

March 15th
Religion and Politics: 1787-2020

Separate entities, religion and politics have been inexorably intertwined over the centuries, and have contributed to the current political divisions. What effect will religious beliefs and faith have on the 2020 Presidential Election? Political beliefs and platforms impact religious issues, and vice versa. What are the religious roots of the partisan divide?



Joseph White, Political Scientist and Director, CWRU Graduate Studies and Director, Center for Policy Studies.

March 22nd
Public Art - Enhancing Community Life

Once public art featured only statues of public dignitaries. Today, Cleveland is a hotbed of public art, including murals at Shaker Towne Center and Ohio City, snazzy chairs at Shaker's Van Aken District and an enormous glistening chandelier gracing Playhouse Square. Who are the players making this happen? What does art add to our communities culturally, economically and socially?

Moderator: Steven Litt, Art & Architecture Critic, Plain Dealer; Panelists: Joyce Braverman, Director of Development, City of Shaker Heights; Erin Guido, Project Manager, LAND Studio; Dawn Arrington, artist, poet, activist, and Buckeye resident.



March 29th
To Be Announced

April 5th
The 2020 Census: Confronting Facts and Impact

What is Ohio's share of the 800 Billion dollars in federal funds for Ohio's programs on health care, education, infrastructure, social services, and other vital programs? Ohio loses \$1,814 for every person not counted plus the loss of Congressional seats. What will have the largest community impact on Cuyahoga County and our own quality of life if we have an undercount?



Moderator, Betty J. Halliburton, Census Bureau Partnership Specialist; Kate Warren, Research Associate, Center for Community Solutions; Daniel Ortiz, Outreach Director, Policy Matters Ohio and Member, Cuyahoga Counts Committee.



April 19th
Renewable Energy Action Plans: Is Your Town Included?

Given global warming, it's time for action with clean, renewable energy. City and suburban governments are collaborating to use clean energy via the Local Government's Clean Energy Caucus. Is your town included? Lakewood is the 3rd city in Ohio to support 100% clean, renewable energy by 2025. LED Street lights, government buildings with solar systems, clean power purchases, and more. Solar, wind and renewable energy sources can either be promoted or undermined by federal and state laws. Purchase clean power for your home and encourage your elected officials to collaborate with the Caucus and set specific energy goals for your town.



Tom Bullock, Member, Local Government's Clean Energy Caucus and Member, Lakewood City Council.

Forums

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Sundays at 9:30 am

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January 19th

Genetics: Testing, Editing and Ethics for the Future



Genetic testing is now mainstream, and DNA altering technology is here. What can we learn from our own genetic tests? Crispr gene editing technology is currently in clinical trials to combat cancer. Can modified genes be passed on to future generations?



Aaron Goldenberg, CWRU Associate Professor, Department of Bioethics and Co-Director, Center for Genetic Research, Ethics and Law with Marsha Michie, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioethics, CWRU School of Medicine.

January 26th

Brexit: Financial, US and International Impact

Alliances among nations are weakening. Why does Great Britain want to leave the European Union?



Might other countries leave the EU also? How does this affect us? If Britain's tariff-free status with other EU members is eliminated, how will US trade and travel in these countries be affected?

Elliot Posner, Professor and Acting Chair, CWRU Department of Political Science.

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

On the second Sunday on each month, join the UCC community for breakfast at 9:30 am. A goodwill donation of \$5 is appreciated. All are welcome!

FEBRUARY 9TH MARCH 8TH
APRIL 12 MAY 10TH

February 2nd

Diversity and Inclusion: Top Down or Bottom Up?

What constitutes a healthy, growing, diverse Community? Is it passionate commitment from the bottom up, or engaged leadership from the top down? What are the impediments to develop new diverse leadership? How do we personally experience real diversity or inclusion in the community or workplace?



Randall McShepard, Vice-President of Public Affairs, RPM, Inc, and Chair, Policy Bridge with John Paul Stephens, Associate Professor, Organizational Behavior, CWRU Weatherhead School of Management.

Community Forums at UCC are Live Streamed on our YouTube Channel:

shorturl.at/hwEV2



February 16th

Gender Issues, Challenges, and New Directions

Gender exists on a spectrum. Trans and non-binary identities are reality for an increasing number of people. Are our individual actions and language inclusive in a proactive, healthy way? What steps can be taken to improve acceptance and support for the LGBTQ community?

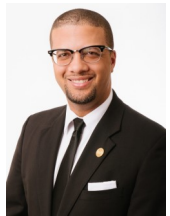
Moderator: Phyllis Harris, Director, LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland; Panelists: Dr. Henry NG, Physician, Cleveland Clinic Center for LGBT+Care, and LGBT volunteers Ayron Evans and Ellie Turan.



February 23

Age Friendly Cleveland and My Future: What's Coming?

Aging in place works! Cleveland is home to more than 70,000 people age 60 and older who have a wide range of characteristics, abilities, strengths and needs. The new Age-Friendly Cleveland Action Plan, developed by the Center for Community Solutions (CCS), is comprised of 21 strategies to handle community needs, including assisted living, home health care and many other creative resources. How do the CCS future plans fit into the needs of the county's aging population?



Will Tarter, Public Policy and External Affairs Associate, Center for Community Solutions; Mary McNamara, Director, Cleveland Department of Aging; T

March 1st

Presidential Primaries and Political Parties: Who Wins and How?



Primaries are important. In Ohio, 136 delegates will be awarded between Democrats and Republicans based on November's competitive election results. On March 17, how will both parties be affected by the incessant social media messaging, continuous ads, super-pac funding, and the enormous numbers of unaffiliated voters?

Tom Sutton, Professor, Baldwin Wallace Political Science Department and Director, Community Research Institute.

AFTER EACH COMMUNITY FORUM, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY SERVICE AT 11:00 AM