



WOMAN'S  
CITY CLUB  
OF GREATER CINCINNATI

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# THE BULLETIN

April 2017

NATIONAL SPEAKER FORUM April 20

NETHERLAND PLAZA, HALL OF MIRRORS, 7 PM, WITH MARIA HINOJOSA

## GREEN TIP :

**Cincy Goes  
'Orange' With  
Textiles &  
Housewares Recycling  
Program**



1. Use orange collection bags for free bi-weekly curbside pick-up.
2. Give your clothing, shoes, bags & housewares another life.
3. Donate to Clothing Swap on April 14-16. Visit SimpleRecycling.com
4. View film April 14: *The True Cost: Who pays the price for our clothing?*
5. A Call to Rethink your wardrobe: What you need is... less!

~ Mary Gerson

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The day for our National Speaker Forum is fast approaching. Tickets are still available but going fast. Lecture tickets are \$40; tickets to a private reception with Maria after the talk are \$100. They can be purchased by calling Woman's City Club at 513 751 0100 or on line at [www.womancityclub.org](http://www.womancityclub.org).



Maria's talk, entitled **Latinos and Immigration: The U.S Mambo**, will focus on critical issues relative to immigration -- an especially timely topic at this critical juncture in our nation's political history. She calls it the U. S. Mambo, three steps forward, two steps back. Latinos are the fastest growing demographic in our country but the rhythm of progress for them has been uneven.

Be sure to tune in to Cincinnati Edition on NPR, Wednesday, April 12 at 1 pm when Maria Hinojosa will be interviewed about her upcoming visit to Cincinnati.

This is Woman's City Club's premiere annual fundraising event, and we are very excited about our speaker this year. Maria Hinojosa is an award winning broadcast news correspondent and journalist who covers America's untold stories of Latino and immigrants. She is anchor and executive producer of the PBS show *America by the Numbers*. For more about Maria Hinojosa, see March issue of the Bulletin archived on our website: [www.womancityclub.org](http://www.womancityclub.org).



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:



**Alice Schneider**

### **What do you get for your Woman's City Club membership?**

As we gear up to send out our membership renewals, I pondered what we have to offer members when they join. Certainly not a toaster, or coupons, or reduced fees for

products. Instead we offer, not material things, but a rich and rewarding experience with other people like yourself who want to be involved in their community. Here are some of the benefits of belonging to Woman's City Club:

**Association with other civic minded, active men and women.** There are numerous opportunities to associate with other people who have been active in the Cincinnati Community. For example, meeting Marian Spencer and hearing about her past experiences in Cincinnati. Others might include Roxanne Quall, past mayor of Cincinnati, Jane Anderson, Professor of Political Science at U.C., Louise Spiegel, political activist, Susan Dlott, District Court Judge. There are male members too, such as Mike Maloney, founder of the Urban Appalachian Council and Justin Jeffrey, editor of Streetvibes. This is just to mention a few of the men and women who make up the rich membership of the club.

Most of us are ordinary people who have wonderful stories and experiences to share.

**Chance to stretch your leadership skills.** There are many positions within the club beginning with the easy and onto the more challenging. Each time one assumes leadership role and handles it, one grows.

**Education about our community.** Over the years Woman's City Club has offered many educational forums with leaders in the community educating the club about many issues. Some examples of the past year are: Drug Addiction, Community Policing, Immigration, Human and Environmental Health.

**Action Groups that provide a unique platform** for working on issues through group study, community collaboration, advocacy campaigns, and hands-on action that impacts lives and shapes change.

**A fun, social way to meet new friends.** Finally, membership in Woman's City Club offers a chance to meeting lifelong friends and an opportunity to exchange exciting ideas with other civic minded men and women.

So join us and have a good time!

~Alice

P.S. Woman's City Club Board has approved a raise in membership dues from \$50 to \$55 per year starting April 1, 2017.

## March City Conversations: Women Marching Then and Now

On Tuesday March 21, WCC held their monthly City Conversations at First Unitarian Church. This was the first event that Melissa Rowland, ACT ONE Alumni and WCC Office Manager, was inspired to lead. The topic attracted a diverse and lively group of over fifty men and women young and old, many who were new to WCC. Dr. Renea Frey, Xavier professor, started the evening with an enlightening presentation on rhetoric used by women protesting in the 19<sup>th</sup> century compared to recent protests.

