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Orange, Durham, Chatham
Counties (NC) Branch



“Yesterday's program was wonderful and so insightful. Anne and Michelle were so very passionate about their subject matter and certainly role models for the scholarship of public history.”



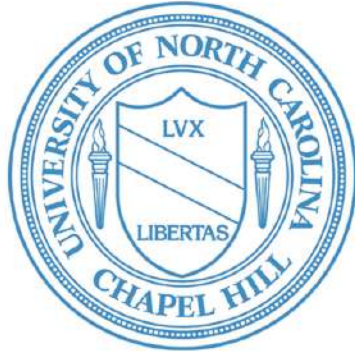
Dr. Anna Julia Cooper

President's Message

“The cause of freedom is not the cause of a race or a sect or a party or a class – it is the cause of humankind, the very birthright of humanity.” -Anna Julia Cooper, [A Voice from the South](#)

You carry this quote with you every time you travel abroad. It's in your passport. We learned why we should claim this NC native as the patron saint of AAUW at our March program, “The Power of Inclusive History at our Places of Memory.”

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Schwenning Scholarship Award

"This scholarship has made it possible for me to continue here at UNC as a disabled person and through the pandemic." - **Keliy Grobbelaar** Hometown: Carrboro, NC.

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CCCC Award

"I just started a new job and juggling schoolwork along with that has been difficult! Thank you so much for this opportunity, I'm so grateful to have received this scholarship!"

Melanie Mather from Chapel Hill is the inaugural recipient of the \$1000 branch scholarship established this year at Central Carolina Community College in Chatham County.

"In the fall I will be transferring to a four-year university so that I can begin pursuing my bachelor's degree in Psychology. My hopes are to then receive my master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and become a Licensed Therapist working with adolescents."

Annual Meeting and Program Summary

[Thank you for your continued generous support of our 4 scholarship funds.](#)

We celebrated giving **2** financial aid awards this spring at both NCCU and Durham Tech in addition to the \$1500 UNC-CH Schwenning award and our first \$1000 award at Central Carolina Community College. NCCU and Durham Tech used federal covid relief funds for

financial aid awards last year. AAUW-ODC Board recently approved a one-time sponsorship (from discretionary fund) for a high school student to attend this year's 6-week summer immersion STEM program, Women in Science Promoting Inclusion in Research Experiences, [WINSPIRE](#), at UNC. We also announced the volunteer slate of branch officers who will serve July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

[Download the report](#)



[Historic Stagville](#)

May 21, 10AM - 11:30AM

“An enslaved woman tried to set fire to one of the property’s homes. It was filled with members of the Cameron family. She laid the fire starter on an oak board, hoping for a quick blaze.” (From Stagville diaries and oral histories.)

More than 900 people were enslaved at one time on the Stagville Plantation. Down the gravel road in Durham, the 47-square mile plot of land was once mostly bare of trees, filled with crops and slaves at work. The white plantation owners documented their history through letters and land deeds, dominating the narrative of slavery in America. But below the surface of Stagville’s paper trail lay the fingerprints of a larger story — one of horror, resistance, and sacrifice. Join our guided tour to learn more.

Visit In Person!

[Register Now](#)

Members and their guests are welcome. It’s rain or shine. FREE.



May 19th, 11AM

The next ad-hoc AAUW-ODC talk on **Zoom**. Group picks the title, time, location. Book selection is the novel, [The Lincoln Highway](#), by Amor Towles.

Request Link



Celebrate

Help us raise money for our scholarship fund and celebrate branch birthdays. **Bea Keller** has an April birthday! Happy birthday!

Learn More



Treasurer's Report

The 2022-2023 budget and March report was presented at our annual meeting on Mar. 19. It's available [here](#).

Thank you!



Donors: Martha Barefoot, Kathleen Corrao, Arianne Hartsell, Susan Hester, Jan Holland, Michele Hoyman, Bea Keller, Mary Kolek, Courtney MacKuen, Nan Nixon, Jane Palmer, Cindy Parks, Randye Rosser, Barrie Trinkle, Joan Widdifield, Susan Williams, Donna Wilson.

