

Ruth Brown
AAUWMI Public Policy Director

Ruth Brown was born in the Chicago area in 1964. When her father began a History Professorship at Hillsdale College in 1966, the family moved to Hillsdale.

Ruth graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in English Language and Literature and earned a Secondary Teaching Certificate. She minored in Business Education.

Ruth spent the first 9 years of her career teaching in Hillsdale County schools before she changed careers in 1998 and became a travel agent. She has worked as a cruise specialist in the travel industry for 28 years.

In 2022, following the pandemic, Ruth earned Community Health Worker certification in the State of Michigan and is currently working at Lifeways Community Mental Health in Hillsdale while continuing to sell travel from her home-based office.

Ruth joined AAUW in 1989 shortly after she graduated from EMU. She is currently a member of the Adrian/Irish Hills branch. Ruth is a past AAUW of Michigan State President and a past Great Lakes Regional Director.

Ruth served as an elected official as a Hillsdale City Councilperson for 4 years and as a Hillsdale County Commissioner for 7 1/2 years. She is currently serving on the AAUW of Michigan State Board for the third time, this time as Public Policy Director.