

Social Justice Events & Opportunities

as of Fri Mar 29, 2019

NY Poor People's Campaign Westchester [Meeting](#)

Sun Mar 31, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Community UU Congregation, 468 Rosedale Ave, White Plains

[The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival](#) is bringing together people across the country who are organizing to build a broad and deep national moral movement — led by the poor, impacted, clergy and moral agents and reflecting the great moral teachings — to unite our country from the bottom up. Continue Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's work confronting the interlocking evils of systemic racism, poverty, militarism, and ecological devastation. If this is your first meeting, come at 2:00pm for an introduction to the campaign.

The regular meeting will start at 2:30pm. We'll hear from attendees of the recent Poughkeepsie People's Hearing (facebook.com/events/2285466091735900) and discuss next steps in the Lower Hudson Valley. Contact: newyork@poorpeoplescampaign.org.

"Muslims in America: The History of and the Resistance to Islamophobia"

Sun Mar 31, 3:00 PM

Ethical Culture Society, 7 Saxon Woods Rd, White Plains.

Westchester Coalition Against Islamophobia (WCAI) invites you to a panel presentation including guest speakers Munira Ahmed "the Iconic Face of Resistance," and Dr. T. A. Bashir, VP of WCAI. Event is free and open to the public. Donations gratefully accepted.

WCAI is a grassroots association of concerned individuals, non-Muslim and Muslim, committed to opposing bigotry and discrimination against Islam and its faithful and to defending the civil rights of all. Contact: 914-261-0468, or wcai@socialjusticepartners.net.

Urge NYS Representatives to Support the BYOBag Act

Deadline is Apr 1

The New York legislature is considering 3 proposals to ban single-use plastic bags. The BYOBag Act is one that incorporates lessons learned by other municipalities tackling this issue. Riverkeeper.org is calling on us to contact our representatives and urge them to support the BYOBag Act. Learn more and find a sample letter at

secure3.convio.net/river/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=570&ga=2.184603232.877818937.1553032826-789102855.1533154940

AAUW Calls for Action

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

Equal Pay Day 2019 is April 2, right around the corner. We have so much work to do. Here are a few things that each of us can do now to make an impact on ending equal pay and economic security of women:

Call your representatives today. Urge them to vote YES on the Paycheck Fairness Act! Just call AAUW's toll-free number, 1-855-973-0824, to hear the call script and automatically connect to your representative's office.

Go online and take the online AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation workshop. AAUW's goal is to train 10,000 women by April 2. Let NYS lead the way. Visit salary.aauw.org to start the one hour workshop online. Tell 20 other women that you know to complete the online workshop by Tue Apr 2.

Share the Equal Pay letter with your local Newspaper editor. Visit [aauw-nys.org/attached files/Equal Pay Letter.pdf](http://aauw-nys.org/attached/files/Equal%20Pay%20Letter.pdf)

Make your voice heard on Equal Pay Day. Whether taking a few minutes to make a telephone call or take the online salary negotiation workshop, we all can do our part because the time is now.

“Fact or Fake – The Role of Media in Politics” Workshops Local Libraries, Thu Mar 28 – Tue Apr 30

Facebook, Twitter, CNN, Fox, newspapers, podcasts, blogs... the variety and volume of news outlets can be mesmerizing and overwhelming! “Fact or Fake: Exploring the Role of Media in Politics” is designed to engage our communities in active discussions of how technology is influencing political change like never before and developing strategies for assessing the reliability of media content. Presented by the League of Women Voters in collaboration with the Westchester Library System, as part of their “Know Your Government” series.

Thu April 11, 7:00 PM, Warner Library, 121 North Broadway, Tarrytown
Fri Apr 12, 10:00 AM, Bedford Village Library, 32 Village Green, Bedford
Thu Apr 25, 7:00 PM, Somers Library, 82 Primrose Street, Katonah
Tue Apr 30, 10:00 AM, Katonah Library, 26 Bedford Road, Katonah

**International Women's Convocation
Panel Discussion on Global Gender Equity
Sat Apr 13, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Community Church, Worship Hall, 40 East 35 Street, NYC**

Panel including representatives from Romania, India, and the Phillipines highlight U*U women's work for global women's empowerment and the importance of engaging UUs from the U.S. in this important work. Funded in part by the Fund for Unitarian Universalism. Free for UU-UNO Seminar participants. \$20 for others at door.

**The Slave Dwelling Project
Sat Jun 9, 2:00 PM
Jay Estate, 210 Boston Post Rd, Rye**

Save the Date! The Slave Dwelling Project has visited over 90 sites in 18 states where its founder, Joseph McGill, gives presentations to the public and sleeps in historical slave quarters to highlight the experiences of his enslaved ancestors. Join us for a free panel discussion about the preservation of extant slave buildings from Mr. McGill and guest speakers from around New York State. The program is part of Westchester County's 2019 Celebration of African American History. *John Jay was known for his abolitionist efforts beginning in 1777. In 1785, he founded the NY Society for the Manumission of Slaves, and in 1799, as Governor of New York, he signed the Gradual Emancipation Act. However, John Jay also grew up with enslaved men and women in his home and owned slaves himself thus making the history of the Jay Estate as it pertains to slave ownership and abolition contradictory and complex. The narrative of this National Historic Landmark site invites us to look closer at available evidence to puzzle together a more complete vision of the evolution of our social justice system.*

Petition: The Department of Justice must immediately drop all charges against UU Volunteer and respect the right of volunteers to freely practice their faith by caring for migrants on the border.

The administration is pursuing felony criminal charges against Scott Warren, a volunteer with the "No More Deaths" ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, which provides water, food, socks, blankets, and emergency first-aid to migrants along the US-Mexico border. Learn more at theguardian.com/global/2018/jan/26/scott-warren-no-more-death-arrested-migrants-water). Find the petition at act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/scott_warren?referring_akid=.558144.6xwLrq&source=taf