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From the Executive Director

While rejoicing in the Supreme Court's striking down of the Defense of Marriage Act and wondering what the majority were thinking in their voting rights decision, and while thankful for much of the President's climate address, I, like you, know "we who believe in justice cannot rest."

So UUSJ will keep you abreast of collaborative DC actions on immigration as they develop during Congressional deliberations. And I encourage you to look below (under "Immigration") at the free new resources available to you from both UUSJ and the UUA.

So I call your attention again to the "Walk for our Grandchildren" (under "Environmental Concern"), which focuses on our responsibility as elders to address the climate crisis, this greatest moral issue of our time. This is developing as a major event in our backyard, and they need walkers of whatever time and length as well as logistical support. UUSJ has joined 350.org, Chesapeake Climate Action network (CCAN) and others in sponsoring it.

And lastly, to uplift our morale, honor and celebrate our own regional UU justice heroes and heroines, and to increase our ability to work together, look at the nomination form for our UUSJ Annual Social Justice Awards (under "Unitarian Universalism"). Think of those in your congregation who richly deserve to be recognized, and get it in.

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❖ *6th Annual Social Justice Awards Nominations Open*

Deadline September 6 12:00noon

To celebrate the accomplishments of those working for social justice, Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) of the National Capital Region invites nominations for its 6th Annual Social Justice Awards. The awards recognize those who inspire, support and express effective social action – those deeply committed volunteers who are the heart of the social justice movement in the National Capital region.

To make a nomination for an award, use the online form. Nominations must be received no later than noon Friday, September 6, 2013. Find the nomination form here <http://uusj.net/wp/2013-gala-awards-nominations/> or contact the administrator for more information CSnavely@uuma.org. Individuals and groups selected for their social action contributions will be presented awards at the UUSJ Annual Social Justice Gala on Sunday night, October 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Positano's Ristorante Italiano, 4968 Fairmont Avenue, Bethesda, MD. Winners will be notified by September 12.

❖ *Apply for a UUSJ Collaboration Grant*

Does your congregation have a social justice program that could use a funding boost? Would a UUSJ Collaboration Grant be a possibility? Find an application [UUSJ Collaborative Fund Request Form](#)

❖ *Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Calendar*

[Social Justice Calendar for 2012 - 2013](#): Plan your social justice calendar for the year. If your congregation's social justice ministry is focusing on any of the issues below, you can join in collective national advocacy with the UUA, UU social justice organizations, other UU congregations, and community and national partners! As each justice event approaches, visit www.uua.org/justice for worship resources, action campaigns, educational materials and more!

Anti-Racism/Multiculturalism

❖ *Viewing Islam: Examining the Role of Faith, Freedom of Speech, and Islam in America*

Tuesday, July 16 6:30pm-8:30pm
New York Avenue Presbyterian Church
1313 New York Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20005

Sponsored by the International Council of Middle East Studies (ICMES)

Featured Speakers:

Pastor Terry Jones: Senior Pastor of the Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, FL
Imam Johari Abdul-Malik : IFC Board Member and Imam of the Dar-Al-Hijri Islamic Center in Falls Church, VA

This panel discussion works to increase understanding of major issues important for Islam in America through open dialogue of different and conflicting points of view on the religion. The ultimate goal is to encourage a more educational approach to dealing with these issues. Audience members will participate in a Q&A session after the discussion.

❖ *Dialogue on Violence and Fanaticism*

Sunday, June 30 2:30pm-5:15pm
Islamic Center of Maryland
19411 Woodfield Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

The Jewish Islamic Dialogue Society will host a dialogue on violence and fanaticism. The two speakers are both experts in the field. But be assured that, as always, there will be plenty of time for the community to weigh in on the subject.

