and implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women in City departments. Araceli also served as Vice President of the Association of California Commissions for Women. Araceli is a first-generation American and is a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Law School.

**Dr. Carmen Estrada Schaye**
**Vice President of Diversity & Outreach, NWPC**

Dr. Carmen Estrada Schaye is a lifelong activist in community development and enfranchisement of all peoples and has served in various capacities within the NWPC since 1995 including: President of CA-South Bay Caucus, Vice President of Education & Training of NWPC-CA, and as National Recording Secretary. Carmen’s professional career spans three decades as a University Professor teaching in History, Diversity, Women’s Studies and Ethnic Studies. She currently serves as the Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Initiative for Women and Girls, and has served as College Academic Dean and Director of Diversity, Gender Equity, and Title IX compliance. Carmen has received numerous awards including: CA Senator Roderick Wright’s 2010 Woman of Distinction, Rosa Parks Wall of Tolerance Award, College Innovator of the Year, and Who’s Who in American Women. As National Vice President of Diversity & Outreach Carmen has established bi monthly articles titled, “It Takes a Woman,” published on the NWPC National website to highlight courageous women and provide information on the current Issues that affect women’s rights. The feature article on the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights by Human Rights advocate Eleanor Roosevelt (December 2018) received many acclamations. Her academic credentials include a Doctorate in Institutional Management from Pepperdine University and two Master’s Degrees from Cal State University Psychology and History, US and Mexican American Studies.

**Nicole Galloway**
**State Auditor, Missouri**

Nicole Galloway was sworn in as State Auditor of Missouri in 2015. Since then, Nicole has uncovered more than $100 million in waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and her audits have changed the way officials around the state do business on behalf of taxpayers. Some of her audits have led to charges filed against a dozen corrupt public officials who abused their power or misspent the funds of elderly and vulnerable citizens. Other audits have led to repayments to business owners around Missouri, after she identified $20 million being held by the Department of Revenue that belonged to citizens. Nicole has also helped halt the collection of improper fees by municipal courts around the state and led the way to strengthen schools and government offices against cybersecurity attacks. Prior to taking office as State Auditor, Nicole served as Boone County Treasurer for four years. Nicole received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Missouri and degrees in Applied Mathematics and Economics from the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

**Emiliana Guereca**
**Founder, Women’s March Foundation**

Emiliana Guereca is an entrepreneur based in Los Angeles with a passion for giving back to the community. Along with being an award-winning event producer, Emi devotes much of her time to advocacy programs for women’s rights, Latino education, and gender equality. As a stellar community organizer, Emiliana brings her 10+ years of event experience to Women’s March LA. In 2016, Emiliana founded the Women’s March LA Foundation, a non-profit organization, and is the driving force behind the official Women’s March in Los Angeles. Since January 2017, Emi is very involved in activism on both a local and national level, and has served as the bridge between many organizations to combine forces in the Summer of Resistance. Emi has spoken to numerous groups including The League of Women Voters, the HOPE Conference for Hispanics Organized for Political Equality, Cal State LA, USC, UCLA, and was a
panelist at Politicon 2017. vices, and policy chief for the state attorney general.

Ella Jones
Council Member, Ward 1, Ferguson, Missouri

Ella Jones was elected as Councilwoman for Ward 1 in 2015 and is the first African-American to serve on the Council. In 2014, she received the Legacy Award from The National Council of Negro Women. In 2017, Ella joined the Board of Directors of the Emerson YMCA, became a member of the National Women’s Political Caucus, and was certified by the Missouri Governance Institute as a Municipal Official. In 2018, Ella became joined the Board of Directors of Metro-Market and a Guild member of the Urban League of Metro St. Louis. Most recently, Ella received a political leadership award at the 2019 MLK Jr. Memorial Tribute. Ella is the founder and current Chairperson of Community Forward, a non-profit community development organization, and the founder of the Annual UNITY Weekend, which provides school supplies and support services to families with children attending schools in the districts serving Ferguson. Ella received a Chemistry degree from the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Lyda Krewson
Mayor, St. Louis, Missouri

Lyda Krewson won a historic election to become the first woman to serve as mayor of St. Louis in 2017. Prior to the election, Lyda served as 28th Ward Alderwoman. She is also a CPA and served as the CFO for an international design firm until her election as Mayor. As Mayor, Lyda has focused intently on public safety, naming Judge Jimmie Edwards as Director of Public Safety and John Hayden as Chief of Police. She also led the effort to pass Proposition P, a half-cent sales tax to provide salary and benefit increases for police and firefighters, and a million each for summer jobs, recreation for kids, mental health, and demolition. Lyda is also focused on reducing vacant buildings, cleaning up St. Louis, increasing economic and workforce development, and providing good service to all St. Louis residents, businesses and visitors. After graduating with an education degree from Truman State University, Krewson moved to St. Louis where she earned her accounting degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Later she worked for Deloitte for 7 years.

