

STATEHOUSE DAY

League of Women Voters of Ohio



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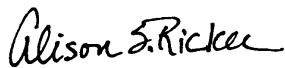
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A day of inspiration
and advocacy

Making Ohio's Democracy Work

WELCOME!

Welcome to all of you attending the 2019 Statehouse Day of the League of Women Voters of Ohio! Today we hope you'll take inspiration from our wonderful volunteer lobby corps - perhaps even be inspired enough to join them! While educating voters is often seen as our paramount mission, advocating for the issues which we have studied and supported since 1920 is of equal importance in the League's work towards creating a just society for all. We are so proud of the many young people here today who are sharing their own experiences in civic participation; they give us hope for the future, one in which every eligible voter will vote and every vote will count. Statehouse Day is a wonderful opportunity to have fruitful meetings with our legislators, share with each other our success stories, and plan strategies that will keep our organization strong in the constant fight to make democracy work for all!



Alison Ricker
Co-President



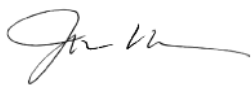
Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick
Co-President

Time flies when you're defending democracy!

I met many of you at Statehouse Day 2018, and a few weeks later, I was honored to join the LWVO staff. Since then, we won redistricting reform through Issue 1, educated half a million Ohio voters, defeated legislation to make ballot initiatives harder, and joined APRI and ACLU in a gerrymandering lawsuit.

Annual events like Statehouse Day are critical for our work. It is a chance to learn about emergent public policy issues, network with one another, nurture new leaders, and conduct public policy advocacy. This year is particularly special as we welcome young people as our honored guests but are also joined by long-standing champions like Joan Lawrence, Peg Rosenfield, Ann Henkener, and countless key partners.

It's been a wild, inspiring ride, and I know we are just getting started! I look forward to another impactful year of serving voters, improving democracy, and of course celebrating our 100th anniversary. Thanks for joining us today and see you at Convention!



Jen Miller
LWVO Executive Director

AGENDA

8:30 AM	REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:30 AM	WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:35 AM	STATE POLICY SPEED DATING Hear from League members about policy issues like Automated Voter Registration, Reproductive Rights, Education Funding, and Environment Protections!
10:35 AM	LOBBYING 101 Get practical tips on how to talk with your lawmaker about issues that matter to you.
11:00 AM	CLOSING THE GENDER GAP Learn more about why we need women in government and how we can close the gender gap. Panel includes former lawmaker Joan Lawrence and representatives of the Matriots, OSU, and Women's Fund of Central Ohio.
NOON	LUNCH AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS Get the scoop from the Office of Secretary of State LaRose and his priorities for improving our electoral democracy. Also, meet some young, historic suffragists from Saint Mary School.
1:30 PM	NEXT FRONTIER FOR ELECTIONS & VOTING RIGHTS Election experts break down what Ohio can do to make our elections more secure, reliable, and accessible.
2:30 PM	VISIT LEGISLATIVE OFFICES***
3:30—5:30 PM	HAPPY HOUR RECEPTION—SHERATON BAR Drop off the Lobbyist information, check in with League staff, and network with other members before you hit the road!

If you did not request a meeting with your legislator, you can still drop off literature, just ask LWVO staff for materials.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Your generous support of the League of Women Voters of Ohio Statehouse Day helps us to educate voters and lawmakers on issues central to our democracy.

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SPEAKER BIOS

CLOSING THE GENDER GAP PANEL DISCUSSION

SHADIA JALLAQ

Shadia Jallaq manages Programs for Ohio Women Empowered to Represent (POWER). The POWER initiative at the John Glenn College of Public Affairs includes NEW Leadership Ohio and Ready to Run-Campaign Training for Women. Jallaq is passionate about empowering women and helping them realize their potential. She currently serves on the board of trustees for the South-Western City Schools Educational Foundation and the Association of Staff and Faculty Women and is a member of Ohio Women in Government. Jallaq is a proud alumna of The Ohio State University, graduating cum laude with Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Studies.

