

## Criminal Justice for All: Recommendations for Reform

**Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 pm**

**with**

**David Singleton, Executive Director and  
Sasha Naiman, Associate Director  
of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center**

**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.

Join WCC online on October 28 to continue our conversation about justice. Learn how the storied Ohio Justice and Policy Center (OJPC), a nonprofit law firm, works to create "fair, intelligent, redemptive criminal justice systems in Ohio through zealous client-centered advocacy, innovative policy reform, and cross-sector community education."

OJPC works to safely and substantially reduce the number of incarcerated people and to eliminate racial disparity in the criminal legal system. OJPC doesn't write people off, but believes that everyone deserves a chance for redemption and healing.

David Singleton and Sasha Naiman will share OJPC's current policy goals and advocacy efforts to create safe, fair communities statewide, working for a more just Ohio. They will also suggest ways for audience members to become champions for justice.

A graduate of Harvard Law School and public defender in Harlem and the District of Columbia for many years, OJPC Executive Director Mr. Singleton is also a professor at NKU's Salmon B. Chase College of Law.



Ms. Naiman earned her law degree at the Washington University. As director of operations at OJPC she plays multiple roles, working with Second Chance Project to help people with criminal records overcome barriers to community reintegration. She is starting a program to offer trauma-informed legal assistance, education, and policy advocacy for survivors of human trafficking.

**To register and receive the Zoom meeting link go to:**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ohio-justice-and-policy-center-tickets-123580985053>

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### UNITING FOR CHANGE

WCC's Book Club is one of the most stimulating discussion groups I have ever experienced—a group of intelligent and informed women discussing books on current topics such as housing discrimination, sexual abuse, racism, and climate change. (It's a lot better than it sounds!)

The last book we discussed was *On Fire* by Naomi Klein, a collection of articles she's written about climate change and the Green New Deal. Someone in our meeting lamented that as individuals there's little we can do about climate change. How much difference will it make if I stop eating meat, carry a cloth shopping bag, or drive a hybrid car?

And yet, individuals can make a huge difference when they band together in collective action. Remember what Margaret Mead said on the subject: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Think about Greta Thunberg—an autistic teenager who started spending her school days outside Sweden's Parliament to call for stronger action on climate change. You know the rest—her individual action led to student strikes all over the world. In 2019, there were coordinated multi-city protests involving millions of students and she took her message to the UN Climate Action Summit, where her exclamation of "How dare you!" was widely taken up by the press.



We can all be inspired by Mead and Thunberg to do whatever we can to change the things about the world that need changing. Remember that organizations are made up of individuals and there is strength in numbers. Woman's City Club has been a channel for collective action for over 100 years, and we can't stop now. Onward!

~ Beth Sullebarger

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### RENEW YOUR WCC MEMBERSHIP – OR JOIN US!

If you have not yet sent in your WCC membership dues for 2020-2021, please do so NOW. And new members are always welcome to join WCC! In this challenging time, with our 2020 fundraising events postponed, WCC needs you more than ever. We count on membership dues to cover the costs of staff, equipment, office supplies, and rent, and to provide our free public programs that are now being presented via Zoom. The 2020-2021 Membership Directory is available to all new and renewing members.

You can save time and a stamp by renewing online—just click [here](#). We are offering two new categories of membership this year, for those who would like to support WCC at a higher level, while still offering pay-what-you-can to keep WCC membership accessible to all.

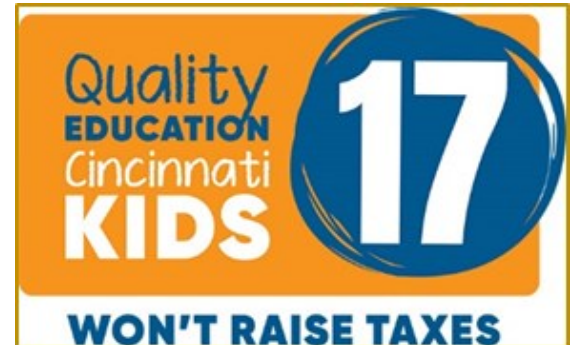




# WOMAN'S CITY CLUB ENDORSES ISSUE 17 ON THE NOVEMBER 3 BALLOT

Woman's City Club's board voted unanimously to endorse the Cincinnati Public School (CPS) renewal levy, Issue 17, on the November 3 ballot. As a renewal levy, it will continue to raise \$48 million for five more years. Of this, \$33 million is allocated for operations and \$15 million for preschool expansion. **Voter approval of this issue will not increase taxes**, and the original levy was passed in 2016 with 62% of the vote.

