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Calendar

Saturday, February 9, 2019

10 a.m.-noon

Confronting the Rich-Poor Gap

Heather Bullock, Ph.D., UCSC

Resource Center for Nonviolence

612 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

10 a.m.-noon

LWVSCC Board Meeting

Santa Cruz County Bank

75 River Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Thursday, March 7, 2019

1-3 p.m.

Local Program Planning

Home of Sandy Warren

150 Scenic Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

10 a.m.-noon

LWVSCC Board Meeting

Santa Cruz County Bank

75 River Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

10 a.m.-noon

LWVSCC Board Meeting

Santa Cruz County Bank

75 River Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

10 a.m.-noon

LWVSCC Board Meeting

Santa Cruz County Bank

75 River Street, Santa Cruz, CA

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

12:30-2 p.m.

Recycling Tour

City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery Facility

605 Dimeo Lane

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RSVP: league@lwvsc.org

Confronting the Rich-Poor Gap:

When a Rising Tide Doesn't Lift All Boats

Featuring

Heather Bullock, Ph.D.

UCSC Professor of Psychology



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Doors open at 10 am with light refreshments being served.

Program begins at 10:30 am

Deepening economic inequality and its consequences throughout society will be the focus of a talk given by UCSC professor Heather Bullock on Saturday, February 9, 10 am, at the Resource Center for Nonviolence in Santa Cruz.

In the United States, the top one percent holds more wealth than the bottom 90 percent, and for most families the likelihood of moving up the socioeconomic ladder is slim. Why do we tolerate such high levels of economic inequality, and what are the consequences for individuals and our society as a whole? What role do popular beliefs about poverty, wealth, and socioeconomic mobility play in maintaining the status quo? Dr. Bullock will discuss these topics, giving special consideration to how our beliefs shape policy and to strategies for challenging economic inequality.

Heather Bullock, Ph.D., professor of psychology and director of the Blum Center on Poverty, Social Enterprise and Participatory Governance at the University of California, Santa Cruz, investigates the dimensions of poverty and economics from a social psychology perspective, focusing on how members of different social classes understand and justify

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President's Message



While looking forward to our 2019 programs, I want to bid a fond farewell to Theanne Specht, a friend and former program co-chair for our League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County, who has moved to North Carolina to be near her daughter. I thoroughly enjoyed working with

Theanne on programs for several years, carpooling with her to board meetings, and seeing her continue as a regular attendee at our programs in recent years. She was a good worker, volunteering to help out in whatever way she could.

In her recent note sent from her new home in North Carolina, Theanne graciously thanked the members of the League for "many kindnesses" while she was a member. When we share experiences working on programs of importance in the community, we are enriched by relationships formed over the years as League members.

As I remember the joy Theanne brought to past community events, including those on transportation and voter education, I am looking forward to future events and relationships made possible by our League of Women Voters.

—Barbara Lewis, President LWVSCC

Climate Webinar: It's Happening. It's Now

On Wednesday, February 6, 1 p.m., PST, Professor Michael Oppenheimer of Princeton University will discuss the 2018 UN climate report, which warns in stark language that the impact of climate change is upon us, that it affects us no matter where we live, and that time to avoid severe consequences is running out. Register for the webinar [here](#). For more details click [here](#). The webinar is presented by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

Membership Report

Long-time LWVSCC member Theanne Specht has moved to North Carolina to be closer to family. We will miss Theanne as a member of our local League and wish her the best of luck and good health in North Carolina.

As we approach the League's 100th anniversary in 2020, we look forward to new members ready to join us in our centennial celebrations. LWVSCC annual membership is from July 1 to June 30, but new members joining in February or March need only pay half the amount of the annual dues for the rest of the current fiscal year ending June 30. New members who join in April, May or June pay the full annual dues rate, but are credited with membership through June 30 of the following fiscal year. New members can join online at lwvsc.org/join or contact us at LWVSCC, PO Box 1745, Capitola CA 95010.

—Lydia Nogales Parker, Membership Chair

We Want Your Hot Topics!

In March we will be looking for ideas for our local League's programs for 2019-2020. We want to know what local issues and concerns you want to learn more about. Whether it's a single program or a year-long study that will result in a new or revised League position, we want to hear about it.

You can read our local League's positions on county government, education, health care, land use, library service, transportation, voters' rights, and water resources on our website:

lwvsc.org/positions.

Don't miss your chance to influence what our League will focus on next year. Bring your ideas for topics and speakers to our local program planning meeting on Thursday, March 7, 1-3 p.m. at the home of Sandy Warren, 150 Scenic Street in Santa Cruz. Have an idea but can't make the meeting? Email us at league@lwvsc.org.

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to men and women of voting age who are U.S. citizens. Others are welcome to join the League as associate members.

Send your check payable to League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County or LWVSCC with this form to LWVSCC, Box 1745, Capitola, CA 95010-1745.

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___ \$100.00 Two members in a household

___ \$10.00 Student membership

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Rethinking Recycling

On January 1, 2019 China's new "National Sword" policy went into effect, adding tough new restrictions for what recyclable materials they will accept. Since most of the material you put in your recycling bin eventually gets exported to China, the new policy is a game-changer for US recyclers.

In May, the League heads to the dump to take a close look at the current state of recycling in our city and county to see how the changes in China's policy affect us locally. We'll also look at how you can become a better recycler.

The tour on Tuesday, May 21 will start at 12:30 pm at the City of Santa Cruz Resource Recovery Facility, 605 Dimeo Lane. The tour is free and open to the public, but space is limited and reservations are required; to sign up, email league@lwvsc.org.

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Confronting the Rich-Poor Gap

poverty and wealth, the beliefs that predict support for welfare and anti-poverty policies, and the experiences of low-income women and their families. Dr. Bullock uses her research to inform social policy and spur social change, often in partnership with local community organizations.

Before joining UCSC's faculty, Dr. Bullock was a Congressional Fellow with the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. She worked for Senator Edward Kennedy on policies related to poverty, food insecurity, and early childhood education. Her books include *Women and Poverty: Psychology, Public Policy, and Social Justice* and, as co-author with Bernice Lott, *Psychology and Economic Injustice: Personal, Professional, and Political Intersections*.

This free event is open to the public. Doors open at 10 am with refreshments being served; the program begins at 10:30 a.m. The event is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. For more information, go to lwvsc.org/calendar, email league@lwvsc.org, or call 831-325-4140. Download and print our [poster](#) and [flyer](#) for the event to share with friends.