

Lighting the fire, leading the way, since 1915

**Our Mission:** Woman's City Club is committed to building a strong Greater Cincinnati community through educating, empowering, and engaging all citizens to participate in promoting the common good.

**Our Vision**: We envision a just and sustainable community where all citizens are engaged as informed stakeholders in the shaping of our shared future.

**OUR VALUES**: Collaboration — Citizen Empowerment — Lead Constructive Lives — A Thriving City of the Future.

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# THE BULLETIN

February 2020

## EXPERT PANEL TO DISCUSS "PERSPECTIVES ON PRETRIAL BAIL: HOW DOES IT WORK? IS REFORM NEEDED?"

February 20, 2020 6:30 pm Social 7 pm Program

#### Geier Room, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church 103 William Howard Taft Cincinnati OH 45219



Many see the current bail system in Ohio as a barrier to fairness and justice. A number of justice organizations, including AMOS, the Pretrial Justice Institute, and the Ohio Justice and Policy Center here in Cincinnati, have for some time advocated for reform, in large part because of the negative impact of cash bail on low-income suspects who cannot afford bail. Last year a task force of the Ohio Supreme Court itself examined the issue and has recently made public recommendations for reform that require action by Ohio's General Assembly.

WCC has invited its members, friends, and the public to a panel discussion to learn about the system's pros and cons and possibilities for change. Our goal is to educate the community about the issue and its complexity, and to bring leaders and citizens together to share their knowledge, views, and ideas about possible reform.

Our panelists are: Dr. Ebony Ruhland, assistant professor, School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati; Julie Wilson, chief assistant prosecutor, Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office; Stephen JohnsonGrove, strategy director, Ohio Transformation Fund; and William R. Gallagher, Esq., criminal defense attorney.

*The Cincinnatus Association and the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC) are cosponsoring the event.* 

## President's Column



# *There is hurt and there is hope.*

~ Pastor Greg McDaniel

## HOPEFUL

So much has happened since I wrote my last letter. Just days apart, at the end of January, we lost two great leaders, Todd Portune who served Greater Cincinnati as City Councilman and Hamilton County Commissioner, and the Honorable Nathaniel Jones, whose commitment to civil rights had a tremendous impact on our city, the nation, and the world.

At Todd Portune's memorial service, his pastor, Greg McDaniel, spoke movingly of his friend's determination to take on tough and seemingly unsolvable issues to make the community a better place for all, saying Todd knew "there is hurt and there is hope."

The recent Urban League Luncheon and Glorifying the Lions Ceremony speaks to that dichotomy. Four community leaders were honored for their contributions and named to the Legendary Lions Society, including WCC past-president, dedicated member, and all-around powerhouse Susan Noonan. Yes, there is hope.

WCC is presenting a program on February 20 on possible ways to improve the pretrial bail system to mitigate hurt and offer hope to nonviolent offenders. Come and hear the panel of experts who will offer insight and perspectives on this complex issue.

WCC is also moving forward with plans for our National Speaker Forum on March 30, when historian and author Denise Kiernan will speak on "Grit and Grace: Feminist Inspiration from the Gilded Age to the Atomic Age." Kiernan writes specific, detailed stories — of the Vanderbilts and their contemporaries, of the women who built the atomic bomb that won World War II — but



at the same time she examines overarching themes of economic disparity, gender bias, racism, and discrimination that span decades and are still achingly relevant in 2020.

We are inspired by Portune and Judge Jones, and all the Lions in our city. We are encouraged by the work WCC and other organizations do to build a better community, to alleviate hurt and help us live into our hopes. And we recognize we can learn much from the past as we build for a more just and equitable future. Do plan to join us on March 30!

~ Janet Buening

## WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF WCC FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

Woman's City Club is justifiably proud of its 105 years of leadership and service in Greater Cincinnati. But it is time to look at who we are and what we do, to honor what we have achieved but plan for what we want to become. WCC was founded in 1915, five years before U.S. women had the right to vote, to give civic-minded women a space where their voices could be heard and they could work to accomplish change in the City of Cincinnati. A century later, our membership is open to men as well as women. We have men serving on our board, and at our Feist-Teas we have honored feisty male members.