Deb Lavender
State Representative, Missouri

Deb Lavender is serving her third term on behalf of the Missouri State House District 90, including residents in portions of central suburban St. Louis County. Deb serves as ranking minority member of the House Subcommittee on Appropriations – Health, Mental Health and Social Services, and as the ranking minority member on the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee. Additionally, she serves on the Agriculture Policy and Budget Committees. Lavender is a pro-choice champion for women. She consistently votes in favor of policies that support a full range of reproductive issues, from expanding contraceptive access to defending the right to choose. Currently, Deb is planning to run for the Missouri State Senate District 15, motivated in part, by the state legislature’s recent attack on the fundamental reproductive rights of women. Deb is a physical therapist, operating a Physical Therapy outpatient clinic in Kirkwood, and is a graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Donna Lent
President, National Women’s Political Caucus
Town Clerk, Brookhaven, NY

Donna Lent, a member of the NWPC for twenty-five years, is finishing her second consecutive term as National President after first being elected in 2015. Donna has successfully reduced overhead for the National office by 62%. Prior to this position she was First Vice President of the National Board and Vice President of Political Planning for four years. She has also served as President of the New York State Caucus. Before entering public service, Donna enjoyed a successful career as a Law Office Manager and small business owner. In 2001, Donna left the private sector and joined a NYS Assemblywoman as the Chief of Staff,
where she played a crucial role in the passage of important legislation protecting and expanding women's rights. After serving the constituents of the Third Assembly District, she was appointed Chief Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Brookhaven in 2010. Donna is currently the elected Town Clerk of Brookhaven, NY, a role she assumed in 2013 with 60% of the vote. As Town Clerk, Donna oversaw the successful implementation of the Town’s Electronic Content Management System, including the digitization of over 18 million pages of records. Donna holds a B.A. from Stony Brook University.

Abigail Sara Lewis  
Vice President, Programs, AAUW

Abigail Sara Lewis is the Vice President of Programs at AAUW. She oversees salary negotiation work, leadership development programs, and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Previously, she worked at Barnard College for six years, most recently as the Associate Dean of Pre-professional Advising. Abigail has worked and taught at Rutgers University, New York University, and the CUNY Graduate Center. She holds a doctorate in History from Rutgers (with a certificate in women and gender studies), a Master’s from UCLA, and a Bachelor’s from Columbia, the latter two in African American studies.

Deidre Malone  
Vice President of Communications, NWPC  
CEO, The Carter Malone Group

Deidre Malone is a Vice President of NWPC, and former President of the Tennessee Women’s Political Caucus. Deidre hosts a weekly TV talk show, Dialogue with Deidre, on M1 TV Network, the only African-American network in Memphis. She is also President/CEO of The Carter Malone Group, LLC. In 2008, Deidre made history becoming the first African-American chairwoman of the Shelby County Commission, and the first female to chair the budget committee. Deidre ran for Mayor of Shelby County and is the first woman to win a major party nomination for that position. Previously, Deidre served as both the Vice President of Marketing Development and Director of Public Relations for ALSAC/St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. In 2002, Deidre was elected to the Shelby County Commission. She is also a former Vice President of the Shelby County Democratic Party, and President of the Executive Board of the NAACP Memphis Branch. Deidre is also a founding member of many public relations and marketing groups, and has extensive and active experiences on many boards and organizations.