JOAN LAWRENCE

Having already had a long career in public service beginning with her term on the Big Walnut Board of Education in 1970, Joan Lawrence was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1983. Lawrence served 8 terms representing different parts of Ohio until she retired in 1999. During her tenure, she served on a number of committees including Finance & Appropriations, Health, Retirement & Aging, and Energy & Environment. Lawrence also served on two Joint Select Committees (Federal Funding and Capital Finance) and chaired the Human Resources Subcommittee from 1995 to 1998. In 1997, she was the lead sponsor of major welfare reform legislation, garnering an unprecedented unanimous vote in both the House and the Senate. During that time Lawrence became Executive Director of the Family Service Council of Ohio from 1978 to 1982. She was also active in the Columbus Metropolitan Club, the Ohio Farm Bureau, and the Delaware County Women's Republican Club.

Lawrence resigned from the House in February 1999 to become the Director of the Ohio Department of Aging. She served in Governor Taft's Cabinet until August, 2005. Following her retirement, Lawrence served six years on the Ohio AARP's Executive Council. She also was on the board of Source Point, Delaware County's levy-funded program for seniors, for three years.

URVI PATEL, MODERATOR

Urvi Patel is the Director of Strategic Communications for The Women's Fund of Central Ohio. Transitioning from The Women's Fund Board to the organization's leadership team in late 2017, Patel is responsible for developing and overseeing communication strategies that help advance the organization's efforts to create lasting social change. Patel has led award-winning, integrated marketing and communications campaigns for local and national organizations. Prior to her role at The Women's Fund, Patel worked at Paul Werth Associates, The Harbour Group and Teach For America. She holds an undergraduate degree in International Relations from Boston University and a Masters degree in Global Communication from The George Washington University.

SPEAKER BIOS

ELISSA SCHNEIDER

Elissa Schneider is Executive Director of The Matriots PAC. Schneider joined The Matriots with more than a decade of non-profit fundraising experience, most recently serving as director of major gifts with the Mid-Ohio Foodbank and coordinator of annual giving at Columbus State Community College. Prior to this, she worked as a political fundraiser in Ohio and Michigan. She currently serves on the board of trustees for Transit Columbus and is a City of Columbus Commission appointee with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and holds an MBA from Franklin University. Schneider is an Ohioan, born and raised in Oregon, Ohio.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

MERLE MADRID

Merle Madrid serves as Chief of Staff to Ohio's 51st Secretary of State Frank LaRose. In that role, Madrid oversees all operations of both the Elections and Business Services divisions of the office, and carries out the Secretary's vision to run secure and accessible elections in the Buckeye State.

Madrid previously served in the administration of former Ohio Governor John Kasich as Director of the Office of Public Liaison and subsequently as Director of Legislative Affairs. Prior to joining the Kasich administration, Madrid was Director of Political and Candidate Education for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Madrid is a proud graduate of The Ohio State University and currently resides in Columbus.

NEXT FRONTIER FOR ELECTIONS AND VOTING RIGHTS PANEL DISCUSSION

ANN HENKENER, MODERATOR

Ann Henkener received her bachelor's degree in Sociology from The Ohio State University in 1970, and her Juris Doctorate from Capital University Law School in 1974. Her professional experience includes serving for eight years as in-house counsel for a non-profit healthcare organization in Columbus, Ohio and spending over 20 years as an Assistant Attorney General, representing the State of Ohio in regulating health care, and regulating public utilities. She was on the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Metropolitan League of Women Voters from 2003 to 2011 and the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Ohio from 2007 to 2015. She was the Ohio League's Legislative Director from 2007 to 2011 and continues to advocate on redistricting and other election issues. In 2012 she was a member of the committee sponsoring state Issue 2, reforming both Congressional and General Assembly redistricting standards.