Yet we limit our scholarships to women and invite only women to speak at the Seasongood Luncheon and the National Speaker Forum. Is it perhaps time to change our practices and maybe even our name? How do we balance our cherished roots and traditions with our mission to educate, empower, and engage *all* citizens? How do we address equity and gender bias issues—women are still underrepresented on boards, executive positions, and civic leadership, and often underpaid—while giving equal opportunities to all our members? I don't have any answers, but I do want to start the conversation. And I want to hear from all of you. Tell me your thoughts by phone, by email to wccpresident2018@gmail.com, or by mail to our WCC office.

### WCC Civic Engagement



## WOMAN'S CITY CLUB ENDORSES ISSUE 7 AND TAKES A STAND ON TAX ABATEMENT

#### VOTE YES ON ISSUE 7 ON MARCH 17

Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati endorses Issue 7, the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Sales and Use Tax of 0.8% for 25 years to improve public transportation in our city and county.



This levy will also put into effect Cincinnati's Issue 22, which decreases earned income tax in the City by 0.3%. Many Cincinnatians will see an income

tax cut, and although the sales tax rate increases, food and other necessities are exempt. Issue 7 more equitably spreads the expense of public transportation throughout Hamilton County instead of just the City.

Issue 7 will generate \$110 million in revenue that will fund:

- Significant improvements to Access paratransit for individuals with disabilities.
- Improved and expanded routes, increased frequency of service, and additional bus shelters.
- A Transportation Empowerment Fund that will allow social service and government agencies to provide free or discounted bus passes and tokens or other ride options to eligible, low-income residents.

Issue 7 will also generate \$40 million in revenue for infrastructure improvements (roads and bridges) in the City and County. No funds will be used to operate Cincinnati's downtown streetcar.

Expanded routes and other services are critical for workers who must rely on buses to reach their places of employment. Efficient and accessible bus transportation is vital for a vibrant and prosperous community and greener environment — and SORTA cannot provide the services our community needs without additional revenue. WCC encourages all voters to support Issue 7 on the ballot on March 17.

#### WCC SUPPORTS TAX ABATEMENT REFORM

Woman's City Club has held a series of public discussions on the topic of neighborhood development and housing, and has heard clearly from our members and community partners that the City's tax abatement strategy needs to be changed. With the guidance of our Civic Engagement team, the WCC Board has drafted a position statement in line with our mission and vision. This was sent to City policy makers, members of the Port Authority, and the leadership of Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber. Below are the key position points adopted by WCC.

WCC believes that tax abatements offered by the City of Cincinnati and the Port Authority must:

- fairly compensate Cincinnati Public Schools for lost tax revenue;
- collect funds adequate to support City functions as approved by the voters; and
- not place unfair tax burdens on unabated homeowners who then cover the costs for private property owners and developers receiving abatements.

Additionally, future residential abatements should be granted only in lower income neighborhoods with a clear need for development incentives, and abatements should have shorter terms and lower percentages. Future commercial abatement recipients should report annually on the success of job creation and other goals that supported their tax abatement request. The City and Port Authority should provide transparency through appropriate notification, advance disclosure, and public hearings, and should proactively seek input from the Cincinnati Board of Education, residents, and impacted communities before tax abatements are approved.

~ Rina Saperstein and Renee Hevia



### WCC Program Report



## **PAULA BREHM-HEEGER PRESENTS** EXCITING PLANS FOR OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

An enthusiastic crowd of library lovers greeted Paula Brehm-Heeger, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, at the January 15 forum, "Beyond the Books – What's New at the

Library." She was as advertised and more so: Her passion and enthusiasm, her focus on innovation, and her staunch belief that the library is for everyone make her the ideal leader as it expands its facilities and resources. The audience was charmed - and learned a lot about this wonderful community resource and its



**Paula Brehm-Heeger** 

plans for the future.