Claire McCaskill  
Former U.S. Senator, Missouri

Claire McCaskill has spent her career as a prosecutor and elected official devoted to public service and earned a reputation in the U.S. Senate as a plain-spoken, independent, and effective champion for Missourians and all Americans. Born and raised in the Show-Me state, Claire attended college and law school at the University of Missouri and began her career as an assistant prosecutor in Kansas City, specializing in prosecuting arsons and sex crimes. Claire was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives and made history when she became the first woman elected Jackson County prosecutor, where she launched one of the nation’s first drug courts and established a first-of-its-kind domestic violence unit. Claire continued raising the level of accountability in Missouri as the state’s Auditor and later took on her own party establishment, becoming the first person to ever defeat a sitting Missouri Governor in a primary election. In 2006, Claire became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from Missouri – winning the seat once held by Harry Truman – and was resoundingly re-elected in 2012. When she left the Senate earlier this year, she was the top-ranking Democrat on the Homeland Security Committee and a senior member of the Armed Services Committee. Currently, Claire is an NBC political analyst.

Andrea Miller  
Executive Director, People Demanding Action

Andrea Miller is the Executive Director of People Demanding Action and founding Board Member of Center for Common Ground, an organization that specializes in empowering under-represented voters in
southern and western states. She is a tri-chair of the Virginia Poor People's Campaign and is currently running for Board of Directors for the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, the second largest electric cooperative in the United States. Since 2013, Andrea has worked with grassroots organizers to build digital tools to support state ratification and Federal ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. She has testified in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment in Virginia and worked to bring national partners to the table to support the Equal Rights Amendment. Andrea is currently involved with the VAratifyERA campaign, the grassroots effort to ensure Virginia is the 38th state to ratify. Virginia is one vote away from a ratification and every seat is up for election November 2019.

Judy Morgan
State Representative, Missouri

Judy Morgan is a proud, life-long resident of Kansas City, Missouri. While attending the University of Missouri at Kansas City, she pursued a career in teaching. In the fall of 1970, Judy began her teaching career and spent the next 29 years as a Social Studies teacher and counselor in the Kansas City, Missouri School District. Judy worked hard for her students and cared deeply about them. Having served in various leadership positions in her local union during her teaching career, Judy was elected President of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 691 in 1999. In 2011, Judy was elected as a Missouri State Representative and she dearly loves representing and serving the constituents of the 24th District. As she begins her final year in the Missouri House due to term limits, Judy will continue to be a strong voice for her constituents and their progressive values.

Mary Nichols
Former State Representative, Missouri

Mary Nichols has held several elected positions including, Committeewoman for Maryland Heights Democratic Township, Councilwoman for Maryland Heights City Council, and most recently, Legislator for the Missouri House of Representatives. Mary was honored to be elected with bipartisan support as the 2017-18 President of the Women Legislators of Missouri. This group raises money to provide scholarships to eight Missouri high school senior women, one from each of Missouri’s eight congressional districts. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of a resume and a theme written by the applicants titled, “What I would accomplish if elected as a Missouri Representative.” In January 2019, Mary was thrilled to be elected President of the NWPC St. Louis, to help recruit, train, and elect pro-choice women to public office. Mary Nichols earned her Associate of Arts Degree in 1969 from Monticello College in Godfrey, Illinois. The all-girls school was founded in 1838 when many people scoffed at schooling for females. The college was sold in 1970 and became Lewis and Clark Community College, which it still is today. Mary earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from Southern Illinois University.

Una Nowling
Engineering Project Manager, Black & Veatch
Professor of Mechanical Engineering, UMKC

Una Nowling is a Senior Engineering Project Manager at Black & Veatch Corporation, an Adjunct Professor of Mechanical Engineering at UMKC, and a Technical Writer on energy and environmental topics. She is the President of 90.1 FM KKFI, Kansas City Community Radio, and co-produces the weekly feminist program “Every Woman,” along with her spouse, Fiona.

Una is also an “out and proud” intersex and transgender woman, who spent 19 years presenting as a “man” in the male-dominated STEM world, and the last 7 years living and working as a woman. Because she has walked both sides of the gender divide, Una has a unique insight into the real difference between the way women and men are treated in the workplace, social settings, and society as a whole. She often speaks on these differences, as well as the intersectionality of the transgender experience and feminism, LGBTQIA topics, science, history, and culture.
Jan Perry
Former City Council Member, L.A., California
Executive Director, Infrastructure Funding Alliance

Jan C. Perry has served in leadership positions with the City of Los Angeles for over 25 years. Jan’s top priorities and activities are job growth, economic development and planning, corporate real estate transactions, neighborhood preservation, transportation, and the environment. She was a three-term Los Angeles City Council Member representing the 9th district from 2001 to 2013 and was the second African American woman to join the City Council in its 233-year history. Jan also held the historic distinction of being the first woman Pro Tempore for the Los Angeles City Council. As part of a larger campaign to combat high obesity rates, she helped enact restrictions on fast food restaurants in her district, funded public parks to promote outdoor activity, and supported incentives to encourage more grocery stores to open within her district. In 2013, Jan was appointed to the position of General Manager of the Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) to help L.A. move forward as a leading and nationally recognized economic business center, a position she held until 2018. Currently, Jan is a candidate for L.A. County Supervisor 2nd District.