Professor Jing Lin will be giving a talk entitled “The ‘Angry Young Men’ Today: Problems in Education and Culture, and Solutions.” Jing is Professor in International Education Policy at University of Maryland. She received her doctorate from the University of Michigan. She has done extensive research on peace education and environmental education, which result in books entitled *Love, Peace and Wisdom in Education: Vision for Education in the 21st Century* (2006), *Educators as Peace Makers: Transforming Education for Global Peace* (2008), *Spirituality, Religion, and Peace Education* (2010), and *Transformative Eco-Education for Human and Planetary Survival* (2012). She is the co-editor of two book series, one on Peace Education, and the other on Transforming Education for the Future. She teaches courses on Education for Global Peace, Ecological Ethics and Education, World Religions and Implications for Education, Culture and Education in a Global Context, Gender and Education, International Higher Education, and Modes of Inquiry. Jin will be joined in her presentation by one of her students at the University of Maryland.

Rabia Chaudry will be giving a presentation on “Violent extremism and Issues Related to Radicalization among Muslims.” Rabia is an attorney and President and founder of the [Safe Nation Collaborative](http://www.safenationcollaborative.org). Her firm provides Countering Violence Extremism (CVE) and cultural competency training to law enforcement, correctional, and homeland security officials, and national security and CVE training to Muslim communities and institutions. To date, Safe Nation has worked with the US Department of Homeland Security, US Department of Justice, the National Counter Terror Center, the Maryland State Police and Correctional Officer Training Commission, and local law enforcement agencies across the region. Rabia is also a Fellow of the Truman National Security Project, a Fellow of the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute, and a member of the Board of the ACLU of Maryland. For many years, she has been an advocate in the American Muslim community on the grassroots level, working to correct misconceptions and build interfaith relationships. For more information about JIDS, go to www.jids.org.

❖ *Transforming Our Whiteness - Weekend Workshop*

Friday August 2 5:00pm--Sunday August 4 3:00pm

Washington Ethical Society
7750 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20012

Come and be a part of the broader Unitarian Universalist effort to build an anti-racist multicultural religious community. UU Allies for Racial Equity invites white All Souls members and friends to this weekend workshop on whiteness. Scholarships are available. Please contact Paula Cole Jones for more information on that at pcolejones@gmail.com.

Anti-Torture

❖ *Weekly Anti-Torture Vigil*

Every Friday - June 14, 21 and 28 - from 5 to 6 p.m

Intersection at University Pkwy and St. Paul Streets, in front of the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, MD

The vigil is co-sponsored by Homewood Friends Meeting, Stony Run Friends Meeting and the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation.

Criminal Justice Reform

❖ *The National Religious Campaign Against Torture Works Against Solitary Confinement in Maryland*

Last month, WUSA9 Reporter Andrea McCarren broke the story of Paul Smith, a young man with mental illness who has been held in solitary confinement for 4 years at North Branch Correctional Institution (NBCI) in Cumberland, Maryland. During the past two years, Paul has been banned from phone calls and visits from his parents. We encourage you to [view the news coverage](#) of Paul's experience and what it reveals about the realities of mental illness and solitary confinement, and to take action. A follow-up story featuring Paul's brother can be found [here](#). The psychological and physical impact of prolonged solitary confinement are well-documented, and as people of faith, we have a critical role to play in halting its use. Ending prolonged solitary confinement in Maryland [starts with your signature!](#) The National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) is gathering endorsements from people of faith for a statement calling on government officials all across the country to take steps to end the use of prolonged solitary confinement. When we reach 500 endorsers from a particular state, we send the statement, along with the list of those endorsers, to that state's governor and top corrections official, along with every member of that state's legislature. If we subsequently reach 1000 endorsers in the state, we will send the list again – and so on. Compelled by the reality of Paul's story, now is the time to take action in Maryland. [We urge you to sign and share the NRCAT Statement Against Solitary today.](#)

Thank you for your commitment to end torture in U.S. prisons,

Laura Markle Downton
Director of U.S. Prisons Policy and Program
National Religious Campaign Against Torture