**Brehm-Heeger spoke** about the Library's new Facility Master Plan to renovate the main library and its

branches, replacing a few. A recent one-mil levy is enabling the building of "next generation libraries" with facilities that match the expanded services. There is some urgency: the average age of the libraries is 43 years (eight are more than 100 years old), and many are in great need of renovation; insufficient funds have meant the deferral of maintenance, and three are not

even handicap-accessible. She outlined what will happen at many of the branches and at the main library; details are available in the master plan online.

Libraries are becoming more like community centers, Brehm-Heeger told us; offering

services for job seekers, pop-up preschools in the inner-ring suburbs, memory cafés for people with memory issues, pop-up social services for people in transition, small meeting rooms for tutoring and larger ones for community gatherings, services for small business, spaces for social services to serve food for children, and much more.

> Again, please visit the online Facility Master Plan to learn more about how our modernized libraries will be able to meet what the community needs and asks for - both with books and beyond.

> > ~ Sarah Gideonse ~ Images by Harriet Kaufman





**Beverly Thomas and Christine Zielke** 



Wendell O'Neal, Helen O'Neal, David Siders



**Beth Sullebarger** 

## WCC Activities

## WCC BOOK CLUB

Saturday, March 21, 10 am Hosted by Marcia Togneri in Madeira Email <u>Marcia\_togneri@ml.com</u> for location



In March, our book club will discuss the most recent book by best-selling author Denise Kiernan, who is headlining our National Speaker Forum and fundraiser on March 30 at 7 pm (see page 6). *The Last Castle, the Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home* tells the epic story behind the Biltmore estate in Asheville, North Carolina and the legendary Vanderbilt fami-

ly during America's Gilded Age. With guest appearances by Edith Wharton, Thomas Wolfe, F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Teddy Roosevelt, *The Last Castle* spans World Wars, financial crises, and unspeakable tragedy. Like Kiernan's earlier book, *The Girls of Atomic City*, it was a runaway bestseller, and was a finalist for prestigious literary prizes.



The famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead plays a significant role in *The Last Castle,* as he makes numerous recommendations about the layout and uses of the two thousand acres George Vanderbilt bought in Asheville, and designs the gardens and green spaces. We are suggesting members consider reading a second book, *Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across the American Divide* (1919), by the Pulitzer-prize winning historian Tony Horwitz. In it, Horwitz gives homage to Olmstead by retracing his route through the South as an undercover reporter for *The New York Times* in the 1850s. Horwitz is seeking to understand whether "America is still one country amidst the discord and polarization of our own time" as he investigates the modern South, in an "intrepid and often hilarious journey through an outsized American land-scape." (Source: Amazon)

Both books are available in multiple copies in the public library; at booksellers, *Spying* in hard cover and *Castle* in paperback.

All members and friends are welcome, but RSVPs are appreciated at wccbookclub@womanscityclub.org.



## National Speaker Forum 2020



# 2020 NATIONAL SPEAKER FORUM COMING SOON!

## DENISE KIERNAN

Monday, March 30, 2020 7 pm Memorial Hall, Over-the-Rhine Tickets Available now from Memorial Hall



Award-winning and best-selling author Denise Kiernan will headline this year's National Speaker Forum. Her topic is both tantalizing and of the moment in the Year of the Woman — "Grit & Grace: Feminist Inspiration from the Gilded Age to the Atomic Age."

A lively and engaging speaker, Denise Kiernan will offer a unique look at periods of American history that have influenced what our country is today. Kiernan's talk will address the changing roles of women from the 1870s into modern times, and the impact of this change.

She will draw on her two best-known books. *The Last Castle: The Epic Story of Love, Loss, and American Royalty in the Nation's Largest Home* (2017) tells the epic story behind the Biltmore estate in Asheville and the legendary Vanderbilt family during America's Gilded Age. *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II* (2013) traces the story of the women working on the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, unknowingly helping to create the fuel for the world's first atomic bomb.

#### BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW AND CONSIDER COSPONSORING

Help make our 2020 National Speaker Forum a success!