Crystal Quade
House Minority Floor Leader, Missouri

Crystal Quade represents part of Greene County (District 132) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first term in office in November 2016 and re-elected in 2018. She was elected by her caucus to serve as the House Minority Floor Leader for the 100th General Assembly. Crystal is the former director of chapter services at Care to Learn, a nonprofit organization that addresses the health, hunger, and hygiene needs of economically disadvantaged children in several school districts across Missouri. She previously worked as a field representative for Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, as regional field director for Organizing for America, and as a U.S. Senate constituent services representative. Crystal currently serves as a Board Member for Better Life in Recovery, is a Democratic State Committee woman, and works with the Springfield, MO Community Focus Report, Civic Engagement Team. In 2017, Quade was named one of Springfield Business Journal’s 12 People You Need to Know and in 2018 was awarded SBJ’s 40 under 40. Crystal earned her Bachelor of Social Work degree at Missouri State University.

Mary Sanchez
Columnist, Tribune Content Agency

Mary Sanchez is a nationally syndicated columnist with Tribune Content Agency, specializing in Latin American issues. Her columns appear in publications across the nation and internationally. She is a 2019 Quattrone Investigative Reporting Fellow with the John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY). Mary has also been a metro columnist for The Kansas City Star and a member of the Star's editorial board. Her work has been recognized repeatedly throughout her career by various entities, including the recent honor by the Missouri Press Foundation, which named her Best Serious Columnist 2017. She received the National Clarion Award in 2007 for column writing, and she was a finalist that year for The American Society of Newspaper Editors Distinguished Writing Awards, having her columns included in “Best Newspaper Writing 2007.” Mary has also written a column for The Poynter Institute, a think tank for professional journalists, guiding on methods for covering issues race/ethnicity/class with depth and context. She has been a correspondent for EFE, a wire service based in Madrid, Spain. Mary has lived in Mexico and traveled extensively in Central America. She is a native of Kansas City.
Jill Schupp  
State Senator, Missouri

Jill Schupp was elected to the Missouri Senate in 2014, where she represents the 24th District. Jill served six years on the Ladue School Board, including 2 terms as President, beginning in 2000. In 2007, she was elected to the Creve Coeur City Council. From 2009 to 2014 Jill served as State Representative for the 82nd House District, which later became the 88th District after redistricting. After teaching in public elementary schools in California and Missouri, Jill spent two decades as a small business executive. In the State House, Jill championed legislation supporting children, seniors, and the middle class. Her commitment to her constituents never wavered as she backed bills protecting our youngest and oldest citizens, supported veterans, promoted quality education, expanded health care access, and created jobs and opportunities for economic growth. Jill also founded the Missouri Veterans History Project, a non-profit organization which saved taxpayers money by replacing a previous state-funded program. Born and raised in the St. Louis area, Jill attended Parkway North High School and went on to become a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia. She then earned a teaching certificate from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She continues to remain involved in her community as a volunteer and board member for numerous nonprofit groups.

Shaloma Shawmut-Lessner  
Founder, National Women’s Political Caucus

Shaloma is a founding member of the National Women’s Political Caucus. In 1997, she was elected as the First Vice President of Diversity and Outreach at the NWPC’s Biennial Convention in Houston, Texas and was a Director for the Global Summit of Women. In 1999, she was elected as Vice President of Development at the Convention in San Francisco, California.