After an active question and answer session, the group split into seven small intergenerational groups to discuss personal experiences of protesting past and present. Each small group was facilitated by a City Club member and intergenerational discussions ranged from what happened in America in the 1960's and 70's through events in January 2017 across the world. The group identified marches as a beginning of social change that must be followed up with consistent and enduring actions to achieve social change. The effects of social media provides opportunities for people to share information rapidly and organize events with large groups of people very quickly, as evidenced by the airport

protests on the day of the first travel ban. Also, social media allows people of all abilities to participate in the larger group. People unable to attend a protest can feel connected to the larger group through live video feeds, chat rooms, and sharing information on social media.

One thing is certain, women and men marching in solidarity are mobilizing in larger numbers than ever before. Our passion and drive to defend human rights is strong.

This is just the beginning!

~Melissa Rowland



Dr. Renea Frey  
Photo Credit: Harriet Kaufman

# GROWING A CULTURE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: UPDATE April 2017

Citizens' Engagement Action Team (CEAT) has been working over the past three years in the City Manager's Office to design a program of strengthening the culture of citizen participation in the governance of our city. While business and governmental sectors have expanded their influence on decision-making in the past four decades, the civic sector has not kept pace, and public monies dedicated to the support of civic participation have sharply diminished since the 80s.

This past week on March 22, CEAT presented a budget proposal at the Council Hearing on Budget Policy & Priorities in Bond Hill. The proposal had three objectives: 1) Increase funding support for community councils; 2) Establish an Office of Neighborhood Investment and Engagement and hire an office director; 3) Consolidate the city's neighborhood investment and engagement programs in this office to strengthen the neighborhood agenda.

The most vulnerable communities need to be prioritized for funding in order to build equity into the system. CEAT's budget

proposal was received with enthusiasm, **but to be adopted by council, we invite WCC members to please call your city council members to register your support for this proposal.** Yvette Simpson declared publicly she is on board. She will sign a motion to add CEAT's proposal to the city's Budget Policies and Priorities and invited other council members to join her. She even proposed we adopt an "Equity Audit." CEAT has distributed a Pledge Form to all council candidates to ensure, if elected, they will work on projects that move toward the goal of a more diverse, equitable, and Inclusive structure of community engagement with the City of Cincinnati.

For the record, Woman's City Club sponsored the 2014 proposal that CEAT submitted to city council - *Strength in Unity* - outlining the principles of engagement and recommendations for implementation. Aligned with WCC mission and values, a thriving culture of public participation enriches the democratic process, helps government be more responsive to its people, and involves us all in building a more equitable future for Cincinnati.

~Jeanne Nightingale

## WCC's FORUM IN MARCH: A Day with the Ballet

To honor Victoria Morgan's celebration of her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Cincinnati Ballet's Artistic Director and CEO, WCC arranged for a special opportunity for members and friends to watch the ballet corps rehearse their next performance, "Bold Moves." On March 2<sup>nd</sup> WCC members gathered as Susan Noonan awarded recognition to Victoria Morgan for her 20 years as director of the Ballet and enumerated some of her many achievements. Woman's City Club members were amply rewarded in return.

Ms. Morgan's recognition is well deserved. She is one of only 5 women directors of a U.S. ballet company with an annual operating budget of over \$5,000,000.00. When she took on executive leadership in addition to her artistic responsibilities several years ago the company grew from an operating budget of \$4,800,000.00 in 2008 to \$8,500,000.00 today with a \$12,000,000.00 endowment. More apparent to audiences have been the remarkable productions and consistent quality she has brought to performances as well as national acclaim to the Cincinnati Ballet -- most recently when Cincinnati's ballet was chosen to present the Nutcracker at the Kennedy Center to glowing reviews.