If you haven't yet received an invitation to the National Speaker Forum on March 30, call the WCC office at 513-751-0100. Tickets for the lecture are \$40; \$140 also buys an after-program ticket to a private reception with Ms. Kiernan.

If you can, take advantage of becoming a Patron or Benefactor (a Benefactor at \$500, for example, gives you FIVE tickets to both the program and the private reception with Denise Kiernan — otherwise, \$140 each). This is a great value, and your name will be in the program! Perhaps you and two friends can join together to each get one Benefactor ticket and have two extra tickets to give to others. To order tickets, go to the <u>Memorial Hall</u> website or call the box office at (513) 977-8837.

We are currently following up on potential organizational cosponsors. For \$300, cosponsors receive six tickets to the program and two combined lecture and VIP reception tickets. This is a \$520 value and includes a listing in the program. If you know of a potential organization or business cosponsor, you can ask them yourself and contact the WCC office, who will follow up.

Buy now, get it on your calendar, and plan a great evening!

~ Sarah Gideonse



### **Member Profile**

## THERE'S ANOTHER LION IN THE WOMAN'S CITY CLUB!



*L* - *R*: The 2020 Lions — Jim Anderson, Susan Noonan, Kathy Wade, the Rev. Dr. Donald E. Jones, Sr.

At its 71<sup>st</sup> annual luncheon on Friday, February 7, the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio inducted Susan Noonan into the "Legendary Lions Society." Woman's City Club (so proud!) congratulates her!

These awards are an opportunity for the Urban League to salute four "extraordinary people...for their energy, creativity, and passion to make the world a better place" and to thank them for "their gifts to the community and the Urban League...These individuals are often the unsung heroes of the community." Noonan was the WCC president who led the club into its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday as a civic organization at its gala event in March 2015, at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. She co-founded WCC's Thriving Cincinnati initiative with Harriet Kaufman, and provides terrific energy in our efforts to plan, organize, and promote our programs.

Her work and volunteer service has focused on equity and justice issues, including a stint as acting executive director of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission after coordinating its police-community relations, and, currently, as president of the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association, which holds programs and tours for academy graduates.

Noonan joins many other WCC members who Urban League has honored as Lions: Virginia Coffey 1994, Vera Edwards Ph.D. 1994, Marjorie Parham 1994, Marian Spencer 1994, Louise Spiegel 1998, Bobbie Sterne 1999, Ruth Westheimer 2003, Francie Pepper 2010, Marcella Trice 2011, Dot Christenson 2016.

~ Jo-Ann Huff Albers

"Until the lions have their own historian, tales of hunting will always glorify the hunter" – *African proverb* 



### WCC MARCHES FORWARD

Woman's City Club's Civic Engagement and Membership committees combined forces to host a sign-making session in the WCC Conference room on January 14 for members interested in attending the 2020 Women's March in downtown Cincinnati. On Saturday, January 18, marchers met at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church and carpooled to the event at Sawyer Point. Renee Hevia, VP of Civic Engagement, served as a marshal for the march.

Anne Buening, VP for Membership, and new WCC member Rachel Kinnison display the WCC banners and some of the signs made for the 2020 Cincinnati Women's March.

#### LEGENDARY LIONS SOCIETY

#### 71ST ANNUAL LUNCHEON & GLORIFYING THE LIONS CEREMONY



# Susan Noonan

**Susan** is now a full-time volunteer, holding board positions in both the civic and law enforcement communities. Her interest in law enforcement was sparked after returning to school in her 40's. She holds a BS Degree in Psychology and an MS Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati with continued post graduate work in Sociology.

Susan worked with the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission as Police-Community Relations Director from 1988 to 2000 and was Acting Executive Director for the last 18 months. In 2000, she co-founded the Southwest Ohio Citizen's Academy and after serving in various leadership roles, became the President of the FBI CCAAA in 2019. Her involvement and familiarity with the FBI allowed her to become an anonymous informant and assist the FBI and US Attorney with evidence in a white-collar crime case that helped bring a legislator to justice.

