



Invitation to CWI Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, March 22, 2022 (12:00-1:30 PM)

March 2022 Clearinghouse on Women's Issues (CWI)
<https://womensclearinghouse.org>

Women and the US Judiciary [Registration Link](#)

CWI is delighted to celebrate this Women's History Month with President Biden's nomination of the first Black Woman, Ketanji Brown Jackson, to the Supreme Court. CWI's Vice President Legal Affairs, Jeanette Lim Esbrook, has issued this statement to endorse her confirmation. *The Clearinghouse on Women's Issues is an organization that addresses progress towards greater equity for women and girls in economic, health, education, social, political, and legal issues. Accordingly, we wholeheartedly support President Biden's nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States. This highest Court of the land should have representation of all citizens and the nomination of a Black woman to the Court is long overdue. Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is eminently qualified as a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law school. She is a respected and experienced jurist with a life-long dedication to public service. We urge the Senate to confirm Judge Jackson to establish a Court that represents all citizens of the United States.*

Kimberly Humphrey, Senior Legislative Counsel at the Alliance for Justice will provide an overview of the demographics of women in the US Judiciary and the strong progress of advocates and the Biden administration in adding women of color, and particularly Black women, to the federal bench. She will also discuss the ways in which the judiciary might be made more gender-conscious and supportive of feminist goals. Kimberly leads and coordinates federal advocacy to elevate the importance of the courts and judicial nominations for AFJ. She previously worked as a senior policy analyst in Baltimore's Dept of Human Resources and as a Legislative Counsel for ACLU of Maryland. She has a J.D. from Catholic Univ. and an undergraduate degree from Spelman College.

Samantha Cyrulnik-Dercher, Senior Manager of the Fair Courts Program at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund will update us on the vetting and confirmation process for Judge Jackson including the role of Civil Rights groups in supporting her confirmation. Sam previously served as Federal Policy Director of SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change, where she advocated for LGBTQ-inclusive comprehensive sex education. She has been featured in *Esquire*, *Cosmopolitan*, *The Washington Post*, and other national publications. Before SIECUS, Sam spent four years in the office of then-Congressman Tim Walz (MN-01), working her way from intern to Acting Legislative Director. Sam earned her B.A. in political science from The George Washington Univ. and her J.D. from American Univ. Washington College of Law.

Erinn D. Martin, Director of Nominations and Cross-Cutting Policies, National Women's Law Center, will review various court reform proposals to make the US judiciary more fair and equitable particularly for women, people of color, and the LGBTQ+ community. Proposed reforms include the Judicial Accountability Act, the need for ethics reform for the Supreme Court, term limits, and expanding the numbers of justices. Erinn's previous positions include Senior Policy Counsel, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Staff Attorney, Center for Reproductive Rights, and various positions in the U.S. Dept. of Justice. She has a J.D. from New York Univ. School of Law, a M.S. Ed from the Univ. of Pennsylvania, and a B.A. from the Univ of Maryland.

Please join us at this meeting by registering at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsdO2przMi2119StBIPsyDHvi0XLI>

Summary February 22, 2022 CWI Zoom Meeting on “Black Women’s Health, Wealth, and Wellness” by Sheila Wickouski with help of the presenters

A video of this meeting is available at <https://youtu.be/OrCz7RGmjr0> . This February Black History month CWI meeting is a sequel to the excellent CWI January 25, 2022 meeting on “Combating Women’s Health and Wealth Inequities” featuring Martha Burk and Alanna Murrell which is summarized in the CWI February 2022 newsletter.

This February 22, 2022 Clearinghouse on Women’s Issues Black History Month Meeting was hosted by CWI’s Board members, **Dr. Alotta Taylor**, who moderated the meeting, and Sherry Klein. The distinguished presenters were:

Dr. C. Nicole Mason, President/CEO, [Institute for Women’s Policy Research \(IWPR\)](#), was [named one of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders by Fortune Magazine](#). Prior to IWPR, Dr. Mason was the executive director of the [Women of Color Policy Network at New York University’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service](#).

Dr. Mason has written hundreds of articles on women, poverty, and economic security. Her best selling memoir, [Born Bright: A Young Girl's Journey from Nothing to Something in America](#), is a powerful personal account of what it means to be born in poverty in America and why a call to action to address the inequalities in our system is necessary for women, and especially for women of color.



At the start of the pandemic, Dr. Mason [coined the term she-cession](#) to describe the disproportionate impact of the employment and income losses on women. Her presentation compared the social, economic, health childcare and employment struggles before the pandemic and where we are now. The disproportioned loss of jobs for women, that not everyone could work remotely, and that priority of taking care of family were all among the constraints women face in access to jobs.

Specific strategies that would promote lifetime wealth growth were not only to raise women’s wages to match men’s but to end predatory practices in home ownership and appraisal. She pointed out that there are not retirement plans for lower salaried workers and emphasized the need for pay transparency.

She pointed out that some of the continuing causes of pay disparities that discriminate against women and people of color, include pay secrecy or lack of transparency, even when there are laws against this practice, and labor market segmentation related to sex segregation which is especially pernicious for women of color. Some strategies that should help end these disparities include:

- Raise women’s wages to match comparable men
- Increase home ownership, eliminate discrimination in pricing, mortgages, predatory lending, appraisals

- Increase use of retirement plans especially of employer sponsored retirement plans and insurance
- Eliminate pay secrecy and internalized sexism



Dr. Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson, DNP, MSN, RN-BC, Director, [Center for Gerontology Excellence](#) (Hampton University), and US Army Nurse Corps veteran. Dr. McQueen-Gibson is a School of Nursing Associate Professor at Hampton University, Board Chair of the American Heart Association, Member of the Governor's COVID-19 Long Term Care Task Force, and the State COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Workgroup.

