



Calendar



<u>March 14</u> Tuesday 5:00 pm	<u>Unit Meeting</u> Two Olives R.S.V.P. (see details)
<u>March 14</u> Tuesday 7:00 pm	<u>Candid Conversations</u> Racial Profiling WSU Hughes Metro
<u>March 18</u> Saturday 9:00 am	<u>Board Meeting</u> St. Paul's Lutheran Church
<u>March 28</u> Tuesday Noon	<u>Tuesday Topics</u> Central Library Women & Homelessness
<u>April 4</u> Tuesday 7:00 pm	<u>Candid Conversations</u> Police speak regarding Racial Profiling WSU Hughes Metro
<u>April 11</u> Tuesday	<u>SPECIAL ELECTION</u> District 4 Replacing Mr. Pompeo
<u>April 11</u> Tuesday 6:30 pm	<u>Candid Conversations</u> Central Library Voting Rights & Racial Justice



Democracy
is not a Spectator Sport!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The first thing Barb and I want to do is **WELCOME ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS!** Our membership, for the Wichita League, is up to 115, which is the strongest we have been in many years. Like all organizations, we have had our ups and downs - but I think we are definitely up, right now!! Many of these new members have expressed an interest in getting involved like now! Not to worry, we can get you involved at whatever level your schedule will allow. We are still registering voters, lobbying on issues and even working on a candidate forum (may not take place if ALL three candidates do not say "yes.") The Communications Committee meets once a month to discuss social media needs and the Scholarship Committee has reformed and is working on a student scholarship for next fall. Voter Service can always use help as can Membership. Fundraising will need a new Chair for the upcoming year and will be forming a committee. If any, of these areas interest you please contact me and I will get you to the right person (sailslieger@netscape.net or 316-773-7420) or when the nominating committee contacts you, say "yes."

The League is busy watching Topeka and lobbying at the State House. Our State Co-Presidents have testified before several committees on several issues and I have contacted my legislators to let them know the League's positions. We are busy! Locally, the Wichita League is part of Candid Conversations, which is funded by a grant from the Kansas Humanities awarded to WPL and we were invited to participate. Please look at the schedule printed in the VOTER and refer to our calendar on our website, make a plan to attend activities, you will be glad you did. The League State Convention is April 29 in Topeka. If you are interested in attending, let me know, as we will arrange carpools. Finally, the **March Unit meeting is at 5:00 pm** and will end by 7:00 pm, so that members may attend a Candid Conversations event at the WSU Motorplex (up the street). Hope to see members around town!

Sharon Aillslieger and Barbara Fuller,
Co-Presidents



Voter Service- Betty Ladwig, Chair

March 21, 2017 is the deadline for registering to vote in the District 4 Congressional Race to replace Representative Pompeo, with the election taking place on April 11. Plans are in the works for a Candidates Forum for this race and when plans are firm you will be sent notification. Tentatively pencil in March 16 on your calendar.

We were at Plaza Mexico last week with Marco. A Newton man drove in to register to vote and we visited with a number of people who came by. Plaza Mexico is such an interesting place. During March, we have plans to go back to Plaza Mexico and we will be at Hispanic Insurance Company to register more voters.

There is so much news these days regarding *bogus* Voter Fraud, a ploy to enact more voter restriction laws. Our Secretary of State calls a federal investigation a great idea. Immigration laws are also being targeted. Every newscast brings something else. Perhaps the most beneficial thing since election is that more and more people are becoming activists. Stay alert and pay attention.

Treasurer Report - Elaine Harvey

February was a great month for growth! We added 12 new members, increasing our membership total to 115 strong!

Welcome to our newest members

Patricia D. Blake, Kristi Flax, Jenifer Byers Heminway, Jeff Heminway, Lucy Bilson, Brenda McGinness, Liz McGinness, Luisa Ballester, Leanne Chase, Debra Guerra, Debra Laudermilk, and Leah A. Kasten.

Do you have friends interested in joining the League??? If so, point them to our website lwwichita.org where people can learn more about our wonderful organization, donate, or join our membership via PayPal. Student dues are only \$30 annually and regular membership is \$60. The LWV Wichita year is from July 1 to June 30. New members who joined after February 1, 2017 are paid through June 30, 2018!

At this point in time, we have \$5,810.34 in Local League Funds and \$525 of Education and Scholarship Funds. We have \$4,879.49 in Education and Scholarship funds held with the LWVUS. We received \$1,150 in Education Funds donations in December 2016. Another BIG THANK YOU to Sally Dewey for opening her home for the December Brunch.