As director she has distinguished herself further by combining her pursuit of artistic quality with her pursuit of values very much in keeping with the Woman's City Club's values and mission. She has championed women choreographers who are surprisingly left out of the repertoire of most ballet companies and emphasized their inclusion. She has been singular in exploring ways to partner this traditional art form with decidedly untraditional and diverse segments of the community. She has embraced diversity in dance, showcasing dancers from the hip hop group *Elementz* on ballet's biggest stage in the heart of a performance. Her brainchild to pair local choreographers with local musicians resulted in a highly

successful New Work Series which birthed a highly popular evening long production with local band Over the Rhine. Seeking these partnerships for the ballet is good for the art form, good marketing and good for the community.

In keeping with community engagement, Woman's City Club members who were lucky enough to attend on March 2<sup>nd</sup> were treated to a rehearsal in the Cincinnati Ballet studio space. They were seated, not in the viewing stands, but on the rehearsal floor for a performance of famed Israeli choreographer Ohad Naharin piece "Minus 16", part of "Bold Moves" which the ballet presented 2 weeks later. Those in attendance watched these gifted athletes recreate this dynamic/kinetic work.



Future WCC Member Maggie Asselin with Victoria Morgan  
Photo Credit: Melissa Rowland

The piece has an intensity which was breathtaking when experienced close enough to be in the range of the dancers' beads of sweat. Those of us amazed by the brilliance of the dance were further amazed when several of the dancers stood directly in front of us, plucked us from our seats and swooped us onto the dance floor, each with our own "private dancer"-- now a part of the dance. Clearly, there is more than one way to be left breathless from a performance! This was the ultimate in community involved dance partnership. Woman's City Club members who were there can honestly say they were moved and moved at the same time!

~ Amy Katzman

# Changing CO<sub>2</sub>urse: Local Solutions to a Global Crisis

A 3-DAY EVENT on Textile Recycling: April 14-16

St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton



## April 14, 7- 9:00: **THE TRUE COST**

A groundbreaking new documentary film that pulls back the curtain on an unseen part of our world and asks us each to consider: **who pays the price of our clothing?**

Filmed in countries all over our world, from the brightest runways to the darkest slums, featuring interviews with the world's leading influencers including fashion designer Stella McCartney and environmental-activist Vandana Shiva. A call to rethink your buying habits!

**BONUS:** Sue Magness, Recycling Coordinator for Cincinnati will tell us about the city's new free curbside Textile Recycling Service.

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## April 15 - 12 noon - 5 pm: **COMMUNITY CLOTHING SWAP**

A chance to spring clean your closets, share your threads, and weave a legacy of community service and environmental justice. Bring your contributions - clothing, shoes, accessories - Friday evening or Saturday am or pm.

## April 16 - 12:30 pm - 2 pm: **COMMUNITY CLOTHING SWAP**

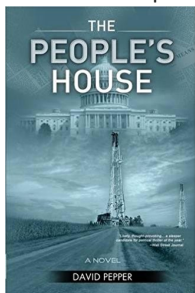
Volunteers will organize items and you are welcome to take home whatever you like. All remaining clothes will be donated to Matthew 25 Ministries or triaged by the City's new Textile Recycling Service.

**COSPONSORS:** Citizens' Climate Lobby, Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati, League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area, Our Harvest Cooperative, Apple Street Market Cooperative, St John's Green Sanctuary Partners

## SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY & JUNE

**Wednesday, May 10, 7 pm City Conversations:** “*What We All Need to Know About Refugee and Immigrant Families in Cincinnati and How We Can Help*”

This discussion with “Heartfelt Tidbits” will be a follow-up to the National Speaker event with Maria Hinojosa. It will be held in the Geier Room, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church 103 William Howard Taft. Do you know the legal difference between Immigrants and Refugees? **Immigrants** are subject to the laws of their adopted country. They may only come if they have work or a place to live. **Immigrants** are usually driven by economic factors, or they want to be close to family. **Refugees** are forced to relocate for reasons such as fear of persecution due to war, religion or political opinion.



**Saturday, May 20, 10 pm WCC BOOK CLUB FOR MAY:** David Pepper's *The People's House*

It doesn't take long to discover why the Wall Street Journal crowned "The People's House" the "sleeper for political thriller of the year," or why a former Governor said she almost missed her connecting flight because she couldn't put it down.

