



DENVER
BRANCH

September - October 2022 Newsletter

Executive Committee

President:	Cynthia Poinsett
Treasurer:	Bruce Haefner
Program Chair:	n/a

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July 2020 – June 2023:	Emily Pool Tom Tafoya Michael Thornton
June 2021- June 2024:	Ingerid Kelley Julia Patterson
July 2019 – June 2022:	Polly Cox Bruce Haefner Charles Thompson Joyce Wilson

Committee Chairs

Finance and Governance:	Emily Pool
Membership:	Polly Cox

Education Program Coordinators

Teachers Learning	
Abroad UK:	TBD
Dr. Howard F. Beckley	
Writing Competition:	TBD
Shakespeare Competition:	TBD

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I am excited to start the year as your newly-elected President. For those of you who may not know me, I am the Theatre Director at Cherokee Trail High School. I began my journey with the ESU as a new teacher in 2004 at Frederick High School. I received an invitation to send a student to the Denver Branch Shakespeare Competition and I was hooked!. I was so impressed with the work that the ESU was doing to help students and teachers that I joined. Since then, I have held a Shakespeare Competition every year since 2011. In 2014, I had the privilege of attending the ESU BUSS (now TLab) Fellowship at Shakespeare's Globe. That same year, I accepted the role of the Denver Branch Shakespeare Competition Coordinator and have been in that role ever since. Since I am now the President, I would love to be able to pass the Shakespeare Competition Coordinator "torch" to another member. If you think this will be of interest to you, please send an email to me at cpoinsett@cherrycreekschools.org. I continue to be in awe of the generosity of the Denver Branch for their support of educational programs. Thank you so much for your faith in me and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
Cindy Poinsett, President ESU-Denver Branch

President's Corner

Hello Denver Branch Members!

What's Happening with ESU and Lighthouse Writers Workshop?

Submitted by Bruce Haefner

The ESU Denver Branch began a partnership with the Lighthouse Writers Workshop in the 2019-2020 program year, when we offered a gift certificate to one of their workshop sessions as an additional prize for the winning student in the Dr. Howard F Beckley Writing Competition. After a few Board members attended one of the organization's LitFest programs in June 2019, the Branch also decided to sponsor a Visiting Authors event and a Writing in Color fellowship at Lighthouse that year.

Even when the pandemic forced us to make some changes to our programming, we continued to support Lighthouse so we could offer another gift certificate to the 2020-2021 Writing Competition winner. That year, we approved a two-month sponsorship of virtual workshops in their Young Writers Program called Writing for Stress Relief and Happiness.

The Board approved a partnership with Lighthouse for a third year in 2021-2022. In addition to giving a gift certificate to the Writing Competition winner again, we agreed to sponsor two months' of virtual Youth Open Mic sessions. However, the world opened up more as the year went on, and Lighthouse was able to offer week-long Writing Intensive Summer Camps instead, so our sponsorship went toward two months' of that Young Writers Program.

ESU was invited to attend the End-of-Week Reading event for the High School Summer Writing Intensive on July 29, so I had the opportunity to talk about ESU to the group assembled at the new Lighthouse facility in northeast Denver in a warehouse redeveloped as a multi-use space. Twenty students read the amazing prose and poetry they wrote during the week, and the room was full of energy, not just from them but also from the Camp instructors, the Lighthouse staff and the students' families and friends. Several parents spoke to me afterward and they look forward to our next Writing Competition prompt!



Young Writers Program
High School Summer Writing Intensive



Lighthouse Writers Workshop
3833 Steele Street, Denver

Save the Date

Upcoming ESU Calendar



**Saturday
Sept. 17
10:00 – 12:00 noon** Board of Directors Meeting
Hampden Branch DP Library
9755 E. Girard Avenue

**Monday
Oct. 3
6:00pm EST** ESUUS Gala
The Cosmopolitan Club
New York, NY

Nov. 11-13 ESUUS Annual Meeting
Charleston, South Carolina

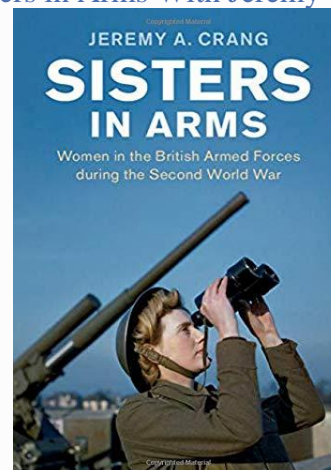
**Saturday
Nov. 19
10:00 – 12:00 noon** Board of Directors Meeting
Hampden Branch DP Library
9755 E. Girard Avenue

**Saturday
Jan. 21
10:00 – 12:00 noon** Board of Directors Meeting
Hampden Branch DP Library
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Online Happy Hour Series

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 4 PM (EDT)

Sisters in Arms With Jeremy Crang



Sisters in Arms: Women in the British Armed Forces during the Second World War During the Second World War some 600,000 women were absorbed into the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, the Auxiliary Territorial Service, and the Women's Royal Naval Service. These women performed important military functions for the British armed forces, both at home and overseas, and the jobs they undertook ranged from cooking, typing and telephony to stripping down torpedoes, overhauling aircraft engines, and operating the fire control instruments in anti-aircraft gun batteries. In his recent book *Sisters in Arms* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), which draws on a multitude of sources and combines organisational history with the personal experiences of servicewomen, Jeremy Crang traces the wartime history of the WAAF, ATS and WRNS and the integration of women into the armed forces. The author will talk about his book and what life was like for women in the auxiliary services.

REGISTER HERE: [Sisters in Arms](#)

Annual Meeting 2022

On Sunday, July 10, English-Speaking Union Denver Branch members gathered at the Denver Country Club for the Annual Meeting and brunch. Members and guests had an opportunity to mingle prior to enjoying the bountiful buffet. The meeting portion of the event was called to order by Bruce Haefner in outgoing President Kate Murphy's absence.

Following presentation of the Branch Financial and Program reports, members voted to extend the Board of Directors terms for Polly Cox, Bruce Haefner, and Chuck Thompson. Joyce Wilson will join the Board for her initial term while Cindy Poinsett was elected incoming President. The Board looks forward to a full year of programs and activities to share with all members.



Polly Cox introduces the slate of Nominees



Basil Carpenter and Jim Wilson mid conversation



Julia Patterson, Ingerid Kelley, Cindy Poinsett and Elizabeth Mahon



Cindy Poinsett closes out the meeting as the newly elected President