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Panel Discussion of U.S. Immigration Policies

# Economic and Political Issues of Immigration Who Gets To Be an American?

Thursday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.  
Blacksburg Municipal Bldg.  
300 South Main St.

A panel of research scholars from Virginia Tech will provide their expertise to the complex concerns in immigration policies.

The League joins with NAACP Montgomery-Radford City-Floyd Branch, and the Lifelong Learning Institute at Virginia Tech to sponsor this event, open to the community and free to attend.

The panel will be Virginia Tech faculty members, Karen Hult and Nicholas Goedert, both of the department of political science, and Melinda Miller, department of economics. Moderator will be Ian Leuschner, Director of International Support Services at Cranwell International Center.

Immigration is a contentious issue, said Carolyn Rude, League president. "Questions of whether some immigrants are slow to assimilate or taking away jobs from citizens or an engine of entrepreneurship and a

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*Karen Hult*



*Nicholas Goedert*



*Ian Leuschner*



*Melinda Miller*

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## President's Message, from Carolyn Rude

### The League Needs You

The League of Women Voters works actively to enfranchise and inform voters. We also advocate for policies that make democracy work: fighting voter suppression, expanding voter access, limiting the influence of money in politics, and fair redistricting.

At the local level, this means multiple voter registration drives and information sessions, events to inform voters about issues, such as the October 4 panel on immigration, candidate forums, publication of our "Facts" directory, participation in statewide conventions and workshops, and advocacy with our legislators. We need help to do this work. Can you be part of the help?

- Might you call government offices to get updated information for Facts?
- Could you put labels on our newsletter a few times a year and take the copies to the post office?
- Might you be interested in a trip to Richmond to talk with our representatives?
- Could you help plan events of interest to members and the public?
- Would you be willing to host an information and voter registration table at a public event?
- Could you write an article for the newsletter?

There are so many jobs, many that do not require very much time, to keep the League pursuing its missions. Please contribute as you can.

If you are reading this newsletter, we know you support the work of the League, and we appreciate that. We need more hands to do the work.

Look for an email notice soon to alert you to descriptions at the website of the work required to fulfill our mission, and consider contributing some time. Thanks.

### From Annual Meeting



*Carolyn Rude welcomes guest speaker Carol Noggle*



*Carolyn thanks Julia Lewis for her many years of League work.*

## League of Women Voters Priority Issues

### Fighting Voter Suppression

We challenge all efforts and tactics that threaten our democracy and limit the ability of voters to exercise their right to vote.

### Money in Politics

Elections should be about the voters not big money interests. It's time to limit SuperPACs and secret donors to protect representative democracy.

### Redistricting

Congressional districts and government legislative bodies should be apportioned substantially on population. We oppose partisan and racial gerrymandering that strips rights away from voters.

## Griffith-Flaccavento Debates Scheduled

**Oct. 15**

**Oct. 18**

**Oct. 22**

Some To Be Broadcast

### *Donors*

### *Make Programs*

### *Possible*

Phyllis Albritton in honor of  
Mary Houska

Susan Anderson

Jeanie and Jim Baker in  
memory of Lindsay West

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Harriett Cooper

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Lindsay West

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Mary and Chuck Houska

Mark and Connie Froggatt in  
honor of Phyllis Albritton

Jim Shuler

Catherine Snyder in memory  
of Lindsay West

Wayne Worner to support the  
newsletter

# League Does Not Host 'empty chair' Forums

In October of almost every year, the League schedules forums for candidates seeking public office, whether at the national, state, or local levels. The forums are one way we fulfill our mission of providing voter education. In 2018, the Leagues in Montgomery County and in Washington County (Abingdon area) invited Morgan Griffith and Anthony Flaccavento, candidates for the US Congress to represent Virginia's 9<sup>th</sup> District, to participate in area forums. Morgan Griffith declined to participate in forums organized by the League of Women Voters. As the League cannot host an "empty chair" forum, we could not pursue one this year.

The candidates will meet three times for debates hosted by Chambers of Commerce. All require tickets. If people are not members of the Chambers of Commerce, they may get tickets from campaigns at no cost.

Oct. 15

Bluefield: 7 p.m., Harman Chapel at Bluefield College. The debate will be broadcast live on WVVA-TV. Tickets may be reserved through Bluefield College and the campaigns.

Oct. 18

Bristol: 7 p.m., The Bristol Hotel at 510 Birthplace of Country Music Way. The debate will be broadcast live on WCYB Tri-Cities CW. Tickets may be reserved through Bristol Chamber of Commerce, WCYB-TV, Bristol Herald Courier or the campaigns. This debate will be rebroadcast by Roanoke station, WSLS, Channel 10. The date and time of the rebroadcast will be announced later.

Oct. 22

Salem: 7 p.m., Salem Civic Center. Tickets reserved through Salem-Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce website: [www.s-rchamber.org](http://www.s-rchamber.org). Go to Events in the menu and then to Events Calendar to reserve a seat. The debate is open to the public. The Chamber is working on the possibility of streaming the debate live. Details will be announced later.

## A Panel Goal Is Identifying Facts, Policies Consistent with U.S. Values and Goals

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source of strength in diversity, are in the news," she said.

The panel members will help focus some of the issues. Hult will explain the roles and activities of the president and federal agency officials; Goedert will review the role of Congress and the courts in implementing and enforcing immigration policy; and Miller will bring in the history and economics of immigration.

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## Calendar

Oct. 4 - Who Gets To Be an American? Blacksburg Municipal Bldg., Blacksburg  
Oct. 15 - Last day to update address or register to vote  
Nov. 6 - Election Day

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