Education

❖ *Beacon House Announces New Executive Director*

The Beacon House Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Gerald Kittner as Beacon House's next Executive Director. Mr. Kittner had served as Beacon House's Interim Executive Director since September 1, 2012, following the voluntary resignation of Stacey Erd, Beacon House's previous Executive Director. Kittner has been involved in the development of Beacon House since its inception. In 1991, soon after Reverend Robinson founded Beacon House, Mr. Kittner, while still a practicing lawyer, began volunteering to help children and youth with their homework. Soon after, he joined the Beacon House Board and stayed involved as a volunteer until he joined the staff of Beacon House as a part-time grant writer in May 2003. He eventually became Beacon House's Development Director, then its Deputy Director before succeeding Ms. Erd. Beacon House is a year-round, non-sectarian, not-for-profit after-school tutoring, mentoring, athletic, creative arts and nutritional program for low to moderate income children and youth based in the Edgewood Terrace neighborhood of Northeast, Washington, D.C. For further information about Beacon House, including ways to support Beacon House, please visit our web site at www.beaconhousedc.org, or call us at 202-529-7376.

Environmental Concern

❖ *The 2013 Walk for our Grandchildren*

Friday, July 19- Monday, July 29

www.2013walkforourgrandchildren.org

The 2013 Walk for our Grandchildren is part of the campaigns against Keystone XL pipeline and fossil fuel extraction more generally. There have been considerable changes since the original plan. The Walk is now partnered with www.350.org and Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN). In cooperation with other organizations around the country like Rainforest Action Network, Greenpeace, Sierra Club and others they have created the Summer Heat campaign. This campaign, which will take place at the end of July, involves large-scale and confrontational actions and protests in any number of cities around the country directed toward stopping KXL and challenging fossil fuel extraction. The website for Summer Heat is <http://joinsummerheat.org/panel1/panel-1/> The Walk's part of Summer Heat will take place in Maryland and DC. Central to it will be a walk from Camp David, Maryland, where the walk will start on Friday, July 19. A core group will walk or bike 30 miles to Harpers Ferry, where a hundred or more will join them, leaving there on July 22. We will arrive at the White House on Sunday July 28 for a family-friendly rally and protest. On July 29th, in separate actions, there will be protests at TD Bank (funder of KXL), TransCanada (builder of KXL) and the American Petroleum Institute.

Still needed:

1. vans for shuttling people, particularly Day Walkers,
2. places along the route, see attached where we can fill our big tanks of potable water and ice for the water stops during the day. Can you suggest UU churches or any organization that would let us get 300 gals. of water and ice along the C&O Canal?
3. schools or churches or places that have big parking lots where people might park for the day as well as places near D.C. where thru-Walkers might park for the whole week from Sun. afternoon-Sat. afternoon (7/21-27)
4. Churches or places near the route where people, who want to walk, but have not signed up for the whole week might spend the night. See the attached route.
5. A nice gesture/gift would be any groups that wanted to meet us somewhere along the route with snacks or

even a lunch (a lot to ask!) Contact Susan Presson 4pressons@gmail.com

❖ ***Free Youth Movie Night- A Screening of the Story of Stuff with Annie Leonard***

Saturday, June 29 5:00pm-7:30pm

Seeker's Church

276 Carroll St. NW

Washington, DC 20012

Sponsored by Interfaith Youth for Climate Justice

OPTIONAL: Bring up to 2 items to participate in a Book/Accessory/Games Swap

To RSVP, [click here](#)

❖ ***Building a UU Young Adult Network to Work on Climate Change Issues***

Over 200 UU young adults who care about climate justice have come together from all over the United States and Canada to form a network. The members connect Unitarian Universalist faith to the work for justice for the web of all existence. The focus for the group is on creating ethical living systems - inter-generationally, internationally, among communities, among species, among ecosystems and with Earth. UU Ministry for Earth began forming this network with the leadership of Jennifer Nordstrom, our Young Adult Intern.

To join the Network, search Facebook for "UU Young Adults for Climate Justice" or email uuyacj@gmail.com.

