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January 2021

IWF Idaho Events

Can we talk? I chair the IWF-Idaho Program Committee and I have the opportunity each month to spend an hour or more with some amazing women.

Let me introduce them -- Peggy Goldwyn, Marcia Liebich, LeeAnne Linderman, Elizabeth Mathieu, Carol Nie, Susan Passovoy and Clare Swanger and our President Janet Gallimore.

We are committed to bringing the forum programs of interest. Since Covid 19, we have had to operate in a different way. Many of the things that we did in the past have been reduced to virtual presentations. Looking ahead, our plan is to operate virtually until it is safe to have face to face gatherings. Currently, we try to schedule virtual programs for Wednesdays or Thursdays between 3pm and 6pm. Dates and times vary depending on speaker availability.

In addition to virtual programs, which include Pop-up programs, we plan and maintain the [annual calendar of events](#). This calendar is updated monthly. We source events and speakers and draft invitations. We solicit and coordinate Dine-arounds and Lunch and Learns. We work with the board to plan the Summer and Winter membership meeting. We promote regional and global programs as requested. None of this can happen without coordinating with the Communications Committee.

The Program Committee wishes each and every one of you a Happy New Year. We look forward to your program suggestions for 2021!

Finally, how are we doing? We welcome your feedback. We need your suggestions and participation. We do this for you!

Thanks to all,
Evelyn Self, Program Chair

Upcoming Virtual Events

Women Incribed: The Artistic History of Ancient Aboriginal People - What it Says About Women as Creator Beings of the World

When: Thursday, January 14th from 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Hosted By: Dr. Peggy Grove

Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84251131840?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84251131840?pwd=alpQdnYwRFQxNoNvMjV6cDlhY3NqQT09)

[pwd=alpQdnYwRFQxNoNvMjV6cDlhY3NqQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84251131840?pwd=alpQdnYwRFQxNoNvMjV6cDlhY3NqQT09)

Meeting ID: 842 5113 1840

Password: 476158

Please use the Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event.

Global Collaboration to Improve Arabic Literacy

When: Wednesday, January 27th at 5:00pm

Hosted By: Dr. Evelyn Johnson

Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86162634529?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86162634529?pwd=OVJLNlNvSDBQScZlWZjFFZDIoRGQ4QT09)

[pwd=OVJLNlNvSDBQScZlWZjFFZDIoRGQ4QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86162634529?pwd=OVJLNlNvSDBQScZlWZjFFZDIoRGQ4QT09)

Meeting ID: 861 6263 4529

Password: 797074

Please use the Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event.

Water Wisdom - How water can guide us towards deeper self-awareness and enhanced agility, balance, and clarity

When: Wednesday, February 17th at 5:00pm

Hosted By: Wendy Pabich

Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83142940985?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83142940985?pwd=elYoeUZ6QXA3WTNncopiNopDMk5EZz09)

[pwd=elYoeUZ6QXA3WTNncopiNopDMk5EZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83142940985?pwd=elYoeUZ6QXA3WTNncopiNopDMk5EZz09)

Meeting ID: 831 4294 0985

Password: 024042

Please use the Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event.

Join Our New IWF Idaho Book Club

The Book Club will meet on January 14 at 7pm to discuss “My Grandmother’s Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies,” a NYT bestseller by Resmaa Menakem. This promises to be a great discussion.

We encourage those who might be interested to join our group. Please RSVP to

[Jennifer Wilson](#).

When: Thursday, January 14th at 7:00pm

Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88186494231?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88186494231?pwd=VoFWMkJFOXc2NjY3RjBUTUVwcThHdz09)
[pwd=VoFWMkJFOXc2NjY3RjBUTUVwcThHdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88186494231?pwd=VoFWMkJFOXc2NjY3RjBUTUVwcThHdz09)

Meeting ID: 881 8649 4231

Passcode: 297605

Collecting Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion Resources

The IWF Idaho Board is in the process of developing and collecting resources to discuss and share regarding diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion in our community and chapter. This may include engaging with experiences as well as resources. If you have any ideas to share, please reach out to one of the board members. We would love to hear from you!

Don't Forget to Pay Your 2021 Membership Dues!

Every member should have received a 2021 Membership Dues Invoice to their email. Please use the link attached to pay your dues if you have not already, as they were due by December 31st. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Mackenzie](#) or [Randi](#). Thanks!

Member Spotlight

New 2021 IWF Idaho Members

IWF Idaho is lucky to be welcoming a number of new members to our chapter this year, including Lisa Cooper, Alicia Estey, Odette C. Bolano, Linda Trout, Beena Mannan, Sarah Sentilles, and Suzanne Stone. Profiles on each of our new members will be featured over the coming months.