The levy will renew funding for learning programs for 36,000 CPS K-12 students and support high-quality preschools and tuition assistance for a goal of 5,000 children ages three and four.



Moreover, CPS has increasingly become “a destination of choice.” Overall enrollment in CPS has increased 20% since 2012-13. These accomplishments suggest why:

- Good results in the preschool expansion and improvement program: More students are in quality preschool than ever before because of the Preschool Promise funds. About 131 area preschools have increased their state quality rating. Kindergartners who attended these high-quality preschools were more likely to be on track and ready to learn than students who did not.
- CPS has expanded college, vocational, and career-readiness programs so young people graduate ready to work, enroll in secondary school, or enlist in the military. CPS has also expanded quality neighborhood school options in line with magnet schools.
- Indications of improved quality of instruction: 98% of CPS third graders met Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee in 2018-19. Third grade literacy increased twenty percentage points from 2015-16 to 2018-19. Ninth grade Algebra I scores increased 26% during the same time period. CPS graduation rates have increased (a 6.7% gain from 2014 to 2018).
- CPS completed an ambitious five-year strategic plan last year after lengthy consultation with the community and with explicit procedures to monitor progress on its goals and demonstrate accountability to the community.

Here are ways you can help pass this levy:

- The campaign is looking for locations to place large (four-foot square) yard signs. If you live or have a business in Cincinnati city limits on a major thoroughfare or high-traffic street, and are willing to have a yard sign, please email the levy campaign manager directly at [jsutmoller@gmail.com](mailto:jsutmoller@gmail.com).
- While the campaign has broad support from local businesses, unions, and staff, it is dependent on community support from committed individuals. Contributions can be made online at <https://forcincinnatikids.com/>.
- People who would like to work at the polls may volunteer at <https://forcincinnatikids.com/get-involved/>.



# VOLUNTEER WITH THE GREATER CINCINNATI VOTER COLLABORATIVE!



Take action with the [Greater Cincinnati Voter Collaborative](#)!

WCC is a proud partner member of the new GCVC—an organization seeking volunteers to help take action to embolden democracy.

Learn more on how you can [help protect Ohio rights](#) or participate in [nonpartisan OHIO Voter Outreach Events \(NOVOC\)](#), with many opportunities to take action locally.

The Greater Cincinnati Voter Collaborative is an informal nonpartisan collaboration of local organizations that seeks to amplify safe voter engagement and advocacy efforts for the citizens of Greater Cincinnati. In addition to volunteering, voters and potential voters can find everything they need to vote safely, securely, and knowledgeably in the November 2020 election at [www.safetovoteathome.org](http://www.safetovoteathome.org).

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## WOMAN'S CITY CLUB SUPPORTS THE CITY'S IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE CINCINNATI POLICE GUN RANGE

Founded in 1915, the Woman's City Club has long been a voice for racial, social, and economic justice in Cincinnati. As such, we wholeheartedly support the effort of Cincinnati City Council to assess and consider the impacts of the Cincinnati Police Gun Range on people and property in Lincoln Heights, Evendale, and Woodlawn.

Established in its current location in 1947, the Gun Range has generated noise and lead pollution and discouraged investment in nearby properties. Residents have complained for decades about the sound of gunshots that can be heard in those three villages. Hearing gunshots in one's neighborhood can have negative psychological effects on residents, especially young people.

For years the Gun Range has also generated pollution in the form of lead deposits in the soil and lead particles in the air. Lead poisoning is a health hazard, and is especially dangerous to the young children who frequent the playground located near the range.



WCC asks the City of Cincinnati to consider both abatement of the negative impacts caused by the Police Gun Range and the possibilities for moving the range to a more remote, nonresidential location.



