

Nominees for Co-Presidents:

Jean D'Addario, Wilmington Branch and Sandra McLaurin, Wilmington Branch



Jean D'Addario was born in Troy, Ohio and moved with her family to Baltimore, Ohio where she graduated from high school. Jean received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She also studied one year at the Sorbonne in Paris and is fluent in French. She has a Master of Science Degree in Administration from Central Michigan University. She spent many years as a teacher and supervisor of teachers in the public schools in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Jean joined AAUW in 1965 in Westchester County, New York. She moved to New Jersey and has been active in AAUW ever since. She is currently a member of the Wilmington Branch. She has held many local and state offices including President of the Freehold, NJ and Wilmington, NC branches and Vice President of Programs for AAUW NJ.

Jean retired as Registrar of Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, North Carolina. As an experienced teacher, she has led many workshops for local and state groups. She is a trained workshop leader for \$tart \$mart and has worked closely with the Women's Studies and Resource Center at UNCW on this program and "Elect Her" as well. Jean resides with her husband, Ben, in Supply, North Carolina.



Sandra McLaurin was born and grew up in Nash County, North Carolina. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Masters of Science in Mathematics from East Carolina University. She received her Ph. D in Mathematics from the University of South Carolina. She taught mathematics at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida for one year before joining her husband on the faculty of the University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, for nine years. She and her husband moved their family to Wilmington in 1977 and joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW). She retired from UNCW after twenty-five years of service. She is now *professor emeritus* of the Mathematical

Sciences Department.

Sandra is a member of AAUW Wilmington which she joined upon her retirement in 2003. She has been a very active member, serving as President, VP for Programs and on various committees. She serves on the board of the Women's Studies and Resource

Center of UNCW as a representative of AAUW. She has been involved with \$tart \$mart and Elect Her workshops at UNCW. For the past three years, she has served on the AAUW NC board as Branch Advocate. Sandra and her husband, Melton, reside in Wilmington, NC.

Nominee for Branch Advocate:

Donna Wilson, Chapel Hill Branch



As a candidate for AAUW/North Carolina Branch Advocate, Dr. Donna Wilson brings a wealth of professional experience, commitment and advocacy for women in the professions. She is a member of the Chapel Hill branch where she currently serves as Vice President for Programming. Donna lives in Durham and moved to the Triangle area from Amherst, Massachusetts in 2011. She has had a distinguished career in higher education, both in teaching and research. In fact, she remains active in her teaching pursuits- holding two academic positions since she moved to North Carolina. Presently, she is on the graduate faculty of Capella University, directing dissertations in

Educational Leadership and Management in an online doctoral program. She also is an Associate Professor of Spanish Language and Literature at the University of Maryland, University College at Adelphi, Maryland.

Dr. Wilson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, received her B.A. in Spanish as well as her M.A. in Spanish and Romance Linguistics from The Ohio State University. She earned her Ph.D. in Higher Education Policy and Leadership at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. In addition, she holds an earned Certificado de Filología from the Universidad de Salamanca in Salamanca Spain. Her academic and administrative career in higher education, spanning several states to include Ohio, Washington and Massachusetts, have also included experience in the private sector focusing on teacher licensure and preparation in secondary schools. She has also conducted training workshops and seminars about foreign language pedagogy and assessment to secondary and post-secondary teaching professionals. In addition, Donna has published reviews and articles in professional journals in her field and is native-fluent in Spanish. Her research interests include world language pedagogy, post-secondary organizational systems, language acquisition and assessment, leadership and resource dependency theories.

Through her work in organizational structures and planning, strategic initiatives and educational leadership, Donna commits to carrying out the mission of AAUW: advancing equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. She is an effective and cogent communicator which consistently results in well-organized projects, assignments and skilled interpersonal relationships among colleagues.

Donna looks forward to working with all AAUW North Carolina branches during the next two years.