The League runs on dues from our members and all donations we receive. The more funds we have the more actions we can take and the more education of voters we can do in order to help Make Democracy Work!

LWV Wichita UNIT MEETING

Tuesday, 3/14/2017

Speaker: Jan Chandler
Of Safe Streets
Topic: Opioid Addiction

Two Olives / Olive Tree
29th & Rock Rd

RSVP with Ellen Estes
316-218-1163 or Efestes@cox.net

Dinner \$18 (cash or check only)

Scholarship Committee – Wendy Kabler, Chair

The scholarship committee met on February 15 to finalize the details for our local college scholarship procedures, promotion and application process. The local universities promote LWV Wichita scholarship opportunity within the financial aid offices, university billboards, websites, and emails to department heads. We look forward to receiving applications in the near future and selecting a well deserving college student for the 2017 LWV Wichita Sandra Day O'Connor Scholarship. The scholarship winner will be announced at the May LWV Wichita Unit meeting and the

new LWV Wichita student ambassador will be presented at the September Unit Meeting.

If you should have any questions regarding the 2017 Fall LWV Wichita Scholarship, please contact one of the following committee members Sharon Aillslienger, Elaine Harvey, Wendy Kabler, Julie Sherwood, or Kayla Vix.

Communications Committee

On February 26th, an email was sent to each LWV Wichita member requesting that we each take a few minutes to complete a 10-question survey and communicate preferences regarding Unit Meetings, Socials, News, etc. **We very much appreciate each and everyone one of our LWV members and look forward to hearing what you have to say!**



Additionally, we are always looking for fellow members who would like to share their time and talent in making the League better, refer to the WANT ADS or join the communications committee. The next communications meeting is scheduled for March 12 from 2:00 – 3:30, contact Wendy Kabler at WKabler7@gmail.com if you need further details or directions.



Tuesday Topics: Women and Homelessness

On March 28, 2017 at the Wichita Public Library (223 S. Main) Sandy Sawnk, Homeless Services Director for Interfaith Ministries, will share with the audience what homeless women in the Wichita community uniquely deal with on a daily basis.

LWV Positions Historical Perspectives:

The League of Women Voters is Pro-Choice with a national position that the government should not tell a woman what to do with her body and she has a certain right to privacy. In ancient times, abortion was a common and uncontroversial form of birth control. Only with the spread of the world's major religions— notably Islam and Christianity— did the practice come to be viewed as problematic. These reservations did not take legal form until the 19th century, when England's Parliament outlawed abortion. Other nations, including the U.S., subsequently passed a variety of laws limiting abortion (even contraceptives). The pendulum began to swing back in 1920, when the Soviet Union legalized abortion on demand. In the U.S., before the 1820s, abortion was legal and unrestricted throughout the U.S. Connecticut was the first state to impose any restrictions on the practice, enacting, in 1921, a law that prohibited abortion after "quickening" the first discernible movement of the fetus. By 1860 laws in twenty states limited abortion and in the next twenty years more than twenty states and territories followed suit. The American Medical Association formally denounced abortion in 1859 in a statement that was not based on science but on morality and the desire to control women. By 1965, abortion— except under the most dire circumstances— was a crime in every state in the Union. Women seeking to terminate a pregnancy had to do so furtively, often turning to "back alley" quacks without medical credentials. This all changed in 1973 when the U.S. Supreme Court issued its ruling in *Roe vs. Wade*, a case that originated in Texas. There, Norma McCorvey adopted the name Jane Roe, to sue the Dallas County district attorney, Henry Wade, for the right to have an abortion. When she won, Wade took the case to the Supreme Court, which also ruled in McCorvey's favor. Abortion, the Court ruled, is protected by constitutional guarantees of the right to privacy, except when the fetus develops to the point where it can survive outside the womb. The Court defined that point as the beginning of the third trimester of pregnancy. During the third trimester, states can regulate abortion except when the mother's life is at risk. States cannot regulate abortion during the first trimester or during the second trimester if the procedure would endanger a woman's health. The Court's decision has been challenged several times. The Court has stood by its original ruling, for the most part, but has allowed states to impose some additional restrictions. The *Roe vs. Wade* decision has caused constant controversy between those who agree and those who disagree with the decision. The organization, Operation Rescue, is a prime example of such controversy. Founded by Randal Terry,



it was behind the demonstrations in Wichita in the late 1980s. The group specialized in weeklong “rescues” across the U.S., staging pickets, demonstrations and blockades that prevented women from entering abortion clinics. Operation Rescue professed a far-right brand of fundamentalist Christianity and referred to abortion as murder. Dr. Tiller, who had a clinic in Wichita, was targeted and Wichita made the national news when police had to be called. The League continues to support Planned Parenthood and a woman’s right to make decisions about her body.