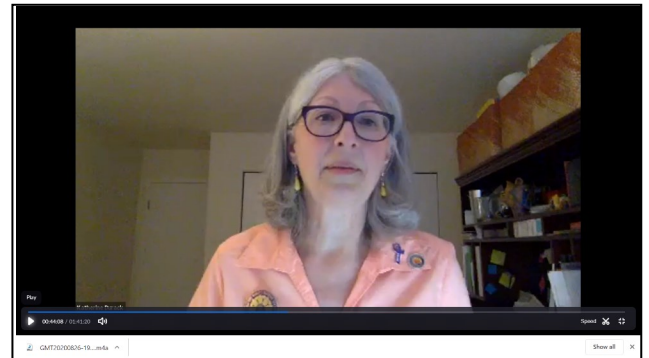


## WCC FORUM SHOWCASES VOTING RIGHTS STRUGGLES, PAST AND PRESENT

Dismissed and derided—even tossed in jail—millions of courageous women suffragists persisted in their cause for decades. Yet few of their leaders are remembered today.

“Name five,” challenged Katherine Durack, PhD, a retired Miami University English professor and women’s suffrage authority, during a recent Woman’s City Club online public forum, “Voting Rights—Then and Now.”

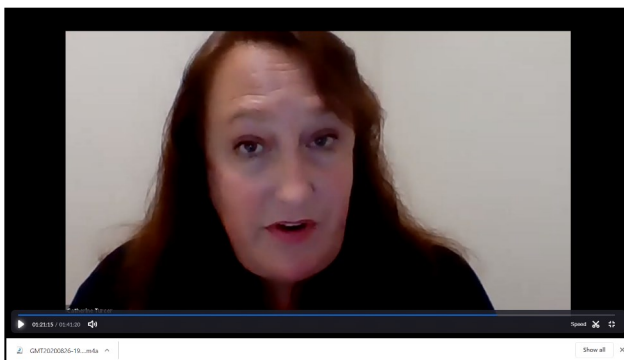
Held on August 26, the centennial of the effective date of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote, WCC’s first virtual forum also featured Catherine Turcer, director of Common Cause Ohio, who focused on the current challenges to fair and accessible voting in Ohio.



**Program screenshot of Katherine Durack**

Durack highlighted Ohio’s role in the fight for women’s suffrage and many of the largely “forgotten” women leaders in the movement with Ohio ties.

These include Mary Church Terrell, who attended Antioch College and Oberlin College and later helped found and lead the National Association of Colored Women; Francis Wright, the first woman orator to speak before mixed male and female audiences, who inspired Susan B. Anthony and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery; and Edith Campbell, the first woman elected to an office in Ohio (to the Cincinnati school board) and the first president of Woman’s City Club.



**Program screenshot of Catherine Turcer**

Bridging the conversation from the past to current times, Turcer observed, “The story of voting is about power and demanding to make our voices count.”

She called upon Ohioans to be vigilant to potential threats to the voting process in the upcoming hotly contested November 3 presidential election, including:

- Fewer poll workers due to COVID-19 concerns
- Increased stress on mail-in voting
- Increased voter confusion over rules, dates, and voting locations
- Potential short-notice changes to procedures
- Concerns over the safety of in-person voting
- Voter misinformation and disinformation campaigns

Turcer’s overall advice: Vote early. “We need to do our part, and our part is not procrastinating,” she said.

~ Janet Walsh

## AN ENGAGED CROWD PARTICIPATES IN THE COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT FORUM

Woman's City Club was fortunate it could present Iris Roley and Al Gerhardstein of the Black United Front together with Executive Assistant Police Chief Terri Theetge in a webinar on the history, progress, and current status of Cincinnati's Collaborative Agreement. Despite the nearly 90 participants, the speakers could make their presentations, engage in discussion among themselves, and respond to many audience questions through Zoom's "chat" function very successfully and in a quite intimate way. A highlight was their ideas about how Woman's City Club and others can become a part of furthering the Collaborative Agreement Refresh.