Dr. Ayanna Shivers  
Mayor, Mexico, Missouri

Dr. Ayanna Shivers has been an educator for nearly 20 years. She spent 14 years working in South Carolina as a middle school counselor and in 2008, she was the inaugural recipient of the HEART award, which was the highest recognition in the state for school counselors. She represented South Carolina on the South Regional Education Board project to create the first online module to help counselors meet the needs of the diverse group of students they served. She also taught classes at South Carolina State University in its Counseling Education Department. In August 2014, Ayanna returned to Missouri, where she served as the College Counselor at Moberly High School and most recently as the Director of College and Career Counseling at Missouri Military Academy. Currently, she is working on starting her career in higher education at Lincoln University, where she will serve as an assistant professor in the School of Education starting in August of 2019. Ayanna holds her Global Career Development Facilitators Credential and has her National Board-Certified Teacher in Early Childhood/Young Adult School Counseling. In addition to her work as an educator, she is the pastor of Harpers Chapel Everybody’s Church in Montgomery City, and she currently serves as the Mayor of Mexico, MO. Ayanna holds a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism, a Master’s in Counselor Education, a Ph.D. in Education, and a Master’s in Theology.
Candidates for National Office

Donna Lent
President

Donna Lent, a member of the NWPC for twenty-five years, is finishing her second consecutive term as National President after first being elected in 2015. Donna has successfully reduced overhead for the National office by 62%. Prior to this position she was First Vice President of the National Board and Vice President of Political Planning for four years. She has also served as President of the New York State Caucus. Before entering public service, Donna enjoyed a successful career as a Law Office Manager and small business owner. In 2001, Donna left the private sector and joined a NYS Assemblywoman as the Chief of Staff, where she played a crucial role in the passage of important legislation protecting and expanding women's rights. After serving the constituents of the Third Assembly District, she was appointed Chief Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Brookhaven in 2010. Donna is currently the elected Town Clerk of Brookhaven, NY, a role she assumed in 2013 with 60% of the vote. As Town Clerk, Donna oversaw the successful implementation of the Town’s Electronic Content Management System, including the digitization of over 18 million pages of records. Donna holds a B.A. from Stony Brook University.

Marguerite Cooper
Vice President of Board Operations

Marguerite Cooper has been a member of the NWPC since 1988, following her retirement from the U.S. Foreign Service. From 1988 to 1992, she was on the professional staff of presidential and several congressional campaigns. From the Capitol Hill Caucus in D.C., she returned to California and joined the L.A. Westside chapter of NWPC-CA in 1998, and Greater Pasadena Area Caucus in 2006. Marguerite has held leadership positions at the local, state, and national Caucus levels since 1999, first as Chair of NWPC-CA’s Democratic Task Force, has represented California on the National board since 2001, and was NWPC Vice President of Education & Training. She has been a member of the local, state, and national Political Action Committees most of the years since.

Deidre Malone
Vice President of Communications

Deidre Malone is a Vice President of NWPC, and former President of the Tennessee Women’s Political Caucus. Deidre hosts a weekly TV talk show, Dialogue with Deidre, on M1 TV Network, the only African-American network in Memphis. She is also President/CEO of The Carter Malone Group, LLC. In 2008, Deidre made history becoming the first African-American chairwoman of the Shelby County Commission, and the first female to chair the budget committee. Deidre ran for Mayor of Shelby County and is the first woman to win a major party nomination for that position. Previously, Deidre served as both the Vice President of Marketing Development and Director of Public Relations for ALSAC/St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. In 2002, Deidre was elected to the Shelby County Commission. She is also a former Vice President of the Shelby County Democratic Party, and President of the Executive Board of the NAACP Memphis Branch. Deidre is also a founding member of many public relations and marketing groups and has extensive and active experiences on many boards and organizations.
Dawn Lott  
Vice President of Development

Dawn A. Lott is a lifelong resident of Long Island. She obtained her B.S. from Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and her J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. As an attorney, the majority of Dawn’s legal career has been in private practice concentrating in matrimonial, employment and labor, and corporate/commercial litigation. Dawn is currently the Executive Director for the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission where she strives to ensure that the Commission continues to be a vital vehicle for the enforcement of human rights for all Suffolk County residents. In addition to her legal career, Dawn remains active in numerous associations and is committed to giving back to her community. Currently she serves as President of the Suffolk County Women’s Bar Association; President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Rho Omega Zeta Graduate Chapter; 2nd Vice Chair of Girl Scouts of Suffolk County; Vice-President of the National Women’s Political Caucus, Long Island; Past-President and Director of Amistad Long Island Black Bar Association; Long Island Head Start Board Member; Member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Long Island Chapter, Inc. and the NAACP.

