



Happy October, WAM!NYC! Here's your monthly gender justice in the media newsletter, pumpkin spice edition. Scroll down for info on upcoming events, volunteer and job opportunities, and what you, our awesome WAM!ers, are up to.

We still need your help to keep this initiative going strong - - below, you'll also find information on how to submit updates, job opportunities or nominations for WAM!er of the month and how to apply to become a WAM!NYC board member.

Upcoming Events

Good Girls Revolt

October 23//7:30pm//UWS - WAM!er Lynn Povich will be on a panel with Katie Couric, Lynda Obst and Jill Abramson at the 92nd St Y to discuss sex discrimination in media. Povich's book about the *Newsweek* sex discrimination complaint in 1970, *The Good Girls Revolt*, has inspired a fictionalized Amazon series premiering October 28. [Tickets to the panel event](#) are free.

WAM!NYC Book Club

October 26//6:30pm//Bushwick -

Book club will meet at Starr Bar to discuss *Feminist Fight Club: An Office Survival Manual for a Sexist Workplace* by Jessica Bennett. Bennett

is a journalist who belongs to an actual Feminist Fight Club, and perhaps you do too. Come share your response to her tips for pushing back against stereotypes and microaggressions at the office, and share your own experiences. [RSVP on Facebook](#).



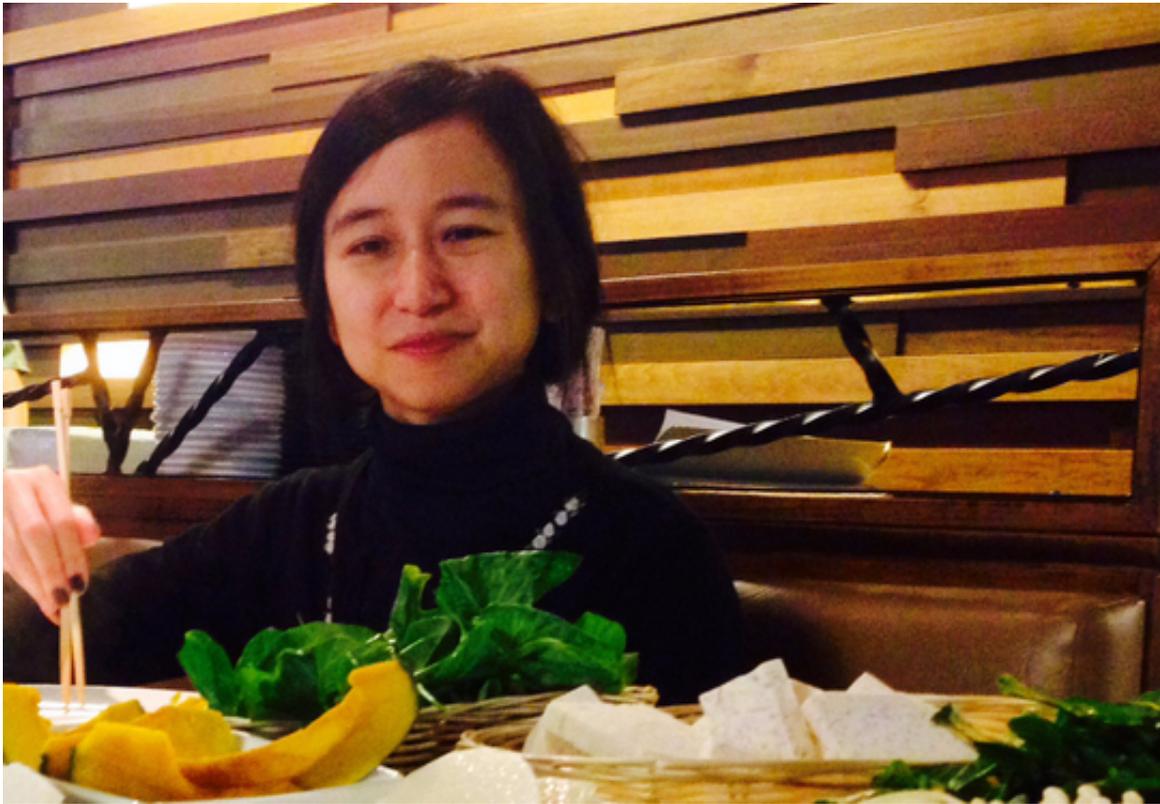
We've also got an awesome **mentoring** event in the works, as well as a **workshop on freelancing, finances and negotiation** and a **roundtable discussion on women in 2016 election coverage**. Stay tuned for more details!

WAM!NYC Board Members Needed!

We are looking for several new members to join our board and help with all the work that goes into organizing WAM!NYC events. The time commitment can be significant, but is flexible. WOC highly encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in applying, or if you know someone who would be a great fit, [please fill out this brief form](#) by October 28. We look forward to hearing from you!

WAM!er of the month: Victoria Law



Former WAM!NYC board member **Victoria Law** is a freelance writer and editor covering the intersections of mass incarceration, gender and resistance. She is the author of *Resistance Behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Women* and is currently co-writing a book with Maya Schenwar, the editor-in-chief of Truthout.org. The book, *Your Home is Your Prison* (New Press 2018), will examine the ways in which many proposed "alternatives" to incarceration actually expand the prison system into our homes, schools and communities.

What projects are you currently working on?