Dr. McQueen-Gibson was influenced by her early experiences of being a nurse for 40 years before going back to school to get her Doctorate. Dr. McQueen-Gibson discussed topics related to health of older women of color and the relationship of financial and health issues. She pointed out that gerontology starts at age 55 and that once ill and in the hospital, it is too late!

She further spoke of her current clinical research which focuses on the social, ethical, and behavioral implications of COVID-19. Her research addresses testing among underserved and/or vulnerable populations, addressing residents' mistrust from communities of color of public health messaging. For example, she reviewed COVID-19 testing protocols within public housing in Southern Virginia. She suggested how these protocols can be adapted to be more responsive to the needs of residents. This research is a partnership between Hampton University, Eastern Virginia Medical School, and Norfolk State's Center for Health Disparities.

Dr. McQueen-Gibson talked about her work with several organizations, specifically Project Nana that addresses needs in women over 50, (<https://www.projectnana.org/nana-chats.html>) and of an Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (<https://acl.gov/SGRG/report>).

DC Area and National Feminist Events and Resources

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SMITHSONIAN WOMEN IN STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS) EXHIBIT

The following is about the If/ThenSheCan Exhibit (ifthenexhibit.org) in the Enid A. Haupt Garden at the Smithsonian near the Arts and Industries building. Sue Klein and family visited this exhibit of 120 women in STEM statues on 3-6-22. It is a traveling exhibit that is to stay at the Smithsonian and its various museums until 3-27-22. Some of the women depicted in the 3D statues were next to their statue when we visited and the public was able to talk with them and learn about their careers. We also learned about how the statues were made. Each woman went into a scanning booth where they were photographed. The actual orange life size statues were later made with a big 3D printer using acrylic gel. Many of the scientists were PHDs and often professors. See this Washingtonian article for more details and a group photo of the statues.

<https://www.washingtonian.com/2022/03/04/photos-120-orange-statues-have-taken-over-the-smithsonian-grounds/>. Following are some of the photos by Perry Klein. First Photo of Sue Klein.

Others are scientists with their statues.



Sue also recommends a visit to the Smithsonian Kogod Atrium at the National Portrait Gallery and American Art Museum on 7th Street. NW to see the beautiful orchids.

EVENTS

March 9-14 In Person, 11th Annual Black Women's Roundtable, "Women of Power" National Summit, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, MD 20745. **FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**

Wednesday, March 9, 11:30 am-1pm. Ending Gender Based Violence in the World of Work: new insights and tools from C190, ILO Office for the US and Canada Register [HERE](#)

Wednesday, March 9, 1pm-2pm. Friends in the Fight: How you can join the fight for abortion access. National Women's Law Center Register here: https://nwlc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0dLgLv0FQYmHW1KiB3L8DA

Wednesday, March 9, 6:45-8PM. **Virtual** WAS HARRIET TUBMAN THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND FIRST FEMALE NAVY SEAL? Montgomery County Business and Professional Women. **FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER**

Tuesday, March 15, 2-3:30 pm. In Pursuit of a Feminist United Nations: Reflecting on Progress, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) **Register**

Wednesday, March 16, 3:30 pm. Women's Petitions to Congress Webinar, National Archives Foundation, [Register Here](#)

Wednesday, March 16, 5:30-6:30 PM. Virtual Happy Hour: [Celebrating Black Women Printmakers, National Museum of Women in the Arts.](#)

Thursday, March 17, 8-9am. Centering Women Workers in Climate Justice Advocacy and [Register Here](#)

Thursday, March 17, 10 am. Gender Just Climate Solutions, WEDO **RSVP here**

Thursday, March 17, 4-5pm Gun Violence Against Women: Virtual Town Hall, ERA Coalition, Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gun-violence-against-women-virtual-town-hall-tickets-288765083137?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=2516dd40-a02a-418b-aa9a-36f165593aa8>

Friday, March 18, 9:45-11am. Women and Girls As Agents of Change in Climate-Related Conflict, Georgetown Institute for Women **Get Tickets**

Friday, March 18, 1pm Working for Suffrage: How Class and Race Shaped the US Suffrage Movement Panel Discussion, National Archives Foundation. [Register Here](#)

Tuesday, March 22, Noon Zoom. Women and the US Judiciary: Increasing Feminist Goals, Clearinghouse on Women's Issues. See page 1 of newsletter.

Tuesday, March 22, 7-8pm. Celebrating Champions of Equality: The Time is Now Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of ERA's Passage in Congress. <https://era50.eracoalition.org/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=2516dd40-a02a-418b-aa9a-36f165593aa8>

Saturday, March 26. 1:pm-3:30pm by Zoom-Symposium on Reproductive Health with Keynote by Michele Goodwin. National Women's Political Caucus/CA. For-more information and registration check <https://www.memberplanet.com/events/nwpcca/reproductiveforum>

July 22-24 National NOW in person Conference, Save our Democracy, Vote for Womxn's Lives. Chicago, IL Palmer House Hilton. [Register here!](#)

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