Sarah Sentilles



Sarah Sentilles is a writer, teacher, critical theorist, scholar of religion, and author of many books, including *Draw Your Weapons*, which won the [2018 PEN Award for Creative Nonfiction](#). Her next book, *Stranger Care: A Memoir of Loving What Isn't Ours*, will be published by Random House in May 2021. Her writing has appeared in [The New York Times](#), [The New Yorker](#), [Oprah Magazine](#), Ms., Religion Dispatches, Oregon ArtsWatch, and the Los Angeles Review of Books, among other publications. She's had residencies at Hedgebrook and Yaddo. She earned a bachelor's degree at Yale and master's and doctoral degrees at Harvard. She is the co-founder of the [Alliance of Idaho](#), which works to protect the basic human rights of immigrants by engaging in education, outreach, and advocacy at local, state, and national levels. At the core of her scholarship, writing, and activism is a commitment to investigating the roles language, images, and practices play in oppression, violence, social transformation, and justice movements. She has taught at Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland State University, California State University Channel Islands, and Willamette University. She now lives in Hailey, Idaho and teaches [writing workshops](#) and works one-on-one with clients to help support their art, writing, and creativity.

Odette C. Bolano



Odette Bolano, President, and CEO provides executive leadership for one of the largest employers in the state of Idaho Saint Alphonsus Health System (SAHS). SAHS is comprised of a 610 bed, five-hospital system across the two states of Idaho and Oregon, the Saint Alphonsus Medical Group with nearly 520 primary care and specialty care medical providers over 73 clinic locations; and the Saint Alphonsus Health Alliance, a clinically integrated network. Odette has been in senior leadership healthcare positions in for-profit, non-profit, and fully integrated health systems. Prior to joining SAHS, Odette served as Sr Vice President of Kaiser Permanente East Bay Region in Oakland, CA. Odette received her BS in Nursing and then earned her Master's in Administration of Healthcare Services. She is also a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. An active civic and community leader, Odette serves as a board member of the Idaho Hospital Association, Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce, Boise Valley Economic Partnership (BVEP), Idaho Business for Education (IBE), Boise State University Foundation Board, and Boise State University College of Health Sciences Board of Ambassadors. Odette is a member of the Carol Emmott Fellowship Board, a national organization committed to mentoring exceptional healthcare women leaders to achieve their highest potential. Odette was recently appointed to the Idaho Power & IDACORP Board of Directors. In 2019, Odette was honored as TWIN award recipient and recognized as one of Idaho Business Review's Women of the Year. In 2020, she was recognized by Modern Healthcare as one of the nation's

most influential 50 Clinical Executives in Healthcare. In Idaho, Odette was honored twice by the IBR as CEO of Influence and #1 in Idaho Business Review's Power 25 list that names the region's most influential leaders in healthcare.

Current Member Spotlight

IWF Idaho Governance Chair, Jane Conard



Jane Conard is on the Sun Valley City Council, and is a health law consultant, mediator, and arbitrator. She worked with government healthcare agencies and with Intermountain Healthcare for 26 years before developing her own private practice, and she does volunteer arbitration in the Blaine County small claims court. She has lectured and provided courses for the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) and the American Bar Association. She served as chair of the AHLA In-House Counsel Section, as a member of the AHLA Board of Directors, and in 2016 was selected as a Fellow of the AHLA (a designation limited to about 150 lawyers). Jane was an adjunct professor at the University of Utah law school and the president of the Salt Lake County Bar Association and Women Lawyers of Utah

(which selected her as the 2006 Utah Woman Lawyer of the Year). She is a member of the state bars of California, Utah, and Idaho. She received her a B.A. magna cum laude with honors from Macalester College, an M.A. with published thesis from the University of Iowa, and a J.D. from U.C., Davis, King Hall School of Law.

Thank you, Jane, for your excellent work as Governance Chair!

Book Recommendations

Alongside efforts to keep our IWF Idaho community together via Virtual Events, Vice President Peggy Goldwyn had the wonderful idea of sharing book reviews and recommendations in our monthly newsletters. Please send your one-paragraph reviews of the books you love or are currently reading to [Mackenzie](#) to keep this connection going.

Sarah Michael Joined the Wood River Wolf Project Steering Committee



IWF Idaho Member and former president, Sarah Michael recently joined the Wood River Wolf Project Steering Committee. Read more about the committee and her position [here](#), and see her featured on the project's Facebook page [here](#). Congratulations, Sarah!

Don't Forget to Use Our IWF Idaho Website

Visit our website at <https://iwfidaho.org> for information on our Idaho chapter, upcoming events, newsletter archives, and contact information for each of our members. If you have any questions or trouble accessing the site, contact [Mackenzie](#) for assistance.

IWF Global has also released guidelines and updates for IWF branding. Log-in [here](#) to take a look.

Send your news on awards, career changes, board appointments and events to [Kendall Nelson](#) and [Mackenzie Moss](#) for inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

Thanks!

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IWF Idaho is the Idaho chapter of the International Women's Forum, an invitation-only, membership organization. In Idaho, we are 69 members strong, and globally, there are more than 7,000 diverse and accomplished women from 33 nations on six continents. IWF is dedicated to building better leadership locally and globally.

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