President Beth Sullebarger introduced the program by highlighting the many times over the years that WCC has stood in solidarity with Black citizens in support of their rights.



**Iris Roley**

Mrs. Roley started off her presentation reminding us of the Black United Front's earlier organizing and gathering of Black citizens' stories of encounters with police that documented the Cincinnati Police Department's (CPD) excessive use of force. This occurred before the Timothy Thomas killing in 2001. Sixteen of the complaints were part of the class-action lawsuit with the ACLU that led to negotiation of the Collaborative Agreement. Roley then emphasized the work that still needs to be done.

Mr. Gerhardstein emphasized the importance of police accountability in the Collaborative Agreement, which has become a national model. Elements to promote accountability include the Citizens Complaint Authority with investigative staff; documentation of

critical incidents in policing; early warning systems so police supervisors can identify and intervene with police officers who exhibit problematic behavior; body cameras; and community problem-solving to reduce enforcement, arrests, and incarceration, using the SARA process—scanning, analysis, response, and assessment—to study a localized problem, bring together stakeholders, and come up with a strategy to solve the problem. Arrests have declined by half, while maintaining neighborhood safety. Gerhardstein pointed out, however, that improvements must be ongoing as there is still disparity between races in arrests. Implementation of the Refresh has been slow.



**Al Gerhardstein**

Col. Theetge, a 30-year CPD veteran, talked about the improvements resulting from the Collaborative Agreement and its ongoing monitoring: police officers have grown from warriors to guardians. "We are proud that we have the Collaborative Agreement to guide us." She said that communities are proud of their problem-solving work, and CPD has taken steps to better document its use.



**Col. Terri Theetge, CPD**

Many participants asked how WCC and its members can help to support the [Collaborative Agreement Refresh](#) and the continuation of improvements. Mrs. Roley encouraged citizens to attend their community councils to find out what is going on, monitor the Citizens Complaint Authority, or join the new group of young people, Leaders of the Free World. The Leaders have put together 159 recommendations from the community and meets on Fridays. Contact the Leaders at [cbufladersfreeworld@gmail.com](mailto:cbufladersfreeworld@gmail.com) to learn more.

Mr. Gerhardstein encouraged civic organizations to educate the public about problem-solving and how to use the SARA process on a day-to-day basis. Col. Theetge echoed the importance of educating the public and recommended citizens monitor legislation and action that undermine the Collaborative. She also suggested that people ride along with officers, after the pandemic, to see how they work.

~ Sarah Gideonse

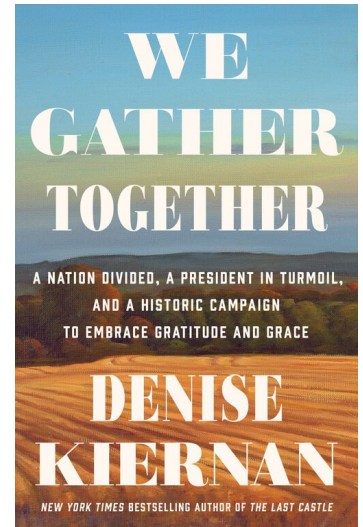


## 2021 NATIONAL SPEAKER DENISE KIERNAN PUBLISHES NEW BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING DAY

To be released November 10, Denise Kiernan's new book, *We Gather Together*, tells the timely story of Sarah Josepha Hale's decades-long campaign to establish a real national day of thanks. Finally, in 1863, in midst of the Civil War, President Lincoln declared a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. The book is appropriately subtitled, "A Nation Divided, a President in Turmoil, and a Historic Campaign to Embrace Gratitude and Grace." While anchored during the Civil War, the book also tells the history of an idea—gratitude—from ancient Rome to the twenty-first century.



As a reminder, WCC was twice forced to postpone its 2020 National Speaker Forum featuring Kiernan because of the continued threat of COVID-19. Kiernan, the best-selling author of *The Girls of Atomic City* and *The Last Castle*, is now scheduled to speak on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The Forum will still take place at 7 pm at Memorial Hall in Over-the-Rhine. Her topic, "Grit & Grace: Feminist Inspiration from the Gilded Age to the Atomic Age" may be amended to incorporate material from her new book.