In 2004, Susan started SBN Consulting, where she provided government affairs, community relations, and fund development consulting. As a consultant for the Hamilton County Mental Health Board, she coordinated a project to assist mentally ill homeless people and created the PATH program, which still exists today.

Susan's most recent efforts include co-chair of the Mayor's Gender Equality Task Force, board member for the Women's City Club of Greater Cincinnati, and committee member for the Marian A. Spencer statue, the first ever named in honor of a woman in Cincinnati.

Susan is married to Dave and has two sons, two stepdaughters, and two granddaughters.



#### GREEN TIPS FOR WINTER

- Plug drafty leaks around doors and windows.
- Open curtains on south-facing windows on sunny days (the sun provides free heat!)



- Choose a safe de-icer: buy toxic-free products like Magic Salt or Ice Clear.
- PRE-cycle! Choose recyclable packaging.
- Be a ZERO-HERO and help Kroger increase the amount of plastic reused today!
- Phone-in Fridays: Call your elected official and demand action on Climate Change.

~ Jeanne Nightingale

#### CINCINNATI ACTIVISTS WORK WITH CITY COUNCIL TO FINALIZE BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS

## **Environmental Action Group**

#### PHONE-IN FRIDAYS

Every Friday, take 5 minutes to call your elected representatives and demand that our government begin the fight on Climate Change. Our children and grandchildren deserve a healthy planet!

Representative Steve Chabot: Cincinnati: 684-2723; DC: 202-225-2216.

Representative Brad Wenstrup: Anderson: 474-7777; DC: 202-225-3164

Senator Rob Portman: Cincinnati: 684-1021; DC: 202-224-3353

Senator Sherrod Brown: Cincinnati: 684-1021; DC: 202-224-2315

Sample script: Every day we hear news about our warming planet. Our oceans are warming and turning into an acidic soup! Our coral reefs are dying! Our glaciers are melting! Our sea levels are rising! Out-of-control wildfires! Historic droughts! Extreme weather events! And our government sits idly on the sidelines. I urge you to please help lead the fight to combat climate change. Your leadership is essential now. Thank you!

Exciting news! After our hearing last week before the Education, Innovation & Growth Committee in Council Chambers, where nearly 50 citizens gathered or testified, we are very close, finally, to passing an ordinance that bans single-use plastic bags in our city.

To ensure passage of the ban, however, council still needs the demonstration of broad community support. We are eager for Cincinnati to join the growing list of cities and countries around the world that are making laws to reduce plastic waste on the planet.



Pictured L to R at hearing in City Hall.: Pinky Kocoshis, Loa Bennett, Mary Gerson, Jeanne Nightingale, Susan Namei, David Terry, Sally Cosco, Brian Garry, Pete Cosco, Kevin Hengehold.

#### Photo by Nikki Orlemann.

A grassroots campaign, spearheaded by the work of *the Past Plastic Coalition,* has been working tirelessly these past eight years to reduce plastic pollution in our city – one plastic bag at a time. Meeting every month, we reach out to engage community activists, educate the public about runaway plastic consumption its hidden costs to human and ecological health, and decide together what to do about it.

Woman's City Club is one of the partners of the Coalition, which includes the Sierra Club, League of Women Voters, Enright Ridge Urban Eco-village, Imago, UC Leaders for Environmental Awareness (LEAP), Community Earth Alliance, Limestone Law & Policy Advocates, Vegan Earth, Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), Communities United for Action (CUFA), and many church advocates.

If this ban passes (hopefully within the next two weeks), we will no longer see those flimsy plastic bags customers use to carry their goods out of the store, restaurant, or pharmacy. If you forget your reusable

bag, you will be able to purchase a sturdy reusable plastic or paper bag for a small fee. (Customers on SNAP will be exempt from paying the fee.) Again, please email our council members and urge them to pass this ban. Thank you!

~ Jeanne Nightingale



~ Anne Buening

~ Sarah Gideonse

**Membership Committee** 

Interested in membership? Please contact the WCC office, or Anne Buening, Membership VP at arbuening@yahoo.ie.