Political reporter Jack Sharpe is logging time at the tail end of a disappointing career -- jaded about politics and stung by personal hard knocks. But after an odd election result in the Ohio Congressional district he covers, Sharpe stumbles across voting irregularities that spur him to dig deeper. The story takes him far beyond his corner of Ohio as he discovers an international plot one that strikes at the heart of American democracy. His reporting leads to a showdown with a philandering Congressman and Presidential contender, and an eccentric but deadly Russian mogul. In order to save himself and the

country, Sharpe must rekindle his old fire to navigate a treacherous journey through danger, betrayal, and atonement. And yes, it was all written before eerily similar events occurred in the 2016 election!

Some of us are also reading *The Federalist Papers*, a collection of 85 articles and essays written (under the pseudonym Publius) by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay promoting the ratification of the United States Constitution. May's bookclub will be held at the home of Jeanne Nightingale. All members -- new and old -- are welcome to join us! RSVP to [jnightingale@fuse.net](mailto:jnightingale@fuse.net).

**Thursday, June 1, 6- 8 pm Public Forum:** “*How do we Protect the Environment Today?*” The Woman's City Club will host a program with the Ohio Environmental Council at the United Way Convening Center, 2400 Reading Rd. It promises to be an exciting Panel with a speaker from Washington DC, the Director of Ohio Environmental Council, and a local speaker. Other agencies are coming on board as cosponsors: League of Women Voters, Air, Inc. The discussion should be lively! Light refreshments provided.

**Friday, June 16, 11:30 am - 1 pm** Fourth Annual Women's Economic, Mental and Physical Health Expo on Fountain Square. Speaker: Eileen Cooper Reed on Equity. Other speakers are being invited. We hope to have MUSE singers for inspiration and the PONE dancers again to end us on a positive and enthusiastic note! Join us for an engaging, informative program in your lunch hour.

## American Feminist History Panel: Playhouse Perspectives April 10 at 7 pm

In partnership with the Woman's City Club of Cincinnati, the Playhouse invites you to learn more about the foundation of American feminism within the context of the time periods represented in the play *All the Roads Home*.

The show highlights three generations of women throughout the 1950s, 1970s and today. As they face the ripple effect of their mothers' choices, they wrestle with their own half-buried dreams and desires. Join us for a series of presentations that covers historical and modern feminist movements. Each presentation will be facilitated by local feminist activists and experts.

Woman's City Club panelists include Alice Schneider, Marge Davis, Amy Katzman and Jeanne Nightingale

