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Tempe Javitz Wins National Award

Tempe Javitz, Palo Alto AAUW branch member, was among honorees who received a Western Heritage Award in Oklahoma City at festivities September 17-18. Tempe's award recognizes the excellent work she did reviewing her grandmother's photos in Montana and then writing about the photos and history of that era.

The article that won an award is: "Transitions in the Changing West: The Photographic Legacy of Jessamine Spear Johnson", by Tempe J. Javitz, published in *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* by the Montana Historical Society.

Tempe has written more about her grandmother's beautiful photos that tell stories of the era. They will be in a book to be published next year by the South Dakota Historical Society Press.

The Western Heritage Awards honors individuals who have made significant contributions to Western heritage through creative works in literature, music, television and film that share the great stories of the American West.

Honorees for 2020 and 2021 include people in many fields. Names of honorees easily recognized include Kurt Russell, George Straight and Robert Duvall.

Tempe Javitz to Present Program via Zoom

Tempe Javitz will present a program about her grandmother's photos and the associated history of the era at a branch Zoom program. The date is **Wednesday, October 27 at noon**.

Several Palo Alto members have seen the program and enthusiastically recommend it.

It is not just a presentation of Grandmother Jessamine's outstanding photos but related history and some surprises.

Now Tempe may also relate the experience at the award ceremony for her and her fellow recipients.

Put this presentation on your calendar now, and tell your friends about it! Reminders will be sent out closer to the date.



Click on the horseshoes for more information



Jessamine and her horse Selim holding herd

Ice Cream Social Recap

Beautiful weather, three flavors of Rick's Rather Rich ice cream, and delicious cookies provided by Board members yielded a successful ice cream social on August 7. Nearly two dozen branch members happily greeted each other for the first time in over a year. The party was held outdoors on the large deck of the Wolbach home where attendees moved easily from one conversation group to another. The hostess has offered to hold another social next summer.



Super Scoopers Joyce Freiberg and Hostess Marie Wolbach



Carol Hansen, Mary Ashley, Judi Swope



Karen Lemcke, visiting from Davis, Mary Morrison and Gail Schubert



Betsy Colby and Tempe Javitz



Marcia Baugh and Carol Stevens (Center)



Karen Lemcke and Rosenna Yau

AAUW 2021 Fund Events

The traditional AAUW Fund Luncheons have been rechristened as Fund Events because it's too hard to pass the salt on Zoom. There will be two Saturday events on October 23rd and October 30th at 10 am and one Sunday event on November 7th at 1 pm. The fellows and grant recipients will talk about their AAUW-funded projects.

Black Holes? Rural women's health? Social classification? What incredible topics are the 37(!) AAUW-funded fellowship and grant recipients studying? Attend these live virtual events showcasing their personal stories and fascinating studies. But wait, there's more! This is a chance to see the great speakers who can be scheduled for branch programs!

Registration is required. You can register at www.aauw-ca.org/aauw-2021-fund-events.

2020-21 Legislative Session Winding Down – How Did AAUW California-sponsored Bills Fare?

Not particularly well, as it turns out! We started the year off with 39 bills we selected for varying degrees of support. We chose one bill to co-sponsor, AB 92, with four additional bills for top-priority attention ("A" level bills), five bills for "important" status ("B" level bills), twenty-two bills for low-("C") level attention, and seven bills to "watch."

Over-all, 28 of our 39 bills have been designated "2-year" bills, which means they are dead for this year and likely will be taken up again in 2022. Our advocate, Kathy Van Osten, has explained that this is because Senate and Assembly leadership set a limit of just 12 bills that a member could move to the second house, so members had to pick and choose what would they wanted to move forward.

Some of our bills did not make the cut. Four of our five "A" bills, along with our co-sponsored bill, and four of our five "B" bills, did not make it through. These include AB 22, AB 92, AB 737, AB 966, AB 1361, and SB 245. However, several of them were converted into the Budget and Budget "trailer bills," which will provide funding for childcare. Although we were not entirely successful in getting AB 92 passed (establishing

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a sliding scale for family fees for childcare through 2023), the state budget includes \$60 million for one year of relief for all families using subsidized childcare, increased reimbursement rates for childcare providers, and funding for 206,000 new childcare slots.

We are pleased that several bills have passed and been sent to the Governor, and we are working hard to secure his signature on these bills: AB 62 and AB 367, as well as 3 of our "C" level bills: AB 123, AB 1074, and AB 1461.

Thanks again to all our members who participated in Lobby Day and/or weighed in at critical junctures on social media. For descriptions of each of these bills and/or more information on their status, visit our Bill Tracker.

Kathi Harper, Co-Chair Public Policy, AAUW California

Ed. Note: This article may seem very complicated with all the bill numbers, but it is worth a click to take a look at the bill tracker to see what sort of legislation AAUW-CA is advocating for.