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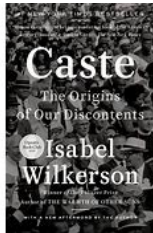
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### Book Group

Wednesday, November 8  
7:00 p.m. via Zoom  
**Caste: the Origins  
of Our Discontents**  
by Isabel Wilkerson  
Discussion leader:  
**Eileen Kennedy**



RSVP Melanie Hanley

If you have not paid dues which were due June 30 yet, search email for a Monday, April 24 message from Katrina Breese, AAUW for a personalized opportunity to pay online with a credit card or send a check to **Rebecca Triche**, branch treasurer.

### Gourmet



**Birthday Celebration  
For Charles Stutts!**  
Saturday, November 18  
12:00 noon  
at the home of  
**Carolyn and Charles Stutts**  
All AAUW BR members  
are invited.

Pot luck and bring your own  
adult beverage  
Please **NO PRESENTS!**  
RSVP Carolyn Stutts so she  
will know how many to  
expect.

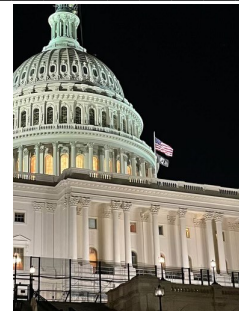
### Insights



*Insights* will resume in 2024. Two of three 2022 scholarship recipients spoke to us about their doctoral studies earlier this year. We will invite our six most recent awardees to do the same in the spring. **Mary Francis** and **Pam Baldwin** will coordinate. Last month we introduced two young women in this newsletter. This month we are happy to introduce the other four. See pages 3 and 4.

### Great Decisions

There will be no meeting in November nor December. **Anne Campbell** will lead the discussion of *war crimes* in January 2024.



*"Thomas Wesley Moore's name was on the flag you see flying from the top of the Capitol in Washington DC on Monday, Oct. 16, the day of the military burial in Baton Rouge at Greenoaks. They will mail the flag to me!!!" - Margaret Moore*

You will recall that administrator Pam Baldwin forwarded email notice of Margaret Moore's husband's passing. We all certainly send condolences to Margaret and her family.

### Coming...Book Club

**TIME AND LOCATION OR ZOOM OPTION ARE YET TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**There will be no meeting in December.**

Wednesday, January 11, 2024

***The Girl in His Shadow***

by Audrey Blake

Discussion Leader: **Mary Francis**

February going forward to be announced.

### Coming...Gourmet

November

To be determined taking advantage of events at the Baton Rouge Gallery including silent movies and a gallery opening with a band. Details closer to the dates.

December

Dinner at the home of **Pam** and **Greg Baldwin**.

January

Dinner at the home of **Judy** and **Chuck Nielson**

February

Dinner and viewing the Southdowns Mardi Gras Parade hosted by **JiJi** and **Larry Jonas**

March

Flavors of San Miguel themed dinner at the home of **Carolyn** and **Charles Stutts** co-hosted by **Ann Sperry**

April

Dinner at the home of **Margot Kiehfuss**

May

Dinner at the home of **Lorraine** and **Donal Day**

Note: Participants who attend dinner in a private home will request a recipe from the hostess to prepare and bring to contribute to the meal.

All members are invited but they must RSVP in advance, either to the hostess or the designee who will make the restaurant reservation.

### Coming...<sup>PAGE 3</sup>Great Decisions

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January War Crimes Led by **Anne Campbell**

Great Decisions reading materials are published on a calendar year schedule. We will discuss new topics beginning in February 2024. Titles of topics have already been published for 2024. They are:

Mideast Realignment

Climate Technology and Competition

Science across Borders

U.S. and China Trade Rivalry

NATO's Future

Understanding Indonesia

High Seas Treaty / Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction Treaty

Pandemic Preparedness

## Meet More Recipients of the Eleanor Earle Scholarship 2023 In October we introduced two of six scholarship honorees. Here are two more and two more on page 4!



**Silvia Murillo** was born in La Piedadcita – Ecuador in August 1993. She received her Bachelor of Science in Food Technology from the Pan American School of Agriculture, Zamorano (Honduras), in December 2014. She completed an internship at Louisiana State University in the food microbiology laboratory in 2015. She worked for the Department of Agriculture in Ecuador from 2016 to 2018. She got her Master's degree in August 2021, then she started her Ph.D., and she expects to graduate in August 2024 at LSU in the School of Nutrition and Food Sciences with a focus on Sensory/Consumer Sciences and a minor in Applied Statistics. Her research during her master's and Ph.D. journey is focused on consumer perception toward seafood byproducts (SBPs) utilization and exploring inexpensive ways to develop new products from SBPs. After completion of her Ph.D. degree, she hopes to continue developing, applying, and learning new sensory techniques to answer interesting questions in the sensory and consumer sciences field.



