Weekly Spotlight: Fall 2022 Civic Engagement Grant

Apply now for a fall 2022 Civic Engagement Grant for up to $200 to support your organizing efforts!

With the 2022 midterms coming up in just a couple short weeks, civic engagement is now more important than ever. This monetary award is designed to support independent efforts to foster civic engagement at Pitzer and within our surrounding communities. Eligible projects may focus on voter registration, getting out the vote, voter education, or any other
community organizing with a theme of civic engagement. Funding may be used in a wide variety of ways—think registration fees, transportation, posters, and even snacks!

A maximum of 4 grants up to the amount of $200 will be awarded. For more information, please contact thepeoplespitzer@pitzer.edu.

**Volunteers Needed**

**Comment on Kevin de Léon's Position on LA City Council**

On Thursday, by an overwhelming majority vote, the faculty of Pitzer College voted to demand that Kevin de Léon resign from the LA City Council immediately after the revelation of his offensive comments. See [this LA Times article](#) for more information.

Reach out at councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org to deliver your own statement.

Thanks to Professor Mita Banerjee for sharing this information.

**Fill Out the Midterm Voting Survey!**

Please fill out [this 3-minute survey](#) to help guide our voter engagement efforts at TPP as we approach the midterm elections.

**Upcoming Events**

**Do No Harm: Witnessing War Crimes in Ukraine, Collecting the Evidence**

Monday, October 24, 12:00pm

CMC Athenaeum

[Register here](#)

Based on her experience as an investigative journalist in Ukraine, Anna Romandash explores the role of information framing for understanding the Russian attack on Ukraine and other violent conflicts. With over 25,000 crimes currently under investigation in Ukraine, Romandash will highlight some of the challenges of researching, reporting, verifying real-time testimonials, and data management all while trying to tap international networks for world-wide coverage in real time. The role of social media as a facilitator and impediment will be highlighted alongside important ethical issues about the relationship between accountability and privacy.

Ms. Romandash’s Athenaeum presentation is co-sponsored by the Mgrublian Center for Human Rights and the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, both at CMC.

**U.S. Department of Treasury’s Office of International Affairs - Info Session**

Monday, October 24, 5pm

[APPLY HERE!]
Virtual event  
[Register here](#)

Pitzer Career Services was recently notified of an upcoming info session with the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Office of International Affairs for their Junior Fellowship program. Once you register for this event on Handshake, you’ll be required to register for their event through zoom. Also, view their job description through Handshake [here](#).

About: The U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of International Affairs is now accepting applications for its 2023-2025 cohort of Junior Fellows. The Junior Fellowship program is a highly selective, fixed two-year program for new college graduates to work shaping international economic policy for the United States. To apply, email a cover letter, resume, and transcript(s) attesting to academic qualifications and career goals to IAF Fellows@treasury.gov by October 30, 2022. Students from all academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

**Isidora Randjelovic and Svetlana Kostic: Migration, Oppression, Empowerment Romani and Sinti Feminists Speak**  
Tuesday, October 25, 12pm  
Hampton Room, Scripps
Isidora Randjelovic and Svetlana Kostic are members of RomaniPhen, a Berlin-based organization that emerged in 2018 from IniRromnja, an association of Romani and Sinti women who no longer accept that rejection, hostility and violence against Romani and Sinti people are concealed, trivialized or justified. Because of the long history of Romani persecution, enslavement, and genocide during Nazism, it is essential to engage in memory cultural work, transgenerational exchange and collaboration with movements that link the past to the present and oppose border regimes and other forms of global oppression. RomaniPhen’s focus is on feminist work with girls and women, Romani-related events, activist networking, and dissemination of Romani knowledge.

The Republican Civil War: What Liz Cheney’s Wyoming Tells us about the Past, Present, and Future of the American Right - Stephanie Muravchik and Jon Shields
Tuesday, October 25, 5:30pm
CMC Athenaeum
Register here

Although MAGA conservatives endlessly faulted Liz Cheney for fighting Donald Trump instead of “woke” identity politics on the left, her primary defeat had everything to do with the triumph of an identity politics that is remaking the American right. Stephanie Muravchik and Jon Shields, both professors at CMC, have been traveling Cheney’s home state of Wyoming in an effort to understand the right’s new obsession with identity—and what it means for all of us.

Claremont City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 6:30pm
207 Harvard Ave.,
Claremont, CA

First United Farm Workers Collegiate Support Group Info Session
Tuesday, October 25, 6:30pm
Scripps Student Union

The United Farm Workers (UFW), United States’ biggest and most enduring farmworker labor union, is establishing their first collegiate support groups at the Claremont Colleges! If you’re interested in organizing with the UFW, fill out this form.

At the info session is a longtime UFW supporter, Daniel Orellana-Rogers, who recently completed a 335-mile, 24-day march from Delano to Sacramento alongside farmworkers for Governor Newsom’s signature on Assembly Bill 2183.

Thanks to Kenny Le for sharing this information.

