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### The Grotesque Side of Yale University

Thursday, February 12, 2015  
Waterford Public Library

6:15 p.m. Refreshments  
6:45 p.m. Business Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Program



Mathew Duman will highlight a selection of gargoyles & grotesques found on the buildings of Yale University's campus in New Haven, Ct. Using photographs from his *book An Education in the Grotesque: The Gargoyles of Yale University*, Mathew explores the artistic, historic, architectural & even humorous significance of these decorative sculptures & their role in communicating the identity of Yale University as a place of learning & enlightenment.

Mathew Duman grew up in Bethany, Connecticut. He attended the gargoyle-free campus of Central Connecticut State University but

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### Politics, Power and Policy: The Modern First Ladies

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Throughout the history of the United States, first ladies have routinely been influential members of the presidents' inner circle. In the modern presidency, these women have become noteworthy as presidential advisors *and* as policy entrepreneurs. Mary Anne Borrelli will discuss the politics and politicking of the presidents' wives, establish their contributions to their husbands' administrations and to the presidential office, and assess the consequences of their actions nationally and internationally.

MaryAnne is a professor of government at Connecticut College, where she teaches courses in U.S. politics. She has

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#### February/March at a Glance

- February 12 Branch Meeting
- February 18 Book Discussion Group
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- March 19 News & Views Deadline



## Welcome

**Holiday Lunch And Basket Raffle:** The Norwich Inn and Spa was all decked out for the holidays and the raffle baskets added another level of festivity to the annual holiday lunch. We were so fortunate to have the Ledyard High School Carolers, directed by Russ Hammond, entertain us after lunch. Their mixture of familiar songs, old fashioned carols and quirky humor was enjoyable and endearing, as were their 'Olde English' costumes. What a great singing group!

The raffle baskets were again the star of the whole event. Hats off to Elaine and Marlene for producing so many of them! Once again, we made almost a thousand dollars for our scholarship fund.

**Jim Littlefield - *The Slave Catcher's Woman*:** At the January meeting, well attended, despite the bitterly cold weather, Jim Littlefield, author and history teacher, played the part of Coswell Tims, the 'slave catcher', from his recent book *The Slave Catcher's Woman*. Speaking in authentic Southern dialect, he explained his role as a law abiding citizen, assisting in the enforcement of the laws of the land at the time of the Civil War. It was a unique way to bring a character from a book to life. As this was co-sponsored with the Waterford Library, there were also interested nonmembers at the meeting.

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## Book Discussion Group



The February book is *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. The discussion leaders are Mimi Mountain and Mary Wassung. The afternoon group will meet at 2 pm at the East

Lyme Library and the evening group will meet at 7 pm at the Waterford Library on February 18, 2015.

The March book is *The Edge of the Earth* by Christina Schwarz. The discussion leaders are Jeanne Coyne and Kim Blake. The afternoon and evening groups will meet at their regular meeting places on March 18, 2015.

If you do not need a book or you would like to be added to our library list, please call Elizabeth at 442-1411.

Elizabeth Hume and Kathy Shepherd



## Hospitality

The following members signed up for refreshments. February:

- Mimi Mountain
- Patty Clairwood
- Kim Blake: cheese and crackers
- Elizabeth Hume: cookies
- Jane Bates: dessert
- Edna Gilstad: coffee



March:

- Kathy Shepherd
- Mary Murai
- Ann DeRosa: Cheese and Fruit
- Irene Finkelstein
- Edna Gilstad: coffee

Elizabeth Hume

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## Newseum Suffragist Online Learning Module

In conjunction with the Newseum, AAUW is proud to announce the launch of a new, free online learning module. The module, "**Women, Their**

**Rights and Nothing Less,"** describes the suffrage movement and how women used the five freedoms of the First

Amendment along with the media to advocate for change. Highlights include the first edition of the *Woman's Journal*, which became the leading suffrage newspaper; front pages from the radical suffrage newspaper the *Revolution*, founded by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton; and photographs of the 1913 women's suffrage march in Washington, D.C. For more information and to view the webinar archive visit the AAUW webpage at <http://www.aauw.org/event/2015/01/newseum-suffragist-online-learning-module-webinar/>



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while studying abroad, developed a fascination with the grotesque sculptures of the cathedrals of Britain. Matt currently works as a photographer & graphic designer at the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven. As a personal project, he has explored the variety of sculpture found on the buildings of Yale University and has researched and documented these "new world" grotesques which are right outside our front door.

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#### **Tax Deduction for Dues**



AAUW national membership dues are \$49. Of that amount \$46 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501c(4) Lobby Corps

and get out the vote activities.

Note: Branch/State portions of dues are not tax deductible.

Claudia Laxar, Financial Chairperson

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participated in the Presidential Oral History Program at the University of Virginia; and in the Presidential Transition Project, which advised the transition teams of George W. Bush and Barack H. Obama. Professor Borrelli has published a number of articles and book chapters; her books include *The President's Cabinet* (2002) and *The Politics of the President's Wife* (2011).

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#### **May Banquet**



The May Banquet will be held on May 14 at The Norwich Inn and Spa. The date is listed incorrectly in the membership book. Mark your calendars now – the banquet includes a one woman musical: "This Old Hat

2" with Patty Carver. Her programs are lively and very entertaining.

### **New London Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes January 8, 2015**

The meeting at the Waterford Library was called to order by hostess Edna Gilstad at 6:45 p.m. Following the reading of the mission statement, Edna thanked the Hospitality Committee. The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as printed.

Finance Chair Claudia Laxar reported that 44 people attended the holiday luncheon. The basket raffle resulted in \$805 which will go towards scholarships. The total profit for the day was \$977. The finances stand at: Checking Account \$4,449.31, Savings Account \$440.25, Permanent Fund \$1,721.92 and Baird/Piel Fund \$1,004.70 for a grand total of \$7,616.18.

News Letter deadline is January 22, 2015.

Elizabeth Hume sent around a signup sheet for refreshments.

The Book Group will meet January 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm at the East Lyme Library and 7:00 pm at the Waterford Library. *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt will be discussed.

It was announced that tuition to NCCWSL has gone up to \$425.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chantal DeArmitt was introduced as our newest member.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Shailor  
Recording secretary



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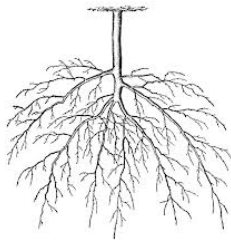
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