Did You Know? Did You Know? Did You Know?

Margaret Sanger saw her mother weakened by multiple pregnancies and while working as nurse, witnessed the effects of backstreet abortions. In an effort to help working-class women avoid unwanted pregnancy, she distributed literature about douches, condoms and other forms of contraception. She was jailed several times, but she proclaimed, “Women should look the world in the face with a go-to-hell look in the eyes; have an idea; speak and act in defiance of convention.” Sanger coined the term *birth control* and eventually helped establish a network of over three hundred clinics, staffed largely by women physicians, to distribute contraceptives and record their effectiveness. Sanger said that, for women “without the right to control their own bodies, all other rights are meaningless.”

Did you Know? and LWV Positions Historical Perspectives submitted by Sharon Ailsieger

KANSAS LWV

Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government heard [SB 37](#). Short Title: Elections; voting procedures where proof of citizenship not provided. No vote yet, so tell [committee members](#) to vote no.

SB 37 reflects the Kansas Secretary of State’s defiance against State and Federal judges and the U.S. Supreme Court. It denies the expense, complexity and entanglements of the law for the ordinary Kansan. The proposal demonstrates an embarrassing eagerness to establish and defend the highest barriers to the vote in the nation with no proof of their need, and extraordinary evidence of their hindrance to the exercise of the right to vote. Read [LWVK testimony here](#).



LWVK [testimony to the Kansas House Elections Committee](#).

League supports [HB 2251](#), (Short Title: Audits of election results; voting machine requirements; timing of the canvass.) and [HB 2333](#), sponsored by [Rep. Jarrod Ousley](#), because they move to protect the equal access and integrity of the vote for all. We also support the extension of the deadline for canvassing after elections that would follow random sampling of the ballots.



Community Events:

Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm

Hubbard Hall, Rm 208, Wichita State University

**Breaking the Silence on the US Drone War:
Insiders Speak Out**

In March, Wichita will get to learn about the US Drone War from Air Force veteran Lisa Ling, who is a former technical sergeant on drone surveillance systems. In the new film *National Bird* she shows a commendation she received for helping identify over 121,000 “insurgent targets” over a two-year period, as part of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. “That is 121,000 lives affected by technology that we control. How many years have we been at war now?” Breaking the silence around this controversial form of military intervention, drone program personnel have been sharing their insight and experience working within this program. As one has said, *“We wanted to bring transparency into this very secret program because the public doesn’t know enough about it.”*



The Kansas African American Museum (TKAAM)
Presents: From the Heartland: The Kansas Heritage of
President Barack Obama

February 4 through April 22

The exhibition reflects on the influence of President Obama's deep Kansas roots and on the Midwestern values of his mother and grandparents, who raised him. The oil industry brought two of his great grandfathers, Rolla Charles Payne and Harry Ellington Armour, to Kansas. One settled in Augusta, the other in El Dorado. Obama's grandfather, Stanley or "Gramps," was born in Wichita. This Kansas setting for his story is as unlikely as it is perfect. It is a story of a literally African and American child being raised by white parents from a nearly homogeneous Kansas. The Sunflower state proudly entered the union as a "Free State," but has long wrestled with a complicated racial history that included riots, lynching, and segregation. Those complexities hate and hope, emerged in his presidency.



Beyond Tolerance City-Wide Rally
Sunday, April 30, 4:00 pm

Last year the "Beyond Tolerance Movement" was launched at city hall with the support of Honorary Chairperson Mayor Jeff Longwell. This year it will be a "City-Wide Rally." It will include a mass choir singing music from the many cultural traditions of our community, as well as city leaders sharing what they will do to live "beyond tolerance."

Register Today! Visit: beyondtolerancewichita.org



Vote Your Vote: Congressional Candidate Q&A
Saturday, March 11, 11:00 - 1:00 pm
At Sunflower Community Action, 1751 N Ash Ave

Candidates running for the 4th Congressional District seat in the House of Representatives have all been invited to be at Sunflower Community Action on March 11th to answer YOUR questions.