July 1, 2021 - April 1, 2022: \$4000
Annual Goal: \$5000

Reminder: No “ticketed” tea this Spring. If you bought a ticket to last year’s *virtual* tea and have not made a donation since then, please consider joining the donor thank you list with a **\$25** gift now.

Donate

Tonight - March 31 - 7:30PM

This important event examines the ways women’s lives have been impacted over the last 12 months, and how we can chart a course forward. Register for FREE:
<https://now.org/now-fsu/>



NOW

Feminist State of the Union

Speaker:

**Gloria
Blackwell**

CEO of the American
Association of
University Women



A Message from Gloria L. Blackwell, AAUW Chief Executive Officer

It's been an honor for me to be part of history in the making during this very busy Women's History Month—and you're a part of it, too. Every event I attended or spearheaded in March was on behalf of you, AAUW's valuable members and supporters. And there were a lot of them! I represented AAUW at the [White House's Women's History celebration](#), Speaker Pelosi's [Title IX event](#), our [International Women's Day webinar](#), the panel I hosted on women and the workplace during the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and a private dinner hosted by the U.S. Ambassador for Italy.

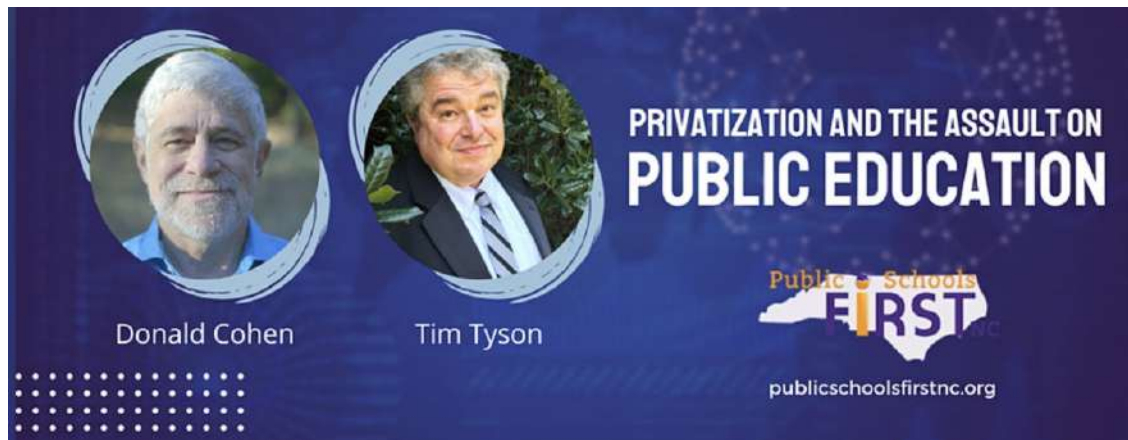
But the event that left me the most inspired was the rally in front of the Supreme Court on Monday to support Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as she began her confirmation hearings. It was exhilarating to be able to celebrate this historic nomination with members, employees and other activists, and I was so proud that AAUW was a supporting partner.

Thanks to everyone who urged the Senate to swiftly confirm the eminently qualified Judge Jackson. If you haven't yet voiced your support, we still need you! [Act now](#) as the Senate continues its vetting process over the next two weeks.

As I looked at the joyful crowd around me, I was filled with hope. It was like seeing a part of our mission for equity—of lifting up ALL women leaders—manifested before my eyes. We are writing the next chapter in women's history, and our nation's history, together.

Sincerely,

Gloria L. Blackwell, AAUW Chief Executive Officer



[Public Schools First NC](#) invites you to register now to attend at the Hunt Library (NCSU) for this free community event on **May 19th at 7pm** (registration is required due to room size) with scholars Donald Cohen and Tim Tyson.

[Register](#)

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May - June is Membership Renewal Time



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