



East Mesa (AZ) Branch

December, 2021

Speaker for December Meeting

The speaker for the December meeting of the East Mesa Branch will be Amy Fa'atoafe. Amy is the Executive Director with ***Native American Fatherhood and Families Association***

(NAFFA). She works with hundreds of different tribes. She is also a



member of the City of Mesa Human Relations Advisory Board. The board advises the city council on racial, religious, ethnic, cultural, disability or other human relations issues affecting the city of Mesa. The board recommends policies to eliminate discrimination. Amy received her Master's Degree in Social Work from Arizona State University with an emphasis on planning, administration and community. Amy had previously been a social worker with Salt River Schools. She currently works with the many programs of NAFFA.

We look forward to her presentation!

New AAUW National President

Gloria Blackwell is the new Chief Executive Officer of AAUW, effective October 18, 2021. Blackwell was chosen for the role because of her deep executive experience and her impressive record of innovative contributions to AAUW's mission.



In addition, Gloria is also AAUW's main representative to the United Nations. Among her many accomplishments is her 15-year management of AAUW's highly esteemed fellowships and grants program—awarding more than \$70 million in funding to women scholars and programs in the U.S. and overseas.

Gloria has been the driving force behind AAUW's signature programs, including salary negotiation trainings, which have reached nearly 190,000 nationwide. She also worked with the National Science Foundation to increase girls participation in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Most notably, Gloria has significantly expanded the AAUW's outreach to girls and women of color.

She holds a master's degree in education and human development from the George Washington University, a bachelor's degree in international affairs from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, and studied at the American University in Paris. Gloria is committed to supporting opportunities and empowerment for women and girls globally.



New Members!

Thanks to Sandy Williamson for the awesome job on the Membership Directory.

There are three members who are not listed in the directory – Please add

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"Only together can we
move forward, so that
there is light and hope for
all women on the
planet."

Rigoberto Menchu Tum - Nobel Peace
Prize winner 1992 & advocate for
indigenous people in Guatemala

Tips for Giving Back this Holiday Season – 8 ways to help:

- 1) Natural Disaster Relief
- 2) Volunteer at a Homeless Shelter
- 3) Work with Women's Shelters and Centers
- 4) Donate Toys
- 5) Volunteer at an Animal Shelter
- 6) Donate food and clothing
- 7) Adopt a family for the holidays
- 8) Monetary donations – Pick a charity you're passionate about!