Dr. Carmen Estrada Schaye  
Vice President of Diversity & Outreach

Dr. Carmen Estrada Schaye is a lifelong activist in community development and enfranchisement of all peoples and has served in various capacities within the NWPC since 1995 including: President of CA-South Bay Caucus, Vice President of Education & Training of NWPC-CA, and as National Recording Secretary. Carmen’s professional career spans three decades as a University Professor teaching in History, Diversity, Women’s Studies and Ethnic Studies. She currently serves as the Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Initiative for Women and Girls and has served as College Academic Dean and Director of Diversity, Gender Equity, and Title IX compliance. Carmen has received numerous awards including: CA Senator Roderick Wright’s 2010 Woman of Distinction, Rosa Parks Wall of Tolerance Award, College Innovator of the Year, and Who’s Who in American Women. As National Vice President of Diversity & Outreach she has established bi monthly articles titled, “It Takes a Woman,” published on the NWPC National website to highlight courageous women and provide information on the current Issues that affect women’s rights. The feature article on United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights by Human Rights advocate Eleanor Roosevelt (December 2018) received many acclamations.

Cathy Allen  
Vice President of Education & Training

Cathy Allen has helped recruit, train, and elect over a thousand women all over the world, establishing her as one of the first international political consultants to focus her work on electing women globally. She has worked to elect women in all 50 states and in 49 countries worldwide. Cathy works with the National Democratic Institute, U.S. State Department, United Nations, and a dozen other organizations which help women gain equal access to public office. She is the NWPC Vice President of Education & Training, and owns her own Seattle-based business, The Connections Group. Cathy is the author and producer of NWPC’s “Train the Trainers” curriculum, and has written several books on electing women, many of which are used on college campuses. Cathy has a Master’s Degree from Harvard’s Kennedy School. Cathy was also a reporter with previous experience at the New York Times.
Paula Owen Willmarth  
Vice President of Political Planning & Appointments

Paula Owen Willmarth has served on the NWPC Board of Directors for 7 years, currently as the Vice President for Political Planning & Appointments. Paula is the immediate past President of MOWPC and has been affiliated with her state and local caucuses for many years, serving both as President. She also serves as Chair of the NWPC Parity PAC and is on the Board of the NWPC Foundation. She has previously served as Vice President of Communications for the NWPC. Paula holds degrees in Psychology and Social Work and is a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, Harvard University. Now retired, Paula held senior management positions in both Social Services and Mental Health agencies, including serving as Director of Missouri’s Social Services and Child Welfare agency. Paula also works as a private consultant in the fields of human services and mental health management. In 2012, she was appointed by Governor Jay Nixon as Commissioner of the Redistricting Authority in Missouri.

Jordan Glasgow  
Secretary

Jordan Glasgow is from Kansas City, Missouri. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science. During undergrad, she interned for the Honorable Senator Claire McCaskill, serving constituents and researching grants. Jordan then graduated magna cum laude from the UMKC School of Law, and served on the Board of Governors for the ABA Law Student Division. While in law school, she volunteered across the Midwest for Hillary Clinton. Jordan is practices at Berkowitz Oliver LLP, where she litigates complex commercial disputes. She enjoys campaigning for worthy causes and walking her dogs.

Zulfat Suara  
Treasurer

Zulfat Suara is originally from Nigeria but came to the U.S. in 1993 and has been active in community service and leadership in Tennessee since she moved there in 1998, all while working full-time as a CPA. Zulfat founded an accounting firm that has worked with county governments in Hardeman, Haywood, Lake, and McNairy counties. She is currently the Assistant Controller of a local university in Nashville. Always active in her community, she started the Hardeman County Chapter of Junior Achievement in 2004 and continues to advocate for children and young people as a board member of the PENCIL Foundation. Zulfat has served in a number of leadership positions, including the chair of the American Muslim Advisory Council. She has supported women, serving two terms as State President of the Business and Professional Women, a century-old organization promoting equity for all women in the workplace, from 2009-2011. She is active politically as treasurer of the National Women’s Political Caucus and chair of Day on the Hill, a joint legislative day for several women’s organizations on issues affecting Tennessee women and children. She has also been a speaker at the Nashville Women’s March each year since 2017. Zulfat has been recognized with the FBI Directors’ Community Leadership Award and featured in the Jackson Sun’s Twenty Most Influential Women in West Tennessee. She was named the 2018 Muslim Policy Advocate of the Year by Islamic Society of North America, and The Tennessee Economic Council on Women inducted her into its Tennessee Women Hall of Fame in 2015. Zulfat recently received an award for Outstanding Service to Human Rights from the TN Human Rights Commission and currently serves as a board member of the Nashville Metro Action Commission.
**DFL Parliamentary Procedure At A Glance**