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League of Women Voters of Kansas

Policy Watch Weekly Update by Paul Johnson

Members receive *Policy Watch Weekly Update* throughout each Kansas legislative session.
Reports may also be found at lwwk.org.

Week #7

REVENUE ROULETTE

February 24, 2017

Kansas lawmakers had a prime opportunity to start the fix on the State's structurally imbalanced budget by reinstating a portion of the lost income tax revenue. Predictably, the Governor – through his [veto of HB 2178](#) - sided with his wealthiest supporters who have received hundreds of millions in tax breaks on the backs of most working Kansans. The Kansas House responded to the challenge by voting 85 to 40 to override the Governor's veto. A majority of the Kansas Senate – 24 of 40 – also voted to override but the President and Majority leader of the Senate failed to provide their support thus dooming the override. Kansas is back to square one on finding a revenue package to fund essential governmental services. The 2017 Kansas Legislative session could now drag on for several extra weeks to find some solution.

The Kansas House met the challenge by debating the override for 90 minutes and finally voting 85 to 40 to override. The debate was solid and informative while the Speaker of the House sat quietly, slumped in his chair offering no guidance or leadership as he voted against the override.

The truth is that reinstating the individual income taxes in HB 2178 brings these income taxes to 60-70% of what income taxes were in 2012 before the first round of income tax cuts. Households with an income of \$50,000 would have paid \$1,362.50 in 2012 and will now pay \$993.80 – a difference of \$368.80. Households with an income of \$100,000 would have paid \$4,537.50 in 2012 and will now pay \$3,618.80 – a difference of \$918.80.

HB 2178 does reinstate income taxes on the business income of 333,000 filers. While retroactive to January 1, 2017, it gives filers the time through April 15, 2018 to pay any shortfall without any penalty. For thousands of these filers that have business losses, those losses can now be used as deductions. The fairness is that when a business makes money it pays appropriate income taxes as do all regular employees. It should not be forgotten that 5% of the wealthiest businesses (LLC's) garnered 85% of the tax benefits that costs Kansas around \$300 million annually.

Most importantly HB 2178 terminated the 'path to zero' where any annual increase in state revenues over 2.5% must be used to further reduce individual or corporate income taxes rather than be used to fix the debilitating cuts to most public safety, social and health services.

The Kansas Senate simply dropped the ball. The lame excuse from the President and Majority Leader of the Senate was that HB 2178 was not a perfect tax bill. But it would have been the first meaningful step to rebalancing the inequitable tax system that has evolved in Kansas where progressive income taxes are replaced by regressive sales and property taxes.

The leadership of the Kansas Senate has not offered their detailed tax plan. The leadership complains of the structurally imbalanced budget from the Governor. The Kansas Senate is stalemated. The leadership wants a blend of budget cuts to go along with tax increases.

The clock keeps ticking on the 2017 budget that ends on June 30, 2017 so any meaningful budget cuts would have to occur in the final three months. Developing budgets for 2018 and 2019 are impossible without some certainty on revenues.

The Senate Majority Leader calls the Governor's budget and tax plans insulting, citing the internal borrowing and cuts to the highway plan. HB 2178 would have been the first step to fixing the structural imbalance but other tax increases would be necessary to find a sustainable budget that has an adequate ending balance.

The month of March will be tax debate month. First up will be the Governor's consumption taxes (liquor, tobacco, passive income, business filing fees) that probably stand little chance of passing either chamber. As the Governor becomes more irrelevant in trying to find a consensus, the leadership of the Senate and House has to provide some concrete guidance. Clear majorities in the House and Senate are waiting.

KANCARE (MEDICAID) EXPANSION

After well-attended committee hearings and political maneuvering to block any floor debate on Medicaid expansion, the political support for expansion forced the House leadership to allow the debate. While supporters had the votes (70) to force the bill from the House Health and Human Services committee, House leadership capitulated and moved another bill (HB 2044) up on General Orders. HB 2044 dealt with certain Medicaid services so it was an appropriate bill to amend on Medicaid expansion. This expansion could provide medical services to as many as 180,000 Kansans.