Race and the Political Economy of Criminal Justice Predation - Joe Soss
Wednesday, October 26, 5:30pm
Joe Soss, the inaugural Cowles Chair for the Study of Public Service at the University of Minnesota, with faculty positions in the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, the departments of political science and of sociology, will explore how government and corporate actors systematically use criminal justice practices to strip resources from poor communities of color. Taking a historical view, Soss will discuss the fundamental roles that criminal justice predation has played in race-making and political and economic development in the U.S.

Professor Soss's Athenaeum presentation is part of the "Race Across Disciplines" series which explores how different academic disciplines approach research, insights, and findings around race and is supported by CMC's Presidential Initiative on Anti-Racism and the Black Experience in America.

Mudd Talks: “From Chemistry to Climate Policy”
Wednesday, October 26, 5:30pm
Virtual Event

California has invested more than any other state in developing regulations and tools to protect the climate and air quality experienced by its citizens. If you have every wondered “How does California increase renewables on the electricity grid while maintaining reliability?” or “How are we sure that cars meet the state's aggressive emission standards?” the answer is with significant contributions from passionate state workers! Come to learn about the many opportunities for scientists, engineers and mathematicians to perform technical work and develop policy for the state of California. Camille Sultana ’10 will also share her thoughts on applying to state jobs, her experience on the California Air Resources Board and the impact of working on climate and air pollution topics for a national policy leader such as California.

OLC: Rights to the City: Volunteering, Infrastructures and Citizen-making
Thursday, October 27, 12:15pm
Oldenburg Center, Pomona

Join the Oldenburg Center, for a talk with Ka-mong Wu, Associate Professor in the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. This talk examines a dimension of citizenship, which she calls infrastructural citizen making, in contemporary China. Wu discusses volunteering practices that grow out of mega-event-sponsored urban infrastructures in Beijing and Guangzhou. She explores what it means when infrastructural projects are understood as spaces for civic rights articulations. Wu examines how do we understand these “non-confrontational” volunteering with the rights to the city in a larger context of the infrastructural upgrade.
Ka-ming Wu is trained as a cultural anthropologist, she has taken up ethnographic research to examine the cultural politics of state and society, waste, and most recently, gender and nationalism in contemporary China. Her first book is Reinventing Chinese Tradition: The Cultural Politics of Late Socialism (UIP 2015). Her second book Feiping Shenghuo: Lajichang De Jingji, Shequn Yu Kongjian (CUHK 2016) (Living with Waste: Economies, Communities and Spaces of Waste Collectors in China) discusses the socio-cultural impacts of waste. Her academic papers have been published in many journals such as Journal of Asian Studies, Modern China, Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theories, The China Journal, Urban Geography, and China Perspectives.

Meal swipe required for 5C students.

Solidarity Event for Fidencio Aldama  
Thursday, October 27, 6pm  
Parents Field, CMC

On October 27, 2016, Fidencio was unjustly arrested and framed for murder after a violent, premeditated attack on his Yoeme community, Loma de Bácum. This attack was orchestrated by Sempra Infrastructure because the community did not consent to a natural gas pipeline through their territory. Fidencio was targeted for his opposition to the pipeline and was sentenced to 15 ½ years in prison.

On Thursday, October 27, we are holding an event to recognize the 6th year Fidencio has been unjustly imprisoned, to raise mutual aid for him and his family, and to call for his freedom. We will be demanding justice by calling on Sempra to pay reparations for their colonial violence and calling on Claremont McKenna College to remove trustees Kravis and Roberts of KKR who are major investors in Sempra Infrastructure.

You may also donate to Fidencio's official support committee:
Venmo: fidenciolibre
Cashaspp: $fidenciolibre
Paypal: @fidenciolibre

Thanks to Malcolm McCann for sharing this information.

Weak Strongman: The Limits of Power in Putin’s Russia - Timothy Frye
Thursday, October 27, 5:30pm
CMC Athenaeum
Register here

Conventional wisdom treats Russian politics as either an extension of Vladimir Putin’s worldview or Russia’s unique history, but in Weak Strongman, Timothy Frye, the Marshall D. Shulman Professor of Post-Soviet Foreign Policy at Columbia University, emphasizes Russia’s similarities to other autocracies and highlights the difficult trade-offs that confront the Kremlin on issues from election fraud and repression to propaganda and foreign policy. Balancing personal anecdotes from his 30 years of researching Russia and cutting-edge social science, Weak Strongman offers the best evidence available about how Russia actually works, why Russia invaded Ukraine, and what the future holds for US-Russian relations.

Celebrate the United Nations’ 77th Birthday
Thursday, October 27, 6:30pm
Louise Roberts Room, United Church of Christ
233 W. Harrison St., Claremont
Attend In-Person or on Zoom
Register here

Don’t miss the live concert from Michael Ryan singing Songs of Peace, John A. Moore, author of definitive books on the UN, speaking on “Nourishing Peace”, and a student presentation on the UN’s work to end hunger and achieve food security.

One in ten of people worldwide are currently suffering from hunger. Optional donations to the UN’s World Food Program may be made at the door or with cash, or check payable the UNA/Pomona Valley, 1015 N. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711, or Venmo @UNA-PV Contributions are tax deductible.

Sponsored by the United Nations Association