To Support the Network

UU Young Adults for Climate Justice is funded by donations from the members of UU Ministry for Earth and in part by grants from the Fund for Unitarian Universalism and the Cedar Tree Foundation. Your continued support is needed as we reach out to more concerned and creative young adult leaders. Just click on the Contribute button below and choose the Young Adult Sponsor link. Enter your donation amount to the work of the UUYACJ.

The network has already participated in several regional events, including a climate justice workshop in Berkeley, CA, the fUUel Conference for Young Adults in Vancouver, B.C. and UU Young Adult Climate Justice Training with the Central Mid-West District Young Adult Steering Committee in Chicago.

Upcoming events

OPUS 2013: Aug. 7-11 at Unicamp, a UU summer camp, approximately 1.5 hours NW of Toronto. OPUS is the annual spiritual retreat of the Continental UU Young Adult Network (CUUYAN), and the focus this year will be climate justice.

-- [To register](#)

-- [For Scholarships](#)

PowerShift 2013: October 18-21 in Pittsburg, PA will focus on divesting from fossil fuels, fracking, and stopping Keystone XL. A group of UU young adults are planning to attend.

-- To join the group: email uuyacj@gmail.com

-- [Conference info](#)

mail uuyacj@gmail.com.

❖ ***UU Listserve on Divesting from Fossil Fuels Set Up***

I have created a Yahoo group for those who wish to discuss divestment from fossil fuels in UU congregations.

Please send me an email if you wish to join the udivestment group, and tell me your congregation and your activity within it. Also, you may wish to see <http://www.uumilwaukee.org/content/fossil-fuels-divestment-resolution>, to see what the Board at one church recently passed.

Thank you,

Terry Wiggins (terryw@kcnet.com)

First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee

❖ *Baltimore Food & Faith Project of the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future Good Food Challenge*

Deadline June 28

Congregations in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties
[Flyer GoodFoodChallenge](#)

The Baltimore Food & Faith Project of the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future is pleased to announce The Good Food Challenge, an exciting opportunity to win up to \$3000 for improving the food sustainability practices within your congregation! The Good Food Challenge seeks to inspire congregations in the Baltimore area (Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties) to use [The Good Food Toolkit](#) which helps faith communities of all traditions assess their food policies and practices in terms of sustainability and justice. The deadline to apply is June 28, 2013 - but don't wait! For more information about the Challenge and how to enter, visit <http://tinyurl.com/GoodFoodChallenge2013>. Contact Allison Righter at acappela@jhsph.edu or [410-502-7578](tel:410-502-7578) with any questions.

Human Trafficking

❖ *Global Human Trafficking Hotline Network*

With the support of a [Google Global Impact Award](#), [we are launching the Global Human Trafficking Hotline Network](#). This new alliance of anti-trafficking hotlines around the world aims to build a broader safety net for survivors of modern-day slavery and to collect and leverage data in new ways that can help to prevent and eradicate human trafficking. We are excited to be working with two core launch partners, [Liberty Asia](#) and [La Strada International](#), who have deep expertise in fighting human trafficking in Southeast Asia and Europe. The Global Human Trafficking Hotline Network is a core component of Polaris Project's global programming, [which you can read more about here](#). Our goal is that anyone held in slavery, anywhere in the world, will be able to contact a hotline and access help. By teaming up with other human trafficking hotlines, the network can offer even better resources to vulnerable communities, share data to reveal strategic insights about how and where trafficking is occurring, and ultimately, reach more survivors. From 2002 to 2012, Polaris Project focused the majority of its efforts on combating modern-day slavery in the United States. Alongside our new global programs, we remain committed to directly serving victims of human trafficking, fighting for stronger laws, and finding long-term solutions to the crime of human trafficking here in the U.S. The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) hotline continues to function as a central hub for connecting survivors to the support they need and helping communities to transform the way they respond to this issue.