The fiscal note for 2018 is \$26 million in state funds to draw down \$517 million in federal funds. For 2019, the fiscal note is \$57 million in state funds to draw down more than \$1 billion in federal funds. These fiscal notes clearly state the upfront cost to the Kansas budget but do not consider the new employees hired or the extra income to health care providers that will generate more income and sales tax for Kansas. Testimony was given on the floor that as many as one-third of all Kansas hospitals are in financial jeopardy due to the responsibility to provide care for the uninsured. [HB 2044](#) passed 81 to 44 on final action.

Medicaid expansion now moves on to the Senate. This bill will probably be referred to the Senate Public Health and Welfare committee for a set of hearings. There seems to be more than adequate support for Medicaid expansion to pass the committee and the full Senate. If amendments are made to HB 2044, it would have to go back to the House for further consideration. A consensus on any amendments will be found and this bill will make its way to the Governor's desk.

Most observers speculate that the Governor may well veto this expansion. Getting the 27 votes needed in the Senate to override will be the primary battle. There is debate that Congress will repeal the Affordable Care Act which includes the extra federal funding for Medicaid expansion - although 31 states have approved Medicaid expansion. It is very unlikely Congress can move on repeal this year. Medicaid expansion may well get caught up in some end of the session agreement over taxes and the State budget.

SCHOOL FINANCE

The school finance debate is coming into full view. There are three [bills now in the House](#) – **House Bill 2270**, **House Bill 2324**, **House Bill 2347**. The Senate Education committee continues to hold informational hearings but has not yet produced a final bill from the committee. The two-year public school block grant - that has essentially frozen funding for school districts - ends on June 30.

The Kansas Legislature has to act in some fashion by creating a new funding formula or possibly extending the existing block grant one more year. In the Governor's proposed 2018 and 2019 budgets, there is no new funding formula and no additional operating funds per pupil. The Governor is proposing cuts to the block grant by forcing school employees into a combined health plan and pooling certain purchases of supplies and services by school districts.

Mark Tallman from the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) has developed a [comparison chart of the three House Bills](#) alongside [KASB's 'Putting Students First'](#) plan.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 1604 is a constitutional amendment to lower the sales tax on food and food ingredients from the current rate of 6.5% to 2% over a couple years. Kansas is one of only seven states with a full

sales tax on food and in fact our rate is second highest in the country only behind Mississippi. Senator Tom Holland sponsored this SCR before the Senate Assessment and Tax committee. Nebraska and Colorado have zero sales tax on food while the reduced rate in Missouri is 1.25%. Of the 105 counties in Kansas, 40 of them are across from a neighboring state. The disparity between Missouri and Kansas is particularly relevant economically for Johnson County with \$93 million in lost food sales. The definition of food and food ingredients excludes candy, soft drinks and vending machine sales. The fiscal note for 2020 is a loss of \$136 million in State General Funds and \$224 million in 2021 once the 2% rate is fully in force.

The Kansas Department of Corrections made a proposal to bid out a plan to tear down the existing Lansing Prison and build a new facility. The new facility would be a lease arrangement for 20 years before Kansas would re-own the facility. The estimated project cost is \$130-140 million and take two years for construction. Lansing inmates would be transferred and double bunked in other correctional facilities. Lansing began housing inmates in 1863 with President Lincoln in office. Lansing has a turnover rate for uniformed employees of 37%. The Kansas Department of Corrections would still operate this prison as opposed to a private company. Staffing would decrease from 686 to 392. Estimated savings over a 20-year lease would be \$21.3 million. This proposal was rushed to the House Appropriations committee without full review by other key committees. The House Appropriations committee voted down this proposal for now but it will still be debated.

Senate Bill 46 and Senate Bill 48 are water bills that have now passed the Senate. [SB 46](#) would amend law that relates to water conservation areas (WCAs). The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) is required to post all complete applications and orders issued by the Division of Water Resources regarding WCAs on its official website.

[SB 48](#) would require any person with a valid water right to first exhaust the administrative remedies available before seeking a court-ordered injunction to stop the impairment.

The Kansas Legislature is now on break until Monday March 6. The Legislature will have from March 6 to April 7 to finish the regular portion of this 2017 session. The veto session will begin May 1. 100 days have been allocated for this 2017 legislative session and that would end on May 26.

The next Policy Watch issue will be March 10, 2017.



The **League of Women Voters of Kansas** is a grassroots, volunteer, political organization with [nine local Leagues across the state](#). For nearly 100 years, LWVK has encouraged the informed and active participation of citizens in government and has influenced public policy through education and advocacy. The League never endorses candidates or political parties.

Support our ongoing work. [Donate to LWVK](#), today.