As a full-time freelance writer, I'm always working on several articles at once. Most, and sometimes all, examine the intersections of incarceration, gender and resistance. I'm also co-writing a book about ways in which some of the more popular proposed prison reforms and "alternatives" actually extend the ideas behind prisons, punishment and confinement into our homes and communities. We're still in

the beginning phases of research and writing and I think it's safe to say that we're both outraged by the injustices we've been hearing about.

Do you have any advice for WAM!ers looking to write a book some day? What do you wish you had known about that process earlier in your career?

I didn't know anything about the book process when I got my first book contract (for *Resistance Behind Bars*).

Everything was new and exciting to me and I was thrilled to have the opportunity to write a book.

I also didn't get my first book in the traditional way. A friend knew that I was researching women's resistance in prison. Coincidentally, she had a friend in publishing who was going to be in NYC and so she called him and said, "You should meet Vikki. She's doing some really interesting research and writing." The publisher and I were at a party together and, when I introduced myself, he said, "I hear you're working on something. Tell me more about it." I did and he asked me to send a preliminary table of contents and a couple of chapters.

I did and, a week later, he said, "We would love to publish this" and sent a contract.

So the moral of the story is--Use your networks! You never know who might know someone who will be interested in your work!

You're a mom of a teenager - how do you balance parenting with all of that work?

Have you ever seen the Chinese acrobats that simultaneously spin plates on their heads, hands and legs? Parenting plus freelancing plus book writing is like that.

In some ways, having a teenager is a little easier because they don't require the type of 24-hour care that younger children need. For instance, I no longer need to drop my daughter off and pick her up from school, which means that I don't have to schedule my life around those two times everyday. BUT this doesn't mean that I'm in the clear--even though she's a teenager and largely self-sufficient, there are still times that I need to stop working and be a parent who is 100% present and attentive. This year, we're also starting to look at colleges, which seems like a whole 'nother job in and of itself.

These last months of 2016 and all of 2017 is going to be consumed by researching and co-writing this book while also navigating the college search and application process while also continuing with my freelance writing to pay all the bills.

I'd like to add a request: If any WAM!ers have experience navigating the Great College Search, I'd really really appreciate recommendations!

Call for WAM!er of the Month submissions

Would you like to be featured as a WAM!er of the month, or do you know someone in WAM!NYC who's been kicking ass lately? We're launching this newsletter segment to highlight the extraordinary work our members do each and every day in their fields. Send a short bio or success story (yours or a friend's) to srussellkraft@gmail.com and it could be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

Opportunities

- Elle.com is [hiring a staff writer](#) to cover culture, sex and relationships with a focus on opinion and personal essays.
- Sojourners Media is hiring an [associate web editor](#) to cover the intersection of faith, politics, and culture. POC highly encouraged to apply.
- Vocativ is looking for (paid!) editorial interns who will get to write, research and feast on the office's endless supply of gummy bears. *To apply, email editorial director Ben Reininga (breininga@vocativ.com) with subject line INTERNSHIP.*
- Tor/Forge Books is hiring an [editorial assistant](#).
- Grist is now [accepting applications](#) for its spring 2017 fellows in editorial, justice, and video. Applications due Nov. 8.
- The New Yorker is hiring an [associate social media manager](#).
- The Science Literacy Project is looking for a [writer/editor](#).
- NBC is hiring a [digital news reporter](#).
- Bustle is looking for [politics writers](#) and a [features editor](#), among other positions.
- Applications for [The Nation internship](#) are due Oct. 17.
- The Made in NY Writers Room initiative has created a fellowship program to support professional writers of diverse backgrounds in New York City. [Applications](#) due Oct. 20.

Member Updates

This section of the newsletter functions sort of like an

alumni update section from a university magazine, but with a WAM!NYC twist. Are you a newly appointed editor and want to send out a call for pitches? Did you just score your dream job and want to tell the world about it? Will you be covering a big news story and are looking for twitter followers or editors to pitch? **Send your short career updates to srussellkraft@gmail.com and we'll include them here.**

This month's updates:

- **Lynn Povich's** 2012 book on the landmark Newsweek sex discrimination complaint has inspired a 10-part original series, *Good Girls Revolt*, that will launch on Amazon Prime *October 28*. Povich worked at Newsweek for 25 years and was one of 46 women who filed sex discrimination charges against the magazine in 1970, the first women in the media to sue. Five years later, she was promoted to senior editor, the first female in that position in Newsweek's history.
- **Mary Emily O'Hara** is newly available for freelance assignments and full-time positions. For the past two years, O'Hara was the LGBT Reporter at the Daily Dot, where she covered breaking news, trending topics, and features for the lifestyle and politics sections. In September, she won the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association's Best Health Coverage award for a Daily Dot article about transgender healthcare apps. Previously, O'Hara had been a staff writer at VICE and a longtime contributor to Portland, Oregon's Pulitzer Prize-winning Willamette Week newspaper. She can be reached at Maryemilyohara@gmail.com, or you can tweet cute dog GIFs at her on Twitter because

that would make her very happy: [@maryemilyohara](#).

- **Melanie Breault** just got her dream job as the new Communications [Associate for the Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development \(ANHD\)](#), an umbrella organization of 100 non-profit affordable housing and economic development groups, serving low- and moderate income residents in all five boroughs of New York City. Melanie will be running their social media and implementing new communications strategies to help promote the community activist work of their member organizations. You can follow Melanie on Twitter [@mbreault1](#).

Want to learn more about what WAM!, a 501(c)3 non-profit, does on a national level? Check out executive director Jamia Wilson's [strategic vision](#).



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