**Irene Marti Gil**

It will be an honor to attend the next meeting and be able to meet you in person. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity the AAUW has given me.

My research focuses on the critical examination of the legal framework intended to safeguard culture heritage values and expressions in Guatemala. The ultimate goal is to identify the current shortcomings in the system set in place as well as to develop more sustainable, viable, and inclusive heritage management and protection plans, nationally and internationally.

## Meet More Recipients of the Eleanor Earle Scholarship 2023

In October we introduced two of six scholarship honorees. Here we complete our introductions to these young women.



**Gabela Nelson**

My research involves studying algal cell biology as well as using algae to create biodegradable products and natural supplements or pharmaceuticals. My first project uses *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* to study the unknown mechanism of their chemotaxis, which is the movement in response to a chemical stimulus. After developing a new assay method to study the movement, I've discovered a gene that can be responsible, in relation with light, for green algal chemotaxis. I have also described specialized behavior between the cells, which alludes to a more sophisticated signaling system than their well-studied mechanism of phototaxis, which is the movement in response to light. With the findings in my research, we believe that *Chlamydomonas* and other green algae can be more complex cells than we once thought. My second project involves algae bioproduction with subsequent supplement extraction for biomedical research. To perform algae bioproduction, we start small in the lab and scale to a 10,000 L culture at our outdoor field site. The process requires the re-creation of a saltwater environment without contamination. After production, the biomass is currently used to make biodegradable Mardi Gras beads and can be used to make many other biodegradable products. Also, compound extractions are performed and can include omega-3 fatty acids and fucoxanthin, a pigment that is studied in diabetes and anti-cancer research. We have optimized the purity of this pigment in our lab while building a global network of potential customers for these compounds.



**Simran Dhingra**

Under the supervision of Prof. Graca Vicente, my research work involves the synthesis of near-IR BODIPY dyes and chlorin e6 based photosensitizers. These fluorophores and photosensitizers are then conjugated with various biomolecules like peptides and small drug molecules like Tyrosine Kinase inhibitors (TKIs), known to specifically bind the Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR), overexpressed on various cancer cells.

My recently published work in *Targets* has demonstrated that BODIPY-TKI conjugates have the ability to bind to EGFR, efficiently internalize within cells that over-express EGFR, and therefore can potentially find application as imaging tools for early detection of EGFR over-expressing tumors.

<https://doi.org/10.3390/targets1010005>



AAUW BR is a partner of the Inter-Civic Council of BR which sponsors the Golden Deeds award each year. Our representatives to the council are **Aileen Hendricks** and **Eileen Kennedy**. **JiJi Jonas** and her husband represent another organization with which they are active. Philanthropist and fundraiser **Frank McArthur** will be honored on Tuesday, November 14. See the story at [https://www.theadvocate.com/baton\\_rouge/news/philanthropist-fundraiser-is-golden-deeds-award-winner/article\\_d18d83c4-5310-11ee-b79a-c3e8259e3d6c.ht](https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/philanthropist-fundraiser-is-golden-deeds-award-winner/article_d18d83c4-5310-11ee-b79a-c3e8259e3d6c.ht). Purchase tickets at [flicker@premier.net](mailto:flicker@premier.net).



# GOLDEN DEEDS

*Honoring Philanthropy Since 1942*

The Golden Deeds award is the most prestigious award in the Greater Baton Rouge area. Since its inception in 1942, it has been awarded to only one outstanding recipient each year for philanthropic service to the community. The actions and service of the recipients have made the community a better place to live and work.

The Golden Deeds Award nominations include the nine-parish Baton Rouge Metropolitan Statistical Area which covers East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, Livingston, St. Helena, East Feliciana, West Feliciana and Pointe Coupee.

## THE SEARCH IS ON FOR OUR 2023 GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD RECIPIENT

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**

Explain why your nominee should receive the Golden Deeds Award. Tell us in your own words about the most memorable things they've done in service to the community.

Tell us how their actions touched your heart; how they made a difference.

Give specific examples of what they've done.

**Maximum of 750 words.**

**Nominations must meet specific requirements to be considered.**

### SAVE THE DATE: GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 • BATON ROUGE MARRIOTT

Tickets \$50 each • Group tables available

To purchase tickets, contact

Richard Flicker at [flicker@premier.net](mailto:flicker@premier.net) or 225-931-1626

#### RECIPIENTS OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS

2008..... Frances Bennett	2013..... Vera H. Martin	2018..... Donna Britt
2009..... Sue Turner	2014..... Whitney Vann	2019..... Gerard Ruth
2010..... Gary Mockler	2015..... Donna Saurage	2020..... Rosario Martina
2011..... Richard Lipsey	2016..... Marvin Borgmeyer	2021..... Mike Rolfsen, M.D.
2012..... G. Lee Griffin	2017..... Cordell Haymon	2022..... Ralph Bender

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# NOVEMBER

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