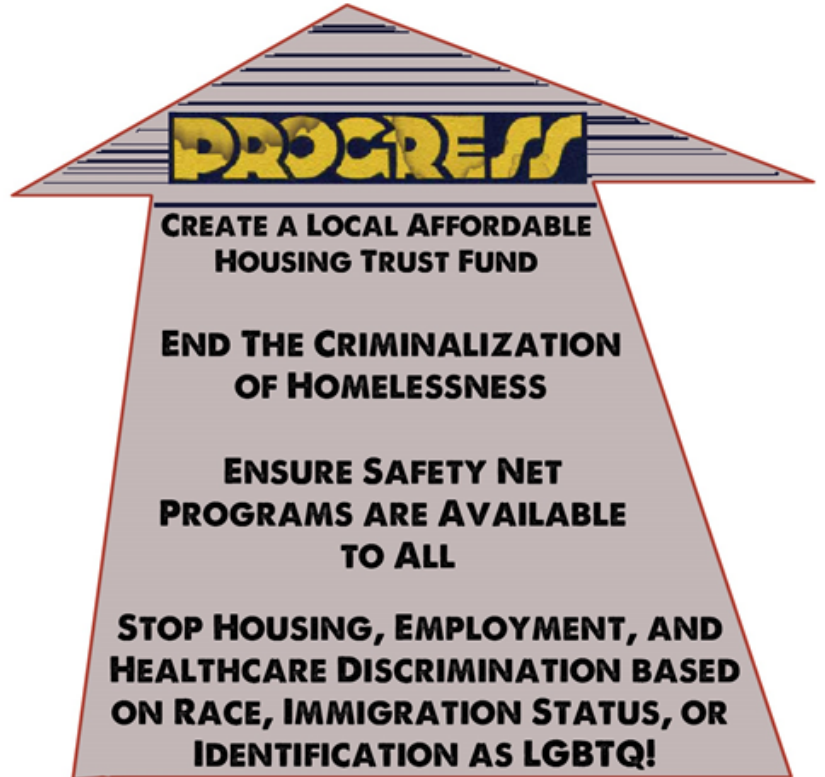


**The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required through the Playhouse Box Office at 513-421-3888**

# JOIN US SATURDAY, APRIL 1 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR HOUSING

12 NOON - GATHER AT CINCINNATI CITY HALL

WITH HOMELESSNESS AT RECORD HIGHS IN CINCINNATI, WE NEED TO  
**STAND UP!!**



**MYTH:**  
THERE'S ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL

**FACT:**  
IN HAMILTON COUNTY, THE GAP IS GREATEST FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH AN INCOME BELOW \$14,678 (30% OF COUNTY MEDIAN)-THERE ARE ONLY 28 UNITS AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE FOR EVERY 100 HOUSEHOLDS, RESULTING IN A GAP OF ABOUT 40,000 UNITS.

Gap in Households and Affordable and Available Units  
Hamilton County Overall

Household Income	Total Households	Affordable and Available Units	Gap
\$14,678 or less	55,600	15,581	-40,019
\$24,464 or less	90,946	52,611	-38,335
\$39,142 or less	138,559	125,073	-13,486
\$48,927 or less	165,531	163,191	-2,340
\$58,712 or less	190,342	193,252	2,910

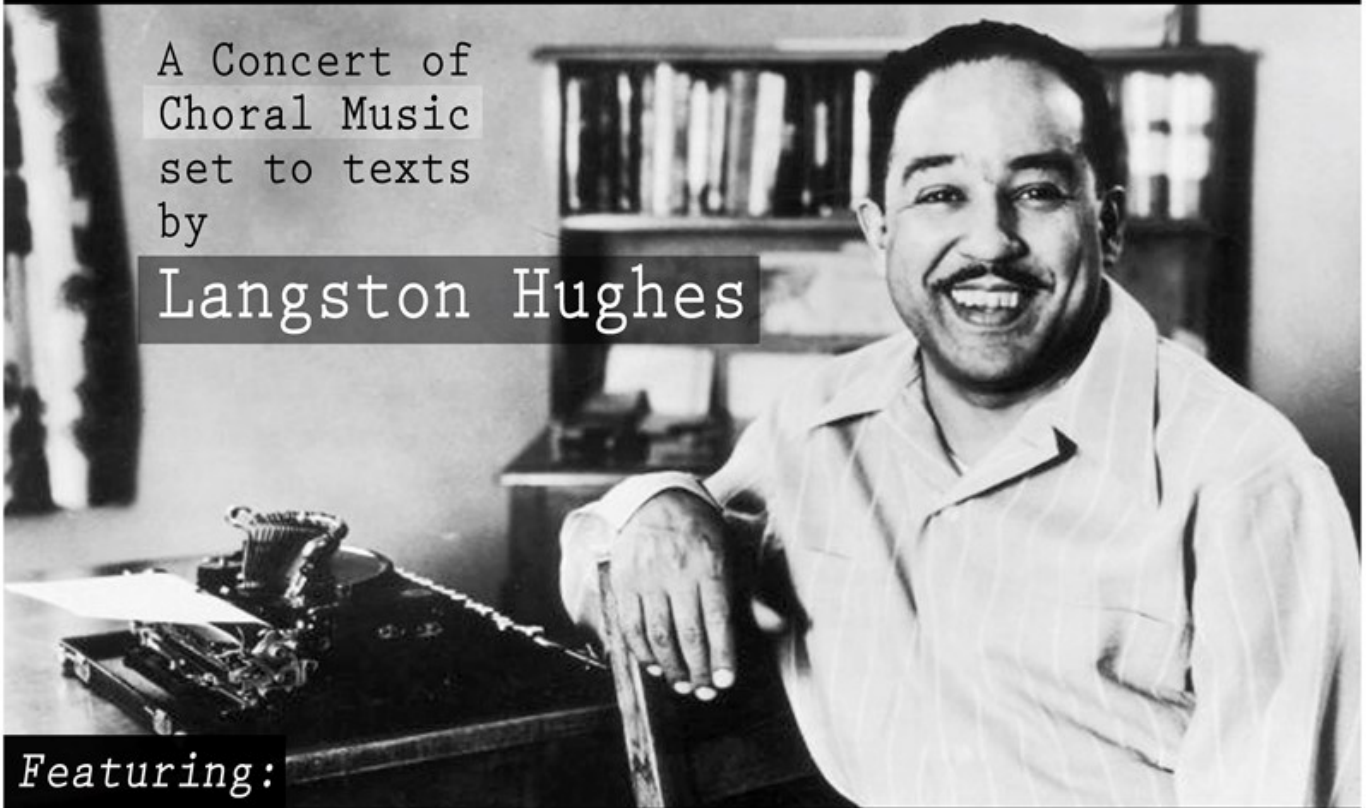
Source: Housing Affordability in Hamilton County, LISC 2017



