



## February 25, 2020 CWI Meeting Invitation <https://womensclearinghouse.org>

**Invitation to Tuesday, February 25, 2020 CWI Meeting, Noon-1:30 PM**  
**The Alliance for Justice, 11 Dupont Circle, 5th Floor; entrance on New Hampshire Ave., NW (Nearest Metro Stop: Dupont Circle, north or south exit)**  
**RSVP is now required. Go to <https://womensclearinghouse.org/rsvp>**

### Does Gender Matter in Elections?

The election of women to federal offices in the United States is as old as the fight for the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to enshrine the right to vote regardless of gender in 1920. The numbers of women serving in Congress have grown slowly over the century since the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, with 26 women currently serving in the United States Senate (17 Democrats and 9 Republicans) and 101 women in the US House of Representatives. This CWI meeting revolves around the issue of what makes women with pro-feminist views electable, particularly to the offices of President and Vice President and the U.S. Senate. What challenges have to be overcome to help them succeed and build the confidence of the electorate? We want to explore the intersection of race and gender when women seek election to local, state and national positions. Are we in a post gendered political world or is it sexism that holds women back in seeking office?

Our presenters include:

**Elyse Shaw** who directs the [Institute for Women's Policy Research](#) (IWPR)'s projects on the Status of Women in the United States, women's political participation, and those related to women and girls of color, which examines the intersectional nature of race and gender on women's lives. She will look at significant gaps and barriers for women in entering the field and staying on to win. [@IWPRResearch](#)

**Monique Alcala**, Chief Operating Officer at [Rock the Vote](#), a nonprofit advocacy organization using the power of art, music, technology and pop culture to engage young people in politics. Her area of expertise is on race/ethnicity, inequality, and political participation. She will address the intersection of race and gender as it affects women's rise to political office, particularly for LatinaX women. [@RockTheVote](#)

**Janice Mathis**, Executive Director of the [National Council for Negro Women](#) (NCNW), has broad-based experience as a lawyer, negotiator, advocate, administrator and team builder. She formerly served as General Counsel and Chief of Staff for [Rainbow Push](#). She will examine the political challenges of women, especially women of color, to getting into office. [@NCNWHQ](#)

On one hand, there is a school of thought that we are post-feminist and gender of the candidate really does not influence voter choices as much as experience or subject expertise. But others say "It's the sexism, stupid!" that keeps women from realizing their full political potential. We hope attendees will participate in a vigorous discussion relating to competing schools of thought and many nuances surrounding the issue of whether women can be elected to the highest office in the country.

CWI meetings are free and open to the public. Bring your own lunch. An RSVP to attend is required. RSVP on [womensclearinghouse.org/rsvp](https://womensclearinghouse.org/rsvp). Next CWI Meeting, Continuing ERA Victories. Noon Tuesday, March 24, 2020 Women's History Month meeting celebrates recent ERA victories in VA and the House of Representatives.



# Clearinghouse on Women's Issues

## Membership Form

[womensclearinghouse.org](http://womensclearinghouse.org)

**Three ways to join or to renew:**

1. Bring a check, payable to CWI, and this form to a CWI meeting or
2. Mail form & check to Holly Joseph, CWI Treasurer, 8504 Rosewood Drive, Bethesda MD 20814-1434 or
3. Pay through PayPal, by selecting the desired membership option on our website's membership page <https://womensclearinghouse.org/membership/> & please send this form by USPS or email to [treasurer@womensclearinghouse.org](mailto:treasurer@womensclearinghouse.org)

The CWI membership year is **July 1-June 30**. Multi-year memberships are encouraged and discounted! Please fill in the end year (e.g. 2020-2023 for a 3-yr membership). Payment puts you on the email list to receive CWI newsletters and many feminist announcements during your membership.

**Membership Years Covered: 2020 - 202**\_\_\_\_ **Date of Payment** \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL**

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**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES - reduced for multiple-year memberships**

\_\_\_\_\$15/1yr.-for those < 30 yrs. old    \_\_\_\_\$25/1yr.    \_\_\_\_\$45/2yrs.    \_\_\_\_\$65/3yrs.

**Virtual membership** - only for those outside the metropolitan DC area \_\_\_\_\$20/1yr.    \_\_\_\_\$50/3yrs.

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**ORGANIZATION**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NAME & EMAIL of Organization Representative: 1)** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Organization website address (URL) if to be included on CWI website, pending CWI approval:**  
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\_\_\_\_\$40/1 year    \_\_\_\_\$70/2 yrs.    \_\_\_\_\$100/3 yrs. (This covers emails to two reps. listed above.)

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues (from above)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional tax-deductible contribution  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Membership dues and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.