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On International Women's Day, March 8th, women and our allies will act together for equity, justice and the human rights of women and all gender-oppressed people, through a one-day demonstration of economic solidarity.

In the same spirit of love and liberation that inspired the Women's March, we join together in making March 8th A Day Without a Woman, recognizing the enormous value that women of all backgrounds add to our socio-economic system--while receiving lower wages and experiencing greater inequities, vulnerability to discrimination, sexual harassment, and job insecurity. We recognize that trans and gender nonconforming people face heightened levels of discrimination, social oppression and political targeting. We believe in gender justice.

Anyone, anywhere, can join by making March 8th A Day Without a Woman, in one or all of the following ways:

- 1. Women take the day off, from paid and unpaid labor**
- 2. Avoid shopping for one day (with exceptions for small, women- and minority-owned businesses).**
- 3. Wear RED in solidarity with A Day Without A Woman**

A Day Without a Woman reaffirms our commitment to the Principles of Unity, which were collaboratively outlined for the Women's March. We are inspired by recent courageous actions like the "Bodega strike" lead by Yemeni immigrant store owners in New York City and the Day Without Immigrants across the U.S. We applaud the efforts of #GrabYourWallet and others to bring public accountability to unethical corporate practices. The Women's March stands in solidarity with the International Women's Strike organizers, feminists of color and grassroots groups in planning global actions for equity, justice and human rights.

When millions of us stood together in January, we saw clearly that our army of love greatly outnumbers that of fear, greed and hatred. Let's raise our voices together again, to say that women's rights are human rights, regardless of a woman's race, ethnicity, religion, immigration status, sexual identity, gender expression, economic status, age or disability.

For more information on A Day Without A Woman, please see our FAQs.

<https://www.womensmarch.com/womensday/>

CANDID CONVERSATIONS

A discussion of race in Wichita

FEBRUARY

Civil Rights in Wichita

The newest Smithsonian museum recognizes Wichita's role in the Civil Rights movement. How much do you know about that history? Hear from Dr. Gretchen Eick, a history professor at Friends University, who researched and wrote a book about this important time in our city's past.

Wednesday, February 8

1:30-2:30 pm

Central Library

Mining the Trust Gap:

Ferguson and Americans' Changing Views of Police Behavior

From incarceration statistics to public opinion on police behavior, there has long been a wide gap between white & black Americans. Using a range of sources including interviews & public opinion data, this talk explores views of police processes of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Thursday, February 16

7:00-8:00 pm

WSU Hughes Metroplex

MARCH

Racial Profiling:

How do minorities experience what they believe to be racial profiling? Hear about the research conducted by Dr. Michael Birzer, a Professor of Criminal Justice at Wichita State University, that portrays the findings of nearly five years of racial profiling and laid the groundwork for his book *Racial Profiling: They stopped me because I'm _____!*

Tuesday, March 14

7:00-8:00 pm

WSU Hughes Metroplex



CANDID CONVERSATIONS

APRIL

Police on Racial Profiling: In Their Own Words

What do Kansas police officers think about allegations of racial profiling, and what needs to be done to resolve the controversy? Attend a panel presentation informed by research that examined Kansas police officers' perspectives on racial profiling. Following the presentation, Chief of Police Gordon Ramsay and a diverse panel of community representatives will discuss the study and answer questions.

Tuesday, April 4

7:00-9:00 pm

WSU Hughes Metroplex

Voting Rights and Racial Justice

The right to vote is a core freedom in America. However, developments in the electoral process have had an effect on voters, and those changes have racial implications. Micah Kubic, head of the Kansas American Civil Liberties Union, speaks about matters of voting rights on race.

Tuesday, April 11

6:30-7:45 pm

Central Library

Cracking the Codes Film Discussion

From director Shakti Butler comes a new film that asks America to talk about the causes and consequences of systemic inequity. *Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity* features moving stories from racial justice leaders. Join the conversation and dig deeper into how race affects our day-to-day life and is embedded in our social fabric.

Saturday, April 22

1:30-4:30 pm

Central Library

CANDID CONVERSATIONS is a collaboration with the Wichita Public Library, the Wichita Police Department, Wichita Public Schools, WSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion, WSU School of Community Affairs, NAACP Youth Council, Urban League of Wichita, League of Women Voters-Wichita Metro, ARISE, Kansas Appleseed, Community Operation Recovery Empowerment, and Real Men, Real Heroes.

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