

Public Policy Day 2021 February 6, 2022

Program

(Note that the times listed are approximate)

9:00 AM Welcome and Dedication of the Day to Joan Peterson

Colorado President Joan Brown
Public Policy Co-Chairs Denise Pruett and Su Ryden
AAUW Member Sue Bodis

9:05 Legislative Update

Public Policy Committee Members Betty Boyd and Nancy Todd
Public Policy Chair Su Ryden

9:40 Keynote Speaker – including Q&A period

Senator Faith Winter

10:25 Break-----

10:35 Panel Discussion – including Q&A period

Moderator Dani Newsum
Panelists
Dr. Erica Adkins
Kaitlin Altone
Elizabeth Johansen

11:40 National AAUW Call to Action

Robin Lucas, Grassroots Advocacy Manager

11:50 Wrap-up

Colorado President Joan Brown

12:00 PM Sign-off

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About our Speakers and Panelists

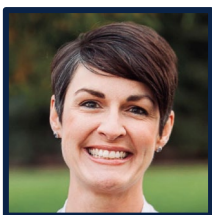


Faith Winter was elected to the Senate in 2018 to represent Colorado's 24th District, which includes parts of Westminster, Thornton, and Northglenn. Senator Winter currently is Chair of the Transportation and Energy Committee as well as a member of the Finance Committee.

Senator Winter previously served in the Colorado House of Representatives and on the Westminster City Council where she supported bills that would improve the lives of students, mothers, and families. Senator Winter also brings great leadership experience from her time prior to serving as an elected official. She is an organizer at heart who served as a high-level Director for Enviro Citizen, The White House Project, Emerge Colorado, Colorado Conservation Voters, and VoteRunLead. Senator Winter is a strong proponent of environmental protection and holds a bachelor's degree in environmental management and biology from the University of the Redlands. She lives with her husband Mark and their two children, Tobin and Sienna. She loves to hike.



Dani Newsum is the director of strategic partnerships at Cobalt, a reproductive rights organization. Prior to Cobalt, she managed the ACLU of Colorado's education and outreach efforts; education and communication at the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community Center of Colorado; and communication and training at the Chinook Fund. An attorney, Dani directed the City of Boulder's Human Rights Office, and served as an assistant attorney general for civil rights and labor in the Colorado Attorney General's Office. She has a Master of Arts in U.S. history and taught Famous Trials and other history courses at the University of Colorado Denver campus, Metropolitan State University Denver, and the Community College of Aurora.



Dr. Erica Adkins is a licensed psychologist in the State of Colorado and State of Ohio. She received her Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Counseling Psychology from the University of Oregon. She completed her predoctoral internship at Federal Correctional Institute Fort Worth, TX then spent the next 5 years as a psychologist with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. She currently owns and operates Stages of Change Psychotherapy, PLLC, a group practice in Colorado Springs. Her private practice focuses on traumatic stress injuries, PTSD, depression, and anxiety disorders.

In addition, Erica is a Medical Officer in the United States Army Reserve. She has extensive clinical experience working with crisis intervention, suicide risk assessment and intervention, incarcerated populations, and military populations both stateside and overseas. Her interests include Psychology of Women in the Military, Suicide Prevention and Intervention, and Multiculturalism, Inclusion, and Diversity in Military Populations.



Kaitlin Altone is an organizer for 9to5 Colorado, a nonprofit focusing on economic justice for women and their working conditions. She first joined 9to5 Colorado as an intern while earning her Masters in Social Work from the University of Denver. Prior to joining 9to5, her organizing work began as a canvass director, leading canvass teams in fundraising for progressive nonprofits. She also worked as a mental health worker for children with trauma from physical and sexual abuse. As a 9to5 organizer, she organized for the successful passage of Paid Family and Medical Leave in Colorado.



Elizabeth Johansen is a human-centered designer and engineer who creates Medtech that is more affordable and accessible globally. She gained the confidence to be an innovator from her first innovation role model, her mother, who continually redesigns her environment to better accommodate her own needs as a person using a wheelchair. After having two kids, Elizabeth is now a proud member of the sandwich generation of caregivers. She is still able to work outside the home thanks to her partner who takes on most of the household duties and childcare. Thanks to the pioneering work of many people at AAUW and beyond in making it easier for women to gain university degrees and head to work, today Elizabeth is a graduate of Harvey Mudd College; the founder and principal consultant for Spark Health Design; Director of Product Design at Vaxess Technologies; and faculty with Olin College of



Robin Lucas is the Grassroots Advocacy Manager for the national AAUW organization.