❖ *You've Checked Your Carbon Footprint Now Check Your Slavery Footprint*

www.slaveryfootprint.org

Immigration

❖ *Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations (VACOLAO)'s Legislative Strategy Conference*

Wednesday, August 14

Place TBD

VACOLAO is excited to announce its "Legislative Strategy Conference" where members of the Latino community and its allies will gather to learn and debate about VACOLAO's legislative priorities for the upcoming 2014 Virginia General Assembly Session as well as issues relevant to Latinos living and working in Virginia. Some of the issues that will be addressed are included below:

- * The implementation of Affordable Care Act in Virginia and its implications for the Latino community including Medicaid expansion in Virginia
- * Immigration Reform and its potential ramifications for the Latino Community.
- * Immigrant workers access to drivers licenses in Virginia, regardless of their legal status
- * In-state tuition for immigrant children (Virginia DREAM Act)
- * Combating notary fraud with state legislation
- * The Latino community's contribution to the culture and economy of Virginia.

The results of this convention will be presented at the IV Virginia Immigrant Advocates Summit <<http://virginiaimmigrantadvocatessummit.wordpress.com/>> this fall.

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Edgar Aranda-Yanoc at [703-772-1555](tel:703-772-1555) or vacolao@gmail.com or Leni Gonzalez at vacolao@aol.com or [703-328-2616](tel:703-328-2616)

❖ *Screening of "Two Americans"*

Thursday, July 11 7:00pm

Creative Alliance

3134 Eastern Ave. Baltimore, MD 21224

The ACLU is teaming up with the American Constitution Society and the Creative Alliance for the Baltimore premiere of the [acclaimed documentary "Two Americans"](#). This film highlights the story of 9-year-old Katherine Figueroa, who fights to save her parents from deportation, and with a community group, confronts the actions of Joe Arpaio, America's Toughest Sheriff. [Check out the trailer for a sneak peek!](#) There will also be a panel discussion after the film screening featuring speakers from the ACLU, CASA de Maryland, and (as an added bonus) the documentary's very own director, **Daniel Devivo!** Tickets are \$12 (\$7 for Creative Alliance Members). Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Creative Alliance box office Tuesday through Saturday before 7 p.m.

❖ *Borrow Immigration Films from UUSJ*

UUSJ has purchased the films [Which Way Home](#) and [Welcome to Shelbyville](#). Contact info@uusj.org or call 202-600-9132 to arrange to borrow either for a showing in your congregation.

❖ *Report—Gendered Paths to Legal Status*

The Immigration Policy Center has released [Gendered Paths to Legal Status: The Case of Latin American Immigrants in Phoenix, Arizona](#). This special report by Cecilia Menjivar and Olivia Salcido for the Immigration Policy Center looks at immigration law, which on its face appears gender neutral, but actually contains gender biases that create barriers for many women trying to gain legalization within the current immigration system. These inequalities appear across immigration law, and even as new laws are put into place, stereotypes and assumptions remain unchallenged. Ironically, even laws written specifically to protect women, such as the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), continue to play out in practice along gender-biased lines. As immigration reform is being debated, the findings point to the need that any pathway to citizenship and integration be open, affordable, and accessible to all immigrant women, including those whose work is unpaid, and those employed in the informal economy. In order for this to occur, there should be more and stronger open channels for women to access the legalization process without having to rely on a principal visa holder to petition on their behalf. **To view the report in its entirety, see:** [Gendered Paths to Legal Status: The Case of Latin American Immigrants in Phoenix, Arizona](#) (IPC Special Report, May 2013)

❖ *Virginia Immigrant Statistics by Congressional District*

The Commonwealth Institute has released a series of excellent infographics with key information about Virginia's immigrants, broken down by Congressional district. Follow the link below <http://www.thecommonwealthinstitute.org/2013/04/25/the-facts-on-virginias-immigrant-communities/>

❖ *Immigration Information from the UUA*

New Resources: The UUA is pleased to announce that there are new resources available to help congregations engage with immigration justice work.