**Priority Motions:** The motions below are listed in order of precedence. A motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

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<td>Close meeting</td>
<td>I move to <strong>adjourn</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Majority</td>
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<td>Take break</td>
<td>I move to <strong>recess</strong> for (or until)...</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Register an urgent request</td>
<td>I rise to a <strong>question of privilege</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Close debate</td>
<td>I move the <strong>previous question</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Limit or extend debate</td>
<td>I move that <strong>debate be limited</strong> to (or extended to)...</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Postpone to a certain time</td>
<td>I move to <strong>postpone the motion</strong> to ...</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Modify wording of motion</td>
<td>I move to <strong>amend the motion by</strong> ...</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Majority</td>
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<td>Bring business before assembly (a <strong>main motion</strong>)</td>
<td>I move that [or &quot;to&quot;] ...</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Majority</td>
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<td>Reconsider an earlier vote</td>
<td>I move <strong>reconsideration of</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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**Incidental Motions** – no order of precedence. Arise incidentally and are decided immediately

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<td>Enforce rules</td>
<td><strong>Point of Order</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Appeal ruling</td>
<td>I appeal the decision of the chair</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Varies</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Majority</td>
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<td>Suspend rules</td>
<td>I move to <strong>suspend the rules</strong> for the purpose of ...</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Split a motion into two or more parts</td>
<td>I move to <strong>divide the question</strong></td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Demand a counted vote</td>
<td><strong>Division</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Question Parliamentary procedure</td>
<td><strong>Parliamentary inquiry</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Request for information</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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DFL Parliamentary Procedure At A Glance

Motions classified according to purpose:

To bring before the body:
Move an action or resolution for consideration. Requires majority vote.

To modify a motion:
Amend. add and/or delete words in the main motion. Requires majority vote.

To suppress debate or hasten action:
- Previous question. A motion to close debate immediately. Requires recognition of the mover by the chair and a 2/3 vote.
- Limit debate. Move to limit to a specific time or number of speakers. Requires 2/3 vote.
- Suspend rules for the purpose of ___ Change established agenda or rules. Requires 2/3 vote.

To delay action:
Postpone to a definite time. Requires majority vote.
Refer to committee. Refer for study and report to the body at a later time. Requires majority vote.

To prevent action:
Postpone indefinitely. Under typical DFL rules, the motion “Table” is treated as a motion to Postpone Indefinitely, which makes it debatable. Kills the motion. Requires majority vote.
Withdraw a motion. Requires majority vote.

To consider more carefully:
Extend debate. Requires majority vote.
Divide question. Divides motion into distinct parts, each voted on separately. Requires majority vote.
Demand a counted vote. Used when the results of a voice vote are in doubt.

To change a decision:
Reconsider. Maker of motion must have voted on the prevailing side. Requires 2/3 vote.
Rescind Something Previously Adopted. Maker of motion must have voted on the prevailing side. Requires 2/3 vote.

To maintain rules and order:
- Question of privilege. Pertains to noise, personal comfort, etc May not be used to continue debate.
- Point of order. May not be used to continue debate.
- Appeal from decision of chair. Question a ruling of the chair.
- Parliamentary inquiry. Question parliamentary procedure on an issue.
- Request for Information: Generally applies to information desired from the chair:

To close a meeting:
Adjourn. Ends all business for this meeting. The convention rules may limit when this is in order.
Recess. Meeting will continue its business at a later time.

Note: This is a brief presentation of the most commonly used actions in a DFL meeting and is not intended to be definitive. Refer to the State Central Committee Rules and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th ed. or http://www.robertsrules.com.
The National Women’s Political Caucus proudly presents the awards for exceptional merit in media from the period January 2016 to February 2018. This signature contest highlights the importance of the media in the creation and maintenance of public attitude towards women—their leadership potential and special concerns.