Memorial Hall in Over-the-Rhine. Her topic is "Grit and Grace: Feminist Inspiration from the Gilded Age to the Atomic Age."

**National Speaker Forum Committee** 

Mark your calendars now for the 2020 National Speaker Forum featuring author Denise Kiernan: Monday, March 30, 2020, at Tickets are now available through Memorial Hall. Contact the WCC office for information about organizational cosponsorships.

~ Alice Schneider

#### **Communications Committee**

Help get the word out about our wonderful Woman's City Club and what we are doing!

- ◆ Volunteer for our committee. We are hoping that our members, with all their terrific skills, might want to join our committee. We have jobs of different complexity and time commitments, depending on the interest and time available a member might have. Would you like to attend one of our forums and write it up as an article for the Bulletin? Who might have some innovative ideas for publicizing our events and our work, or have good contacts with the media? We are eager for people with skills and ideas for making our social media more vibrant. Or graphic design skills for flyers and other communications. Occasional or longer-term articles are welcome!
- Come to our meetings and share your communication ideas. Our meetings are usually the last Tuesday of the month. Contact Sarah Gideonse for more information: sarah.gideonse@fuse.net.
- We post regularly to Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. We suspect many of our members have great ideas for information and links about issues and events related to WCC's mission that would engage the public and spark interest in WCC. Help us achieve vibrant social media by suggesting Facebook items to Alice Schneider at aliceschneider10@gmail.com.
- Facebook users: kindly share events and other items on the WCC Facebook page and invite your friends.
- Recommend friends and colleagues sign up to receive the monthly Bulletin.



**Program Committee** 

Thursday, February 20, join us for an Expert Panel to Discuss "Perspectives on Pretrial Bail: How Does it Work? Is Reform Needed?" Meet in the Geier Room at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm.

Save the date: Thursday, April 30 for a program featuring organizations that mentor girls and young women, in the Geier Room at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church, 6:00 pm.



COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUÉS



#### **Executive Committee**

Janet Buening, *President* (2018-2022) Rina Saperstein, *Treasurer* (2014-2020) Jeff Dey, *Secretary* (2016-2022) Helen O'Neal, *VP Administration* (2018-2020) Renee Hevia, *VP Civic Engagement* (2019-2022) Amy Katzman, *VP Programs* (2016-2022) Anne Buening *VP Membership* (2017-2020)

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## **Calendar of WCC Events**

**Thursday, February 20:** Bail reform panel. Meet in the Geier Room at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church. Social time at 6:30; program begins at 7 pm.

**March 1—15:** Voting for WCC Board and Nominating Committee members. Look for your ballot in your email.

March 17: Please vote!

**Saturday, March 21, 10 am:** Book club meets at the home of Marcia Togneri.

**Monday, March 30, 7 pm:** National Speaker Forum presents author **Denise Kiernan**. Order tickets through <u>Memorial Hall</u>.

**Thursday, April 30, 6 pm:** Save the date for a program featuring organizations that mentor women and girls. Meet in the Geier Room at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church.

June 28, 2020: Marian Spencer's 100th birthday. Dedication of Spencer statue, Smale Park.



For the latest schedule of WCC meetings, please check our calendar at womanscityclub.org.

Wednesday, February 26, 6 pm: Executive Committee meets in the WCC conference room.

**Monday, March 2, 6:30 pm:** National Speaker Forum committee meets.

March 24, 6:30 pm: Board meeting in the WCC conference room.

Wednesday, April 22, 6 pm: Executive Committee meets in the WCC conference room.

#### CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

For an updated list of City Council sessions and committee meetings, go to the City website at **cincinnati-oh.gov/council/.** 



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The Monthly *Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network, and our community. Our next issue will appear in March. Deadline for submissions and committee reports is February 27. *Please submit all material to the WCC office and Sarah Gideonse*. *Editorial Team: Sarah Gideonse, Janet Buening, Jo-Ann Huff Albers, and Anne Skove*.