WCC thanks everyone who has already purchased tickets to see Kiernan and looks forward to seeing you in May. Your tickets from March 30, 2020, will work for the new date; you need do nothing to change your tickets to the new date. Please contact Memorial Hall if you have other questions or concerns by calling the box office at (513) 977-8838 and leaving a message; a staff member will return your call as soon as possible. Organizations that have questions about their sponsorship may contact Woman's City Club at [wcc@womanscityclub.org](mailto:wcc@womanscityclub.org) or (513) 751-0100.

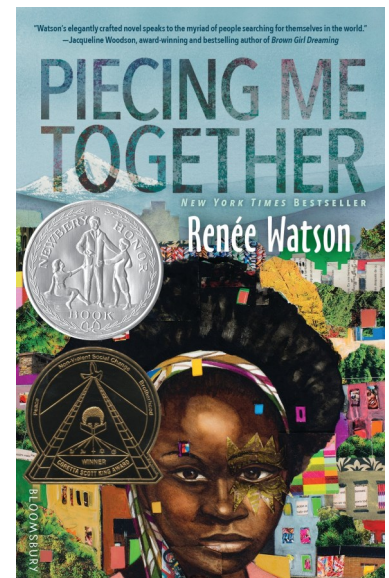
## WCC BOOK CLUB

**Saturday, November 21, 10 am — via teleconferencing**

Email [Sarah.Gideonse@fuse.net](mailto:Sarah.Gideonse@fuse.net) for information

The WCC book club will meet virtually in November to discuss *Piecing Me Together*, a Newberry Honor book by Renée Watson that also won the Coretta Scott King Author Award and was listed on NPR's Best Books of 2017. Though written for young adults, this powerful story about a girl striving for success in a world that too often seems it is trying to break her will resonate with readers of all ages as it explores the issues of friendship, race, privilege, and identity.

The Zoom link and further information will be sent at a later date. The book is available through the Public Library, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, and various online sources.







## GREEN TIPS FOR SAVING WATER AT HOME

1. Turn off faucet when brushing teeth.
2. Only run dishwashers and washing machines with a full load.
3. Install a dual flush toilet (and install a bidet to save on toilet paper and clear-cutting).
4. Install a rain barrel for outdoor watering.
5. Don't overwater your lawn.
6. Plant a rain garden for catching stormwater runoff from your roof and your driveway.

7. Share knowledge on water conservation and efficiency with your neighbors.

**Did you know?** One-third of the world's population lacks access to safe water. Women in Africa spend 200 million hours per day walking for water. One person dies every 37 seconds from water-related illnesses.

The price of water is rising and predicted to go higher in U.S. cities. In Cincinnati, you pay three times more on your water bill for stormwater charges than for tap water. Approximately 65% of the water that goes into our stormwater sewer overflows and basement backups comes from impervious surfaces.



~ Jeanne Nightingale  
Chair, Environmental Action Group

## WORRIED ABOUT THE RISING PRICE OF WATER?

The Impervious Surface Fee Stakeholders Working Group is working with the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) and Communities United for Action (CUFA) to restructure the current stormwater sewer rates to make them more equitable. As it stands, these rates act like a regressive tax on residents. This working group seeks to update the stormwater rate structure and move from its current meter-based fee toward a parcel-based impervious surface fee. We are also asking MSD to consider building in incentives to encourage customers to minimize their stormwater overflow through water retention measures such as rain gardens, bioswales, pervious pavement, or rainbarrels, enabling them to reduce their water bills.

## A BILL OF RIGHTS TO PROTECT THE OHIO RIVER WATERSHED?

Advocates for environmental safety face a growing frustration. Governmental and corporate entities seem to be increasingly clever at finding ways to usurp the rights of communities through preemptive bills, misinformation campaigns, corrupt practices, or other obstacles that impede public input. We citizens are learning how to use our power as consumers to be more proactive in our advocacy. The "Democracy School" organized by the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) is teaching citizens how to assert their legal rights as a community to protect the rights of our natural environment. A group of Cincinnati citizens are studying the recent action drawn up by the citizens of Toledo to protect Lake Erie by a democratically enacted Bill of Rights. This may provide a model for Cincinnatians to protect the rights of the Ohio River Watershed from the increasing threats of toxic industrial pollution. The Ohio River Guardians are also urging citizens to stand up for their rights and tell the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reject the barge offloading facility that threatens the Ohio River, the source of our drinking water.