SPEAKER BIOS

AARON OCKERMAN

Aaron Ockerman started his career in government as a senior at the University of Dayton where he spent a semester in Washington, D.C. interning in the leadership office of Congressman John Boehner. Later that year, he was accepted to the prestigious Legislative Service Commission Fellowship where he began his work at the Ohio Statehouse staffing the offices of State Senators Louis W. Blessing, Jr., Scott Nein, and Bob Latta. He served as a legislative aide for Senator Louis W. Blessing, Jr. before joining the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation as legislative liaison.

In 2000, Ockerman entered the private sector as an independent lobbyist. Since then he has represented non-profit organizations, statewide associations, Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, state colleges, and local governments before the state legislature, administrative agencies and various local government entities. He has run local, state legislative and statewide campaigns. He is now President of Ockerman Consulting, a full service government affairs firm.

CATHERINE TURCER

Catherine Turcer is the Executive Director for Common Cause Ohio, a grassroots organization devoted to open and accountable government. In 2006, Catherine received the Spirit of Democracy Award from the Ohio Secretary of State. She has advocated for redistricting reform since the mid-1990s and helps coordinate the Fair Districts = Fair Elections Coalition which worked together to successfully pass state legislative redistricting reform in 2015 and congressional redistricting reform in 2018. Turcer was Ohio Citizen Action's legislative director from March 2001 to April 2012. During her tenure at Ohio Citizen Action, she also served as the director of Ohio Citizen Action's Money in Politics Project and co-authored a number of studies tracking campaign contributions.

CAMILLE WIMBISH

Camille Wimbish is the Election Administration Director for Ohio Voice, a non-profit organization whose mission is to support and grow the ecosystem of non-profit organizations doing year-round civic engagement with underrepresented communities. She organizes statewide election protection efforts and coordinates the Ohio Voter Rights Coalition, which advocates for modern election reforms and improved voter access. Additionally, she co- leads the Ohio Fair Courts Working Group, a coalition dedicated to creating a court system that exemplifies and protects equity, fairness and justice for all. Wimbish has been an Ohio Voice staff member since 2012, and played a vital role in in Ohio's successful redistricting reform efforts. Wimbish earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Smith College and Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She is a guardian ad litem for CASA of Franklin County, advocating for abused and neglected children and serves on the association board of the Columbus Zoo.

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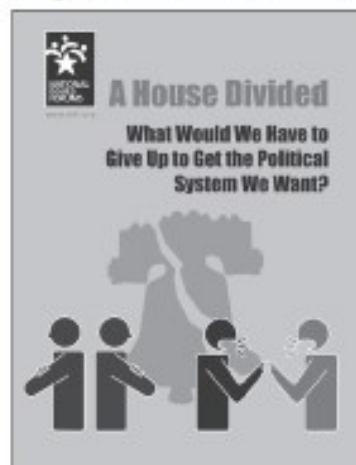
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Alison Scott Ricker and Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick,
Co-Presidents, 2015-2019

Photo: Receiving the Strengthening Democracy award from
LWVUS President Chris Carson



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LWV Ohio has secured a room block for the nights of Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11. Each conference attendee must make their own reservations. To make a reservation, call 614-880-4300 or go to <https://www.nwhotelandconferencecenter.com/>

The group access code is 193932. To secure the following discounted room rates, you MUST use the group access code AND make your reservations no later than April 12, 2019. More information available on our website at www.lwvohio.org.

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LWV Ohio Volunteer Opportunities

We are always on the lookout for League members who want to volunteer their time and talent to grow our state League. Current projects for which we'd welcome volunteers to apply include:

- ***If you like advocacy:*** Join LWVO's volunteer lobby corps, who monitor issues of interest to League in the state legislature and draft advocacy materials.
- ***If you enjoy fundraising:*** We seek LWV leaders to join the Steering Committee for our 5-year fundraising campaign.
- ***If you like welcoming new members:*** Apply to be a coach for the Membership and Leadership Development Program.
- ***If you want to build a strong state League:*** Work with the nominating committee to identify future state board members.
- ***If you are passionate about voter rights:*** Check LWVO website for voting information and share with your community.

Contact the LWV Ohio office at 614-469-1505 or lwvinfo@lwvohio.org for more information or to apply. Thank you!