[United States Immigration: Theological Reflection and Discussion](#) is a collection of 22 brief excerpts from sermons and writings about the topic of immigration offered for Unitarian Universalist congregations. Each excerpt is followed by questions for discussion. [Download](#) a copy of the resource, and or/find out more about it by listening to reflection authors Susan Karlson, Michael Tino and Colin Bossen on [The Journey Toward Phoenix](#), an internet-based radio blog hosted by Rev. Carlton Elliot Smith of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, VA. [The Doctrine of Discovery: The True Story of Colonizing the Americas](#), a video to accompany the Doctrine of Discovery [discussion guide](#).

Join the conversation on [Cooking Together: Recipes for Immigration Justice Work](#) blog.

See www.uua.org/immigration for resources, congregational stories, policy information and more!

LGBTQ

❖ *Workshop for Transgender Allies of Faith*

Sunday, September 15 Frederick, MD

Equality Maryland, in partnership with faith leaders in Frederick county will be hosting a free workshop to help faith communities feel more equipped and confident in being transgender allies and advocates. This program will focus on helping you and your congregation be more effective transgender allies. It is designed to meet individuals where they are and empower them to go back to their faith communities with new

tools as we journey towards transgender equality.

The training is [September 15, 3-6pm in Frederick at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ](#) (15 W. Church St. Frederick, MD, 21701). [Click here to RSVP](#).

Click [here](#) to download the Frederick flyer.

❖ *June Interweave Connect Focus on GLBTQ Ministers*

[June2013 Interweave Connections](#)

❖ *Frederick Pride*

Saturday, June 29 12:00noon-6:00pm

Utica Park 10200-B Old Frederick Rd Frederick, MD 21701

❖ *Outserve Magazine Latest Issue*

[Click here to read the latest issue.](#)

Among the pieces in our latest edition, you will find:

Allyson Robinson introduces **OutServe-SLDN's new mission statement and goals going forward.**

OS-SLDN board member, Captain Matthew Phelps, USMC, discusses the impacts the **Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)** will have on his marriage.

Lt. Col. Vicki Hudson, USA, (Ret.), tells us about her experiences being **deployed before and after the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT).**

IT1(SW/AW) Christopher Hooper, OutServe-SLDN Virginia Chapter Leader, recounts his **experience on the USS Arlington.**

And Col. Ginger Wallace, USAF, writes about her **year-long deployment in Afghanistan.**

Reproductive Justice

❖ *Reproductive Justice Curriculum from the UUA*

A brand new curriculum from the UUA, "Reproductive Justice: Expanding Our Social Justice Calling," is available for [download](#) now! This six week curriculum is rooted in our religious history and theological callings and outlines the distinctions between reproductive "health," "rights," and "justice." The curriculum offers opportunities to learn about ourselves and each other as sexual and reproductive beings and equips us to move forward, out into the world, with integrity and vision.

Service Learning Trips

❖ *Upcoming Offerings from the UU College of Social Justice*

The UU College of Social Justice is excited to announce several new programs for this fall. These programs spotlight some of the UU justice movement's greatest work and draw on programs of UUSC and the UUA.

Justice for Women and Marginalized Communities in India

Join the UU Holdeen India Program (UUHIP) for a two-week pilgrimage to India. This journey will take us to the western state of Gujarat, where you will witness firsthand the work of the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA), a UUHIP partner. At the confluence of Indian labor, cooperative, and women's

movements, SEWA organizes women working in the informal sector. You will also meet with UHIP partner Navsarjan and learn about their work organizing Dalits — once branded “untouchables” — to stand up for equal rights.

Learn more and register at uucsj.org/india.

Food for Thought: An Exploration of Eating and Worker Organizing

Working with the Restaurant Opportunities Center of Chicago, a UUSC partner, you will learn about labor history, the injustices of the restaurant industry, and innovative organizing strategies. You will meet directly with workers and organizers and take part in on-the-ground action. This hands-on experience will give you the knowledge and skills you need to choose compassionate consumption and support people at the forefront of change in the food industry — and the drive to get involved when you return home.