# To Sit and Dream:

A Concert of  
Choral Music  
set to texts  
by

Langston Hughes



Featuring:

Central State University Chorus, Jeremy Winston, Director  
World House Choir, Catherine Roma, Director  
Charles Williams, Lyric Baritone  
Christopher G. Smith, Tenor

Sunday, April 2, 7:30

Paul Robeson Cultural and Performing Arts Center  
Central State University, Wilberforce, OH

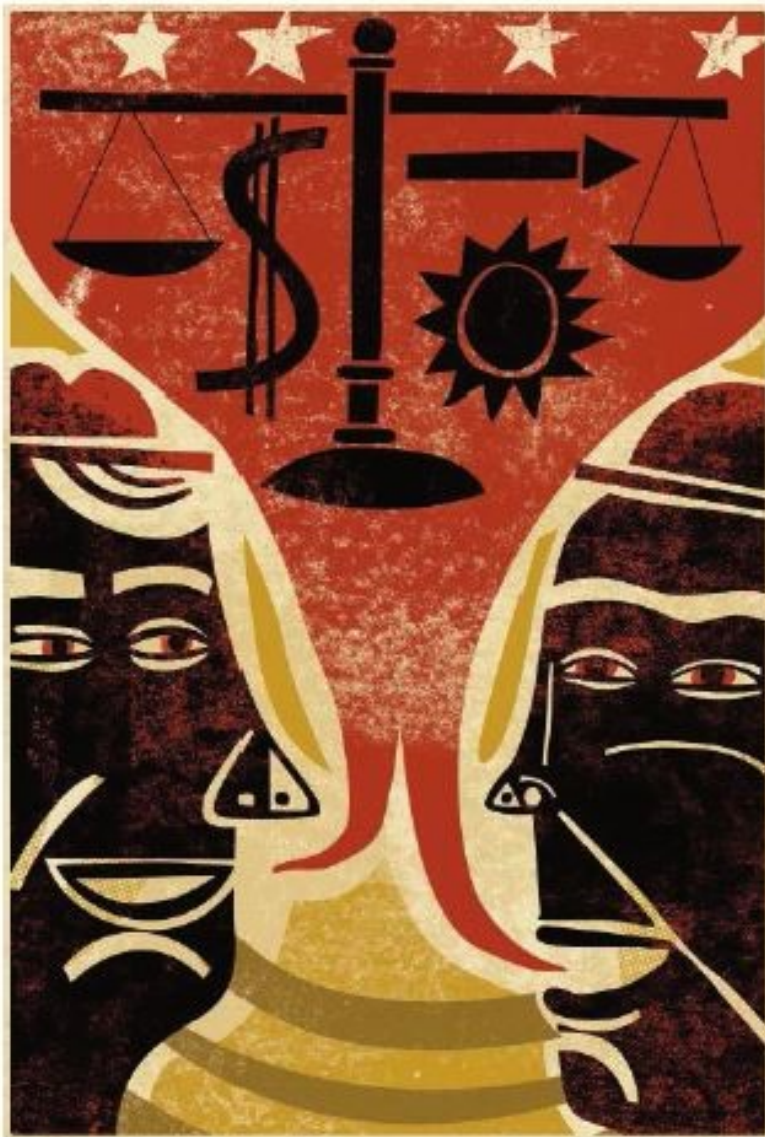
Monday, April 3, 7:30

Foundry Theater, 920 Corry St  
Antioch College, Yellow Springs, OH

Free admission  
Donations welcome



This year commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Langston Hughes (1902-1967). The ensembles will perform short, separate sets, and perform together, singing works by Rosephanye Powell, Margaret Bonds, Roland Carter, Dave Brubeck and more.



# CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE MERCHANTS OF DOUBT

CLIMATE CHANGE: NOW WHAT?

**Naomi Oreskes**  
**April 6, 2017**  
**7:00 – 9:00 pm**

Internationally renowned author, geologist, science historian and Harvard professor, Naomi Oreskes is a leading voice on the issue of the role of humans in affecting climate change and is the author of both scholarly and popular books and articles. In her recent book, *The Collapse of Western Civilization*, she speculates on our future if warnings of climate catastrophe are ignored. Her TED Talk, "Why We Should Trust Scientists" has over a million views. In the influential book and documentary, *Merchants of Doubt: How a Handful of Scientists Obscured the Truth on Issues from Tobacco to Global Warming*,

Oreskes examined how a small group of scientists joined forces with political interests to challenge the scientific consensus on important health and environmental issues.



## NAOMI ORESKES

Naomi Oreskes is currently professor of the history of science and affiliated professor of Earth and planetary sciences at Harvard University. She has lectured widely and won numerous prizes including the 2011 Climate Change Communicator of the Year and the 2015 Geological Society of American Public Service Award. She met Pope Francis at a special meeting on climate change and sustainability held at the Vatican and in 2015 wrote the introduction to the Melville House edition of the Papal Encyclical on Climate Change and Inequality, *Laudato Si'*.

