



# AAUW WI Public Policy Forum

**WHEN: August 25<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) and August 27<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 6:30-8:30PM via Zoom!**

**Topics: August 25<sup>th</sup> Fair Redistricting in 2021 and Wisconsin Public Education**



**6:30 - Carlene Bechen from Fair Maps WI** will discuss how district maps are drawn and how bipartisan support for Fair Maps is growing. Q&A to follow.



**7:30 - Heather DuBois Bourenane of the Wisconsin Public Education Network (WPEN)** will tell us how we can influence great public education in lieu of offering vouchers to private institutions. Q&A to follow.

**Topics: August 27<sup>th</sup> Being an Informed Voter and Getting Out the Vote**

**6:30 - Matt Rothschild of The Wisconsin Democracy Campaign** will discuss how to differentiate between “fake news” and “real facts.” How to become informed voters and educate others; why absentee ballots are safe; and the importance of down-ballot voting in the November election.



**7:15 – Debra Cronmiller of League of Women Voters** will discuss how to inform and encourage voting during a pandemic; and deal with sometimes cruel and bitter vitriol.



**7:45 – Kate Nielson/Robin Lucas from AAUW National Headquarters** will discuss suggested methods to Get Out The Vote (GOTV) and share what other branches/states are doing to talk about issues, not candidates.



**REGISTER NOW:** Register for one or both sessions at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nGrBbu5gT2OYZD75In5Z0w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nGrBbu5gT2OYZD75In5Z0w).

**(Non-AAUW Members are welcome – Share the Link & Invite Friends)**

## It takes effort and preparation to be informed!

AAUW-WI suggests you prep for the discussions on Zoom with these tools:

Recent legislative action shows that we need to change the way our state divides legislative districts. Wisconsin ranks as the worst for gerrymandered districts. There are two excellent videos that explain how redistricting was handled in WI in 2011. We suggest you view them prior to Public Policy Day 2020 so you can better understand the unfairness of our current situation. Here is how you can do that:

A 3-minute video developed by The WI Farmers Union describes how gerrymandering took place in WI. This page has some prime ideas for how to change the way redistricting is done. Click on the page and video at <https://www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/fairmaps>

A documentary titled *Slay the Dragon* gives a very thorough history of how redistricting in WI was achieved behind closed doors in utter secrecy in 2011. There is hope for change! This 2-hour documentary exposes the culprits who drew “election safe” districts in WI. [Watch from home](#). Starting on August 6, 2020 the film will be available for streaming on Hulu. If you do not have an account, you can sign up for a 30-day free trial. <https://www.hulu.com/start> The film is also available for digital rental and download on iTunes, Amazon Video, Google Play, Vudu, YouTube, XBOX, PlayStation, and Fandango NOW. It can be rented for \$4.99 (rental for 1 month) on Amazon Prime.

### Links to view before the event and use afterwards:

[Politifact.com/wisconsin/](http://Politifact.com/wisconsin/)

<https://www.wisd.org/> - Wisconsin Democracy Campaign Nonpartisan information about legislation and campaign financing

<http://www.Vote411.org/> – League of Women Voters Educ. Fund - See what’s on your ballot, check your voter registration, find polling place, discover upcoming debates in your area and much more.

<http://www.MyVote.WI.gov> – Wis. government site for your voter info (includes dates you voted), find polling location, what’s on ballot, update name/address, register to vote with instructions, submit voter absentee request.

[https://pbswisconsin.org/wisconsin-women-vote/?fbclid=IwAR22BmSoFzig6sxu7slvGC9Oj9bzbvBQw6Hh96Y\\_UqxflJEXjof7XP7tnIKg](https://pbswisconsin.org/wisconsin-women-vote/?fbclid=IwAR22BmSoFzig6sxu7slvGC9Oj9bzbvBQw6Hh96Y_UqxflJEXjof7XP7tnIKg)

A story of firsts, from Wisconsin to Washington and back, about strong women in history and today. Frederica Freyberg sits down with Tammy Baldwin, Gwen Moore, Rebecca Kleefisch and Jessie Rodriguez to talk about their experience representing Wisconsin. Streaming on-demand now and premiering on-air Thursday, August 13 at 7 p.m. on PBS Wisconsin.