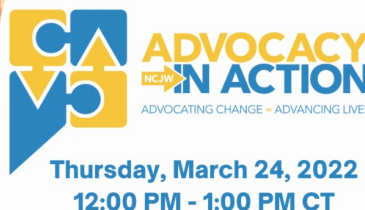




March Lunch & Learn: Threats to the Initiative Petition Process with Ashton Kuehnel



Ashton Kuehnel

When: Thursday, March 24 (note 4th Thursday) | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom Meeting

[RSVP Here](#)

Missouri's initiative petition system has been in place for 115 years and allows citizens to put an issue on the ballot for a statewide vote. This critical tool, used through the years by citizens from all political persuasions is now under attack by lawmakers who want to curtail the people's power.

The legislature is currently proposing 20 or so different bills that would make it harder to get an issue on the ballot and increase the threshold for an initiated measure to pass once on the ballot. For some perspective, a large majority of voters recently approved a higher minimum wage, Medicaid expansion, and medical marijuana through the initiative petition process. Under the proposed new threshold, each would have failed.

For our March Lunch and Learn, NCJWSTL is excited to welcome Ashton Kuehnel, who will present on why this is happening and what we can do about it. Ashton is a Grassroots Organizer with the Sierra Club, Missouri Chapter. In her role Ashton has organized around Medicaid Expansion, a just transition to clean, renewable energy and voting protections. She lives in St. Louis City and is a Saint Louis University alum.

Please [click here](#) to RSVP and receive your login information. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Activist Training in Support of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson



When: Tuesday, March 8 | 4:00 PM CT
Where: Zoom
[RSVP Here](#)

NCJW, Inc., People For the American Way, Alliance for Justice Action Campaign, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, National Women's Law Center, She Will Rise, and more partners are hosting a digital

activist training in support of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. The training will focus on helping new and seasoned activists engage digitally, from breaking down how to call your senators to how best to use social media to combat disinformation and support this nominee.

Please [click here](#) to register.

Contact Senators Blunt & Hawley - Urge Them to Confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to SCOTUS!

NCJWSTL is thrilled with the news that President Biden nominated [Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson](#) to the United States Supreme Court. If confirmed, Judge Jackson would be the first Black woman in history to sit on the Court.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has a wealth of experience having served as a federal district court judge in Washington, DC since 2013 and circuit court judge on the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit since 2021, our nation's second-highest court. A former public defender, assistant special counsel on the US Sentencing Commission, and law clerk for Justice Stephen Breyer, Jackson has a record of supporting reproductive healthcare, civil rights, disability rights, labor rights, and other issues.

WE NEED A SUPREME COURT THAT PROVIDES JUSTICE FOR



Now the work begins. We need you to contact Senators Blunt and Hawley **TODAY** and urge them to confirm Judge Brown to the Supreme Court! You can do so by [clicking here](#), or by calling their offices:

Senator Blunt: (202) 224.5721

Senator Hawley: (202) 224.6154

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

NonProfit VOTE Voter Engagement Webinar

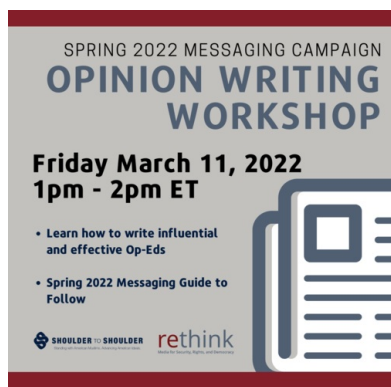
When: Thursday, March 10 | 1:00 PM CT
Where: Zoom
[RSVP Here](#)



NonProfit Vote's new report "America's Nonprofits Get Out the Vote" is the first examination of how many nonprofits across the nation (including NCJW) actually do voter engagement, who they are, and what characteristics set them apart from others. Join them for a webinar to explore the findings and what it means for the nonprofit sector with guest speakers Erika Anthony of Cleveland VOTES, Jan Masaoka of CalNonprofits, and Lindsay Torrico of United Way Worldwide.

Please [click here](#) to register. All who register will receive a recording and the slides after the webinar.

Opinion Writing Workshop with ReThink Media



When: Friday, March 11 | 12:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

This April, for the first time in over three decades, we will witness the religious and cultural traditions of Ramadan, Passover, Easter, Vaisakhi, Mahavir Jayanti, Theravada New Year, and the Gathering of Nations. This means that Muslims, Jews, Christians, Baha'is, Sikhs, Hindus, Buddhists, and Indigenous nations will all be practicing their significant religious and cultural traditions around the same time. This is an important opportunity to shape the public narrative and align ourselves with the best of our sacred

traditions, values, and ideals, and apply that wisdom to living well together amidst our diversity.

During this workshop, you will learn how to write a compelling and invitational opinion piece about what it means to live well together amidst our religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity. These are lessons that can be applied to writing pieces on various advocacy topics in the future.

Please [click here](#) to register.

Human Trafficking - It's Here, Let's Act!



When: Tuesday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 22 | 6:30 PM CT

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

NCJWSTL, along with St. Margaret of Scotland and the Archdiocesan Office of Peace and Justice, and the International Institute is pleased to present an important and timely program, Human Trafficking - It's Here, Let's Act.

Human Trafficking isn't something that only occurs in other places; it's here right in our area and we need not only to be aware of this human slavery, but we must actively work against it. Trafficking can take many forms: sex, labor, international, domestic, agricultural, etc., and is happening in our midst.

The first session will feature presentations from NCJWSTL, the International Institute, law enforcement, and a trafficking survivor. They will share the realities of trafficking in the St. Louis area and suggest ways you can possibly help.

In the second session, engage in small groups with representatives from Healing Action, Covering House, International Institute, Covenant House, and Gateway Human Trafficking - hear what they are about, ask questions, and learn about volunteer or advocacy opportunities. There will be three sessions so you will be able to attend three different presentations.

[Please click](#) here to register. The events are free, but registration is required.

Take Action: Join the A-List

Now more than ever you will want to make sure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2022!

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Interesting Reading



After the Supreme Court allowed the Texas six-week abortion ban SB 8 to go effect on September 1st last year, Austria-based telemedicine abortion provider Aid Access saw a sharp rise in Texans requesting abortion pills. New research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association shows that in the first week after SB 8 went into effect, average daily requests from Texas increased by almost twelve-fold, or 1,180%, from 10.8 to 137.7 per day.

[Click here](#) to read Carrie Baker's article from Ms. Magazine, "Online Abortion Pill Orders Surged After Texas Ban. Researchers Say This is Only the Beginning."

St. Louis Jewish Community Response to Ukraine Crisis



With a full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine now underway and multiple cities under fire, concern for the Jewish community there is accelerating. The Jewish Federation of St. Louis has established an [Emergency Fund](#) to support our global partners who are responding with critical services on the ground.

[Click here](#) for more information and to make a donation to the Jewish Federation of St. Louis' Ukraine Emergency Fund.

Clean Speech St. Louis

NCJWSTL is proud to be a part of [Clean Speech St. Louis](#), a community-wide initiative, bringing the St. Louis Jewish community together for a month-long initiative to educate, inform, and raise awareness around the Jewish ideal that our words have the power to foster community growth.



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