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## CLIMATE JUSTICE SERIES

We define Climate Justice as climate-related policies and practices that are ecologically sound as well as economically advantageous for all members of society, especially the least well off, who are often the most affected by climate change.

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- 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 -- Civic Literacy -- Equity and Justice -- Children and Youth on Positive Trajectories to Achieve their Dreams and Lead Constructive Lives -- A Thriving City of the Future.

## Calendar of WCC Events

**Saturday, April 1, 12pm**  
**National Day of Action for Housing**  
Cincinnati City Hall

**Monday, April 10, 7pm**  
**American Feminist History Panel**  
Playhouse in the Park

**Friday, April 14, 7pm**  
**Changing Course**  
St. John's UU Church  
320 Resor Avenue

**Saturday, April 15, 12pm-5pm**  
**Saturday, April 16, 12:30pm-2pm**  
**Clothing Swap at St. John's UU**  
320 Resor Avenue

**Thursday, April 20, 7pm**  
**National Speaker:**  
**Maria Hinojosa**  
Netherland Plaza Hotel  
35 West Fifth Street

**Wednesday, May 10, 6:30pm**  
**Refugee Program**  
Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church  
103 William Howard Taft

**Friday, May 26, 11:45am-1pm**  
Seasongood Luncheon  
Crown Plaza Hotel  
5901 Pfeiffer Rd Blue Ash

**Thursday, June 1, 6-8pm**  
"What's Happening to our Environment?"  
United Way Convening Room  
2400 Reading Rd.

**Friday, June 16, 11:30am-1:15pm**  
Annual EXPO on Fountain Square  
"Equity for All"  
Fountain Square

**Tuesday, June 22, 5:30pm**  
Woman's City Club Annual Meeting  
Geier Room  
Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church  
103 William Howard Taft

### WCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

For the latest schedule of Committee Meetings, check our Website Calendar at [womanscityclub.org](http://womanscityclub.org) (click on the "Calendar & Events" tab at the top)

### CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

For an updated list, go to the City website at [cincinnati-oh.gov/council/](http://cincinnati-oh.gov/council/).



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