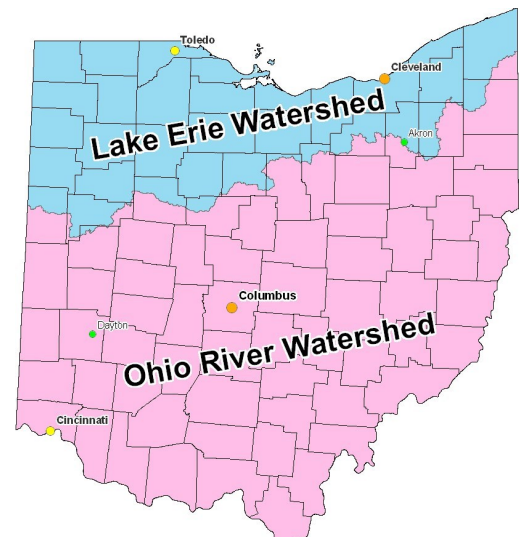


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## CINCINNATI BANS PLASTIC BAGS!

Cincinnati City Council passed the ordinance banning plastic single-use carryout bags on September 3, 2020. Past Plastic Cincinnati—a grassroots coalition that has advocated for this ban over many years and that includes Woman's City Club—applauds City Council for its action in passing this legislation. Special thanks go to Councilman Chris Seelbach, legislative director Jon Harmon, the Committee on Education, Innovation and Growth, and Mayor John Cranley, for championing the bill's passage. With this ordinance—now the third in Ohio—Cincinnati will be joining the growing list of cities, states, and countries around the world who are making laws to reduce plastic waste on the planet. Cincinnati's action has already inspired other cities in Ohio who have asked Past Plastic, that has been advocating for this ban for over a decade now, to draft a road map toward achieving similar bans in their communities.



The ordinance, affecting all business that sell food, will roll out on January 1, 2021. After a six-month grace period (July 1, 2021), the bill will be strictly enforced by the Cincinnati Health Department. Customers will be charged \$.05 at the check-out counter for each paper bag (recycled content) or reusable plastic bag. There will be an exemption for customers who participate in SNAP, WIC, or other programs that use the EBT card. All customers are encouraged of course to use their own reusable tote bags. Kroger has backed the ban and has pledged to distribute thousands of free reusable bags to shoppers in the interim. Past Plastic Cincinnati will continue its ongoing campaign to educate the public and reduce plastic pollution in our city. What's next? Straws? Styrofoam? Plastic packaging? Reuse-and-refill schemes?

A wary note: The Ohio State Assembly passed HB 242 in early October. This bill bans municipalities from placing a fee on "auxiliary containers." It prevents all communities from managing their own solid waste and threatens the powers of home rule. However, it appears that Cincinnati's ordinance can still go into effect as it was designed to work around this anticipated "ban the ban" legislation.

HB 242 is, to say the least, very short-sighted. Plastic waste threatens human and environmental health, blights our community, and acts as an economic depressor for Ohio. In 2018 the Ohio Department of Transportation removed 396,000 bags, costing Ohio taxpayers \$4.1 million. Rumpke Waste and Recycling estimates it loses \$1 million annually in downtime due to clearing out plastic bags from its machines.

~ Jeanne Nightingale  
Chair, Environmental Action Group

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## UPDATE ON WCC'S OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19

WCC has now returned to more regular office hours on Monday-Wednesday-Friday, between 9 a.m. and noon, with interim office manager Linda Wihl. Linda is an active WCC member who formerly worked as our office manager. She has graciously stepped in to help until a new staff member is hired. She has some previously scheduled commitments that occasionally affect her hours, so it is advisable to call before coming—513-751-0100—to be sure she is here. You may also contact WCC at [WCC@womanscityclub.org](mailto:WCC@womanscityclub.org). Please note that masks are required to be worn in the Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church building and the WCC office. We have masks and hand sanitizer on hand in our office.

