Our guest speaker for the February 2nd luncheon is Judith Casselberry, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies at Bowdoin College, teaching courses in African American religious and cultural studies, with particular attention to gender. Before her Bowdoin appointment, she was an inaugural Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for African American Studies at Princeton University (2008-2009). She has held visiting appointments at Wesleyan University, Barnard College, Vassar College, and New York University. She received the B. of Music from Berklee College of Music (Music Production and Engineering), MA from Wesleyan University (Ethnomusicology), and Ph.D. from Yale University (African American Studies and Anthropology). During 2012-2013, she served as Visiting Assistant Professor of Women’s Studies and African American Religions at Harvard Divinity School. She is currently completing an ethnography entitled, *Justified by Works: Gender, Faith and Power in Black Apostolic Pentecostalism*, which examines New York religious women’s spiritual, material, social, and organizational work through the lens of black women’s labor theories. Her most recent articles include “The Politics of Righteousness: Race and Gender in Apostolic Pentecostalism” in *Transforming Anthropology: the Journal of Black Anthropologists* (Vol. 21, No. 1), “Were We Ever Secular?: Interrogating David Brown on Gospel, Blues, and Pop Music,” in *Theology, Aesthetics, and Culture: Responses to the Work of David Brown*, Robert MacSwain and Taylor Worley, editors (Oxford University Press, 2012), and “Harvesting Souls for Christ: Black Pentecostal Women’s Labor at the Altar,” in *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, Winter/Spring 2014 (vol. 42, nos. 1 & 2). In addition to research on organized Pentecostalism, she is working on a project examining Grace Jones’ transnational Pentecostal roots and their imprint on her performance aesthetics and identity.

Casselberry’s interest in links between lettered and performed scholarship comes from her career as an academic and performer. As a vocalist/guitarist, she currently performs with Toshi Reagon and BIGLovely and has enjoyed a career as an international recording artist with Casselberry-DuPreé and JUCA. She has shared stages with Sweet Honey in the Rock, Odetta, Stevie Wonder, Etta James, and Elvis Costello among others. She served as Production Consultant for *Radical Harmonies* (Dee Mosbacher, director 2002), a documentary about the women’s labor in the American spiritual and gospel music traditions.

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Out to Lunch Bunch
January and February
Betty Fitzjarrald
The Out to Lunch Bunch will begin 2015 by “Meeting and Greeting” at Scarlet Begonias Restaurant, 16 Station Ave., Brunswick on Friday, January 16th, 11:30 a.m.

This is one of the favorite restaurants for the OTLB, so please think about joining with us and getting to meet some of your AAUW co-members as they discuss interesting topics and enjoy eating lunch together.

We will meet again on Friday, February 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Wild Oats, 25 Burbank Avenue, Brunswick Landing. Winter parking will be easy here and the selection of tasty, warming soups and hearty sandwiches will chase away the winter blues.

Please let me know if you plan to attend as the restaurants will need to know how many tables to reserve for the group.

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AAUW Scholarship Committee needs volunteers.
Charlotte Price
In recent years the Bath-Brunswick branch has awarded one or two scholarships to non-traditional women students based upon applications submitted to Dennis Unger, Director University College at Bath/Brunswick. The college, now located in the former U.S. Naval base site, serves non-resident, frequently part-time, students who enter college a year or more after graduation from high school. Applications for the scholarship are due in late March each year and the members of the committee review the material via email or at one meeting, depending on how complex the decision is expected to be. Some of the members who served in recent years will not be available this year. If you are willing to help with the selection process this spring, please contact Charlotte Price, charpeter@gwi.net or 607-4321 as soon as possible. We would like to add two or three volunteers whose life experience suggests to them that they would welcome the happy, but sometimes difficult, task.

Martin Luther King Jr. Campus Celebration
Judith Casselberry, Bowdoin College
The Bowdoin College MLK program may be of interest to your membership. On Monday, January 19th at 7:30 pm, we will be presenting the incomparable Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon and Toshi Reagon in concert at Pickard Theater. This is a unique opportunity to see and hear from one of the pioneers of song in the Civil Rights Movement and her daughter, who carries the torch.

Tickets are required and will be available at the David Saul Smith Union Information desk, 207-725-3375. Bowdoin Friends - $10.00, General Public - $25.00
**Luncheon Reservations**

For reservations, please contact Deborah Cravey by Wednesday, January 28 at 373-1749 or gmcdbc18@comcast.net with your reservation and menu choice. She will acknowledge your call or email if you do not talk with her directly. The price of the luncheon is $20 and our Treasurer, Martha McBride, suggests you make out your check to AAUW of Bath-Brunswick before you leave home.

As always, your guests are welcome to attend.

**Luncheon**

**Entree Course** (choice of one)
- Bowl of Seafood Chowder with lobster, salmon and scallops served with Italian Bread
- Small Linguini Plate with red sauce and one meat ball
- Crepes stuffed with goat cheese, mushrooms and red pepper served with a demi-salad

**Dessert Course**
- Fruit Crisp with Ginger Crumb Topping
- Moses Dyer Coffee and Twinings Tea

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**Co-Presidents’ Letter**

**Sophie Whitehouse and Marlise Swartz**

Hello everyone. Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a wonderful Holiday and that you are ready for an exciting new year.

Marlise and I are sorry some of you could not come to our Greens Event because of the dismal weather. Your decision to stay home safe was certainly warranted. Those of us who braved the elements to gather at the Curtis Library thought about all of you. Thank you to all AAUW Bath-Brunswick branch members who gave their “Greens” by mail to Martha McBride. Altogether we have raised $1890.

Now that we have entered 2015, we are looking forward to our next branch meeting. As in the past we will gather chez Henry and Marty’s restaurant on Maine Street in Brunswick on Monday, February 2nd (Snow date February 9th). Our guest speaker will be Dr Judith Casselberry, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies at Bowdoin College who teaches courses in African American religious and cultural studies, with particular attention to gender. Please check this newsletter for details about our speaker, time, location and reservations for which you need to contact Deborah Cravey.

On another note, we have some good news to relate to you as well: our own Molly Boggart, in charge of Public Policy, was mentioned by Lisa M. Maatz from National in her AAUW Action Network newsletter in December as another young woman who is inspiring us to do more for action and advocacy. Lisa referred specifically to the letter to the editor Molly wrote to the Press Herald on November 3rd, 2014 to encourage all eligible Maine voters to go to the polls in the midterm elections.

Wishing all of you the best of happiness and health for 2015.
COME ONE, COME ALL!
Women’s Day at the State House

Tuesday, January 20 is Women’s Day at the State House. AAUW of Maine, with members of the Bath-Brunswick Branch helping make it happen, will be represented.

The program is particularly relevant this year and should be captivating. Here’s the schedule:

8:45 AM: Registration & Tabling in the Hall of Flags
9:50 AM: Issue Briefing and Training in the Welcome Center
10:50 AM: Gather for Press Conference in the Hall of Flags
11:00 AM: Press Conference in the Hall of Flags
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM: Lunch on Your Own (there is a cafeteria in the Cross Office Building)
12:30 PM - 1:45 PM: Workshop: Working for Reproductive Justice
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Break Out Sessions:
   Option 1: The ABC’s of Lobbying Your Legislators
   Option 2: Effectively Communicating Your Message

We hope you can help at the AAUW of Maine table and attend these events. Please let Molly Bogart (mollybogart@gmail.com) know if you are planning to help out some at the table and have fun at some of the other sessions.