



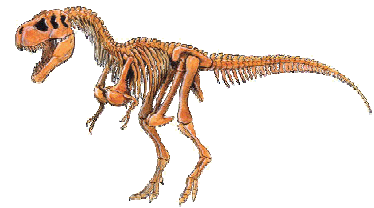
DISTRICT III CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ITHACA AT THE MUSEUM OF THE EARTH



AAUW-Ithaca will host the 2105 District III Conference on Saturday, October 24, between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the beautiful Museum of the Earth/Paleontological Research Institution (MOTE/PRI). The theme of the event will be science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) for girls in different age groups; the title of the conference is *From Mud Pies to Dinosaur Bones: Encouraging Girls' Interest in STEM*.

The morning schedule includes:

- **Sara Silverstone**, Director, Empire State STEM Learning Network Finger Lakes Regional Hub, presenting a general overview of research on girls and STEM;
- **Ellie Fulmer**, Assistant Professor, Education Department, Ithaca College, and Sally Wolfe, Educator, discussing STEM for preschool and elementary school girls;
- **Patrice Prusko**, Instructional Designer in Academic Technologies, Cornell Information Technologies, describing Massively Open Online Courses (MOOCs) for middle and high school girls.



Branch member and NYS Program VP Jane Russell will cater a gourmet lunch made from fresh, local ingredients. The cost of the meal is included in your registration fee.

After lunch the line-up includes:

- **Illa Burbank**, President of IthacaSTEM Advocates, discussing STEM for high school girls;
- **Warren Allmon**, Director of the Paleontological Research Institution and its Museum of the Earth, on Katherine Palmer's, the second PRI director's, life and work;
- A self-guided tour of the Museum; admission is also included in your registration fee.

Please plan to join other AAUW members as well as members of the public for what promises to be a fun and informative event. The registration fee is **\$30 per attendee**. To register, please send a check made out to *AAUW-Ithaca Branch* with *D3 Conference* in the memo line to:

Madeleine Hemmings
18 Ryans Way
Ithaca, NY 14850

Please include your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and your AAUW affiliation in your reply. Registrations must be submitted by October 9, 2015.

For more information about the Museum and directions to the facility go to:
<http://www.priweb.org/index.php?>

For additional information, please contact Sarah L. Johnson, SLJithaca@aol.com.