Learn more and register at uucsj.org/food.

BorderLinks: Immigration Justice

Delve into important immigration issues with three new programs:

- Sustainable Futures — investigate the connections between our food system and social justice
- Chiapas — learn how to stand with communities struggling for justice in one of Mexico’s most impoverished states
- Seminarian Journey — explore the entwined issues of economic justice and immigration on the U.S.-Mexico border as part of your path to ordination

Learn more and register at uucsj.org/borderlinks.

Voting

❖ The Election Integrity Movement and the Battle over Ballots

Friday, June 28, 5:30pm
 Busboys & Poets, 5331 Baltimore Ave.
 Hyattsville, MD 20781

Book talk with **MARTA STEELE**, author of **Grassroots, Geeks, Pros, and Pols: The Election Integrity Movement’s Rise and Nonstop Battle to Win Back the People’s Vote, 2000-2008**

Panelist: **REBECCA WILSON**, Co-Director, SAVEourVotes.org

Moderator: **MIKE HERSH**, National Communications Coordinator, Progressive Democrats of America (PDA)

Broadcast **LIVE on WPFW 89.3FM on Garland Nixon’s News Views**

THE HANGING CHADS of Florida’s 2000 presidential election catapulted America into bizarre and dangerous experiments with our elections. In **GRASSROOTS, GEEKS, PROS, AND POLS**, author [Marta Steele](#) takes you behind the scenes on a wild rollercoaster ride where truth is often stranger than fiction and grandmotherly geeks find themselves on the frontlines of the battle for our ballots.

LEARN HOW MARYLAND has played and continues to play a leading role in the electronic elections experiment. Rebecca Wilson, Co-Director of [SAVEourVotes: Secure, Accessible, Verifiable Elections for Maryland](#), brings it home with an update on why Maryland still has elections that can’t be recounted and what you can do about it.

THE DISCUSSION will be moderated by Mike Hersh, National Communications Coordinator, [Progressive Democrats of America](#) (PDA).

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS and your best radio voice. The event will be broadcast LIVE on Garland Nixon's News Views show which airs on Friday evenings at 6:00pm on KPFW, 89.3FM. Listen live or archived at www.wpfwfm.org

Map & directions: www.busboysandpoets.com/about/hyattsville

Youth and Young Adults

❖ *Maryland Youth Advisory Council Applications Available*

Due Date- July 1

The Maryland Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) is pleased to announce that the application for the 2013-2014 term is available beginning May 1, 2013. [Attached is the application](#), which is also available on the Governor's Office for Children website, on the Maryland Youth Advisory Council page located at <http://goc.maryland.gov/MarylandYouthAdvisoryCouncil.html>.

MYAC was established through the State Legislature to ensure that Maryland youth are given the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations regarding public policy and programs that affect their future and to take a leadership role in creating meaningful change. The Council is comprised of secondary and post-secondary students throughout the State of Maryland, with the appointing bodies consisting of the Governor, President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Maryland Association of Student Councils, the University System of Maryland Student Council, and the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council. Applicants must be 14-22 years of age, and be a resident of Maryland or attend a Maryland school. Members serve a 1-year term (September 1, 2013 until August 31, 2014) and cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. If you or someone you know would like to be a voice for youth in Maryland, fill out the attached application. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Drushel, at (410) 767-2547 or christina.drushel@maryland.gov.

Applications can be e-mailed to Christina Drushel or mailed to the following address:

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❖ *UU Youth Work Camp*

July 7-13, 2013

Join this exciting social justice trip to make a real difference in people's lives, see life in Appalachia, see mountain top removal mining, and make new friends! Looking for 21 youth and four chaperones from the four CERG districts: Ohio Meadville, Joseph Priestley, Metro New York, and St. Lawrence Districts. (Other youth may apply to be on the waitlist) Cost for Youth: \$450.00 and includes transportation, food, and lodging for 5+ days. All information can be found at www.ohiomeadville.org.

❖ *List of Trips and Internships*

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