

TITLE: National Fellow Recipient, Faith Bennett, Presents: The History of Working Class Women: Gender and Labor

The AAAUW-OML Nov.19 meeting will feature a 2024-2025 AAUW National Fellow recipient, Faith Bennett. Each year these scholarships are given out to outstanding women working toward a graduate degree. We have invited Faith Bennett, currently a Doctoral Candidate in History at the University of California -Davis with a specialty in gender and labor. Her main area of interest is working class women. She nurtured a special interest in the histories of women and the working class when she earned her History BA at the University of Florida.

Faith carried this passion for working class women to New York City where she worked as an educator leading tours at the Tenement Museum

She applied to the University of California, Davis in order to work with professors Lisa Materson and Ellen Hartigan-O'Connor who co-edited the *Oxford Handbook of American Women's and Gender History*. Their mentorship not only encouraged Faith to incorporate political history into her work but also presented her with opportunities to engage in public scholarship including the creation of digital exhibits on women's suffrage and publishing biographical sketches on women for the National Parks Service.

She has since served as an intern at the Marchand Public Engagement Initiative and defended a prospectus for a dissertation that will explore the changing nature of restaurant work in the Bay Area from the 1940s to 1980s and the ways that workers responded to such changes.

Please join us for this presentation as we hope you will find this program interesting and enlightening about women's struggle for equality.

Meeting Date, Time and Location: Nov.19, 9:30-11:30 AM at the Orinda Community Church, Irwin Dr., Orinda