All previously scheduled 2020 WCC programs and activities have been cancelled, postponed, or moved online. The Feist-Tea will take place on Saturday, February 27, 2021, in an adapted format and the National Speaker Forum is currently scheduled for May 18, 2021. WCC now has a Zoom account to use for committee meetings, book club, and other WCC business and events. This is available to all WCC members; contact the office for the log-in information and password.

We continue to urge all of you—our valued members, friends, and community partners—to take every precaution to protect yourselves and our community and help control the spread of the coronavirus.



### NINA E. LEWIS



A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Nina E. Lewis brings over 20 years of experience as a clinical social worker, higher education administrator, and behavioral health consultant to her current position as Multi-Systems Director with the Hamilton County Jobs & Family Services. She

is focusing on youth with complex behavioral health needs in the child protective system. Prior to this role, she taught and chaired the undergraduate social work program at Union Institute & University.

Formerly, she managed the women's culturally specific outpatient substance-abuse treatment and facilitated Crossroads' intensive training seminars on racism and cross-cultural practice at the University of Cincinnati's Department of Psychiatry.

Nina has participated on multiple boards, including The HealthCare Connection and Hospice of Cincinnati's board diversity committee. Currently, she serves as a board member with the Ohio Justice and Policy Center and Women of the Dream, Inc.

Dr. Lewis earned her master's degree in social work from Simmons College in Massachusetts, a master's degree in health services administration from Xavier University, and a PhD in the Interdisciplinary Studies major in Public Policy and Social Change, with a certificate in Women and Gender Studies, from Union Institute & University.

Nina is the mother of adult twin sisters and greatly enjoys family gathering and activities. Dance—all kinds—is a life-long passion, and she has studied and, in the past, performed African dance throughout Ohio. She also likes to cook, read philosophy, and pursue family genealogy.

It is wonderful to learn that Nina's mother's family, originally from St. Michaels, Maryland, directly descends from Eliza (Peter) Bailey Mitchell, an older sister of Frederick Douglass, who was freed from slavery around 1832 when her husband purchased her freedom. Nina's favorite proverb—*She who learns, teaches*—affirms her passion for women's activism and extends her family's heritage of reaching back to a future generation of scholars and teaching those who do not believe they possess the capacity to learn.

Nina became a new member of WCC this summer and has since "enjoyed the welcoming and inclusive spirit of WCC members."

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## WCC BOARD MEMBER HELEN O'NEAL NAMED AN ENQUIRER 2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Woman's City Club congratulates WCC officer Helen O'Neal for her selection as one of this year's Cincinnati Enquirer's Women of the Year. We treasure Helen for her leadership in facilitating WCC's kindergarten literacy tutoring program at Rothenberg Academy, where she was the school-community resource coordinator. She also involved us as volunteers in the school's events, encouraged tutors CJ Pierce and Harriet Kaufman to hold classroom art classes, and remained active as a tutor until schools closed last March. She is currently in her second year of serving as WCC's Vice President for Administration.



Helen co-founded the Ambassadors of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and is the former chair of the Donald P. Sowell Endowment Committee at the Cincinnati Art Museum. The Enquirer reports that "colleagues say everything O'Neal does is with the 'love and support for those who are underrepresented.' "

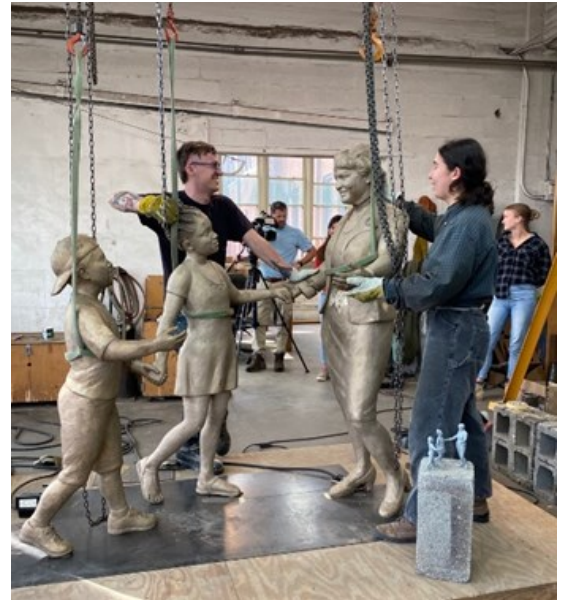


## PROGRESS IN COMPLETING THE MARIAN SPENCER STATUE

The Marian Spencer statue project, delayed because of the pandemic, is nearing completion.

Sculptors Tom Tsuchiya and Gina Erardi resumed their work and the statue has been sent to the Casting Arts and Technology Bronze foundry. It now will be delivered to the site for installation in late October. Once it is installed, people will be able to view it at Smale Riverfront Park.

The formal dedication will take place when it is again safe to gather in person. Despite our hope for dedicating the statue on Marian's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, June 28, we have no way of knowing at this time when a large public gathering can occur.



~ Alice B. Schneider, Chair  
Spencer Statue Committee

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## WCC SAYS THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO OFFICE MANAGER ANNE SKOVE



WCC is sad to report that Anne Endress Skove, who has been our office manager since spring 2017, has resigned due to an overabundance of family responsibilities, increased by the coronavirus.

Anne has been a friendly face to our visitors, a warm voice on the phone to all callers, and a cheerful presence in our office and at our functions. In addition to her regular office duties, she contributed strongly to our social media platforms and our Education Awards selection process. We also benefited from her connections with many of our community partner agencies and organizations. During her tenure she helped build our Weekly Update into a welcomed publication that our members and supporters have come to rely on for up-to-the-minute WCC news and as a clearinghouse for information on the activities and events of many Greater Cincinnati nonprofits. We are grateful for the many ways Anne supported and represented WCC.

In her letter of resignation, Anne wrote, "I hate to leave WCC but it is time! I have had some very good years there...It is a great place to work." She is staying very available to us to answer the many questions that come up each day, and has offered to assist in training her replacement.

Anne is also a member of WCC, so we look forward to seeing her at future meetings and events and hope she will find new ways to stay connected with us. We wish her all the best in all of her endeavors.

***WCC is accepting applications for the part-time communications manager position until Monday, October 26.  
Visit our website at [womancityclub.org](http://womancityclub.org) for the job description and other information.***



## Executive Committee

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Amy Katzman (2016-2022)  
Sharon McCreary (2020-2023)  
Charmaine McGuffey (2019-2022)  
Hera Reines (2018-2021)  
Beverly Thomas (2017-2023)

## Calendar of WCC Events

### Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 pm:

Forum – "Recommendations for Criminal Justice Reforms" with David Singleton and Sasha Naiman of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center, via Zoom.

### Saturday, February 27, 2021:

Feist-Tea, honoring feisty WCC members.

### Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 7 pm:

National Speaker Forum with Denise Kiernan at Memorial Hall.



## 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/](http://cincinnati-oh.gov/council/).

## WCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*For the latest schedule of WCC meetings, please check our calendar at [womanscityclub.org](http://womanscityclub.org).*

### Thursday, October 22, Noon:

Funding Strategies Committee meets, online.

### Monday, October 26, 7 pm:

WCC Executive Committee meets, online.

### Tuesday, October 27, 6:30 pm:

Communications Committee meets, online.

**Monday, November 2, 6:30 pm:** National Speaker Forum Committee meets, online.

### Monday, November 9, 6:30 pm:

Program Committee meets, online.

### Saturday, November 21, 10 am:

WCC Book Club meets, online.

### Monday, November 23, 7 pm:

WCC Board meets, online.

**Monday, December 7, 6:30 pm:** National Speaker Forum Committee meets, online.



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**Monday, December 14, 6:30 pm:** Program Committee meets, online.

The monthly *Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network, and our community. Our next issue will appear in November. Deadline for submissions and committee reports TBA. Please submit all material as you have it to Sarah Gideonse at [Sarah.Gideonse@fuse.net](mailto:Sarah.Gideonse@fuse.net).

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