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New Information

Case Support

In late March, the U.S. Supreme Court will review lower-court decisions that allowed female Wal-Mart employees to pursue employment discrimination claims as a class action. If approved, [*Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.*](#) will become the largest civil rights class action in U.S. history, including as many as 1.5 million women who will be seeking billions of dollars in back pay. [Lawyers representing](#) the plaintiffs have applied for case-support funding and have asked AAUW to sign an amicus brief, a request that reflects the influence these lawyers feel we may have with the court. The AAUW board is currently considering the requests. AAUW is watching this case closely, since the ruling will have important implications in the future ability of discrimination victims to claim redress as a class in federal court.

LAF Campus Outreach Grant

Thanks to the Gloria Weston Campus Outreach Giving Circle, this month there are two LAF Campus Outreach Programs in California. On January 13, the AAUW Newport-Mesa-Irvine (CA) Branch held an event at the University of California, Irvine for National Stalking Awareness Month. Former AAUW Leadership Programs Fellow Zabie Khorakiwala, who now works at UC Irvine, worked with the local branch to organize the event, where LAF Program Manager Holly Kearl and branch President Tina Byrne both spoke. On January 29, the AAUW San Jose (CA) Branch will also hold an event at Santa Clara University about workplace gender discrimination.

Thanks to the Evvie Currie Campus Outreach Giving Circle, on February 4 the AAUW Buffalo (NY) Branch will hold an event on dating violence and campus sexual assault at the State University of New York, Buffalo. And in March, the AAUW Westchester (NY) Branch will hold a \$tart \$mart salary negotiation workshop at Westchester Community College. Three more LAF campus outreach events will take place in April and May, so be sure to visit the [AAUW blog](#) to read about them.

There is currently no more funding available for LAF Campus Outreach Programs. Please apply for funding for the next school year any time after July 1, 2011.

See Holly Kearl on Her Spring Speaking Tour

LAF Program Manager [Holly Kearl](#) will be speaking [all over the country](#) this spring about her book [*Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women*](#). If you'd like to invite her to speak to your branch while she is in your area, please contact her at kearlh@aauw.org.

Reminders

Blog

AAUW's Regulatory Affairs Manager Beth Scott writes LAF-related blog posts twice a month. Be sure to visit the [AAUW blog](#), accessible on the AAUW homepage, to read her posts and comment.

Case Support

LAF is actively reviewing new case support applications. If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact laf@aauw.org. Recommendation forms are accepted on a rolling basis.

Please consider making a [tax-deductible donation to LAF](#) to help balance the scales of justice for women.