**AWARD WINNERS**

**WOMEN’S MEDIA CENTER LIVE WITH ROBIN MORGAN, Broadcast/Advocacy**

Robin Morgan’s syndicated weekly radio program is a rich resource on women’s issues, creating a balanced look at the news and policies confronting today’s modern women in the United States and heard in 110 countries. Overall, Morgan’s Women’s Media Center program is a comprehensive, no-nonsense and important voice for women and the issues they are facing to find equal footing in what is still a man’s world, especially in the days of Trump. WMC’s work focuses on making women visible and powerful in the media. Women need more media advocates like Morgan. Morgan deserves first place in the NWPC’s EMMAs awards.

“#BLACKGIRLACTIVISM: EXPLORING THE WAYS THAT WE KEEP COMING THROUGH THE STORM,” THE WORK OF KARSONYA WISE WHITEHEAD, Magazine: Meridians

This was a breathtaking edition of the magazine for its scope and decision to devote it entirely to Karsonya Wise Whitehead’s ambitious project, a most comprehensive and challenging collection of essays, poems and research. It serves as a pedagogical resource for K-12 teachers and scholars to teach feminism in their classrooms, in interdisciplinary and intersectional ways, adding the voices and stories of women of color and other marginalized sectors of society.
“SEEING ALLRED” BY SOPHIE SARTAIN AND ROBERTA GROSSMAN, Documentary

Everyone has heard about Gloria Allred and her crusade for women in the justice system, but few people really knew of her background until this Netflix portrait appeared. Its story was interesting, historical and stimulating in relating how Gloria became such a high-powered women’s advocate. Like many who saw her often patronized as a publicity-seeking attorney, this film showed a deep picture of Allred, capturing her steadfast courage and tenacity in standing up for women’s rights for justice that was all too ignored in a male-dominated world. The work she did on the Bill Cosby case—an icon—was instrumental in elevating the #MeToo movement.

“IOWA JUST GUTTED PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND THE RESULTS FOR WOMEN ARE BRUTAL,” BY HANNAH LEVINTOYA, Mother Jones, Traditional Print

A masterful piece on the attack on women’s reproductive rights in Iowa. In exceptional reporting that put the political attack on women’s rights into alarming context, she reports on every aspect - the US Supreme Court, Congressional hearings, state legislatures and local communities. On a national level, too little has been written about how these state policies are using legislative action to treat women, not as second-class citizens but not as citizens at all. If the idea of this merit award is to make the reader angry, then this piece worked. As all good investigative stories should, this story elicted emotions based on strong fact-based reporting.

PRESIDENT’S AWARD

“RBG,” BY BETSY WEST AND JULIE COHEN

This 2018 documentary chronicles the private life and trail-blazing legal career of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the U.S., Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who provides a legal legacy covering women’s rights, gender discrimination, and now a pop icon. Weaving the personal with the professional, the film has received world-wide awards and acclaim.
OTHER AWARD NOMINEES

“CIVIL RIGHTS WRONGED,” by Carrie Baker, Ms. Magazine
President Trump’s executive agencies work quietly to roll back civil rights protection and enforcement.

“THE TRIUMPHANT SISTERHOOD OF THE COSBY SURVIVORS,” by Jessica Goldstein, ThinkProgress
Follows assaults from 1965 to 2008, building a monument over time, by the survivors who stuck together.

“DEMOCRATIC SENATOR STICKS UP FOR NASSAR SURVIVOR AT CONTENTIOUS HEARING,” ET AL, by Lindsay Gibbs, ThinkProgress
Series of articles on the scandal of US Olympics athletes abused but ignored.

“LIBERALS SHOULD READILY CONDEMN SEXUAL MISCONDUCT BY DEMOCRATIC MEN,” by Neil Buchanan in GW University’s Verdict.justia.com
Thoughtful and honest approach to this difficult subject.

“THE REASON WHY WHITE WOMEN VOTE REPUBLICAN AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT,” by Julie Kohler, the Nation
The power of white supremacy and the need to build on year-round communities of color to effect progressive change.

JUDGE

Arlene Notoro Morgan
EMMAs judge for many years, is now Assistant Dean for External Affairs at Temple University’s Klein College of Media and Communications. Following a 30 plus years’ career as a journalist for the Philadelphia Inquirer, Arlene served as Assistant Dean at Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism. There, she oversaw its many prizes, awards and professional development programs, and received many awards in the fields of diversity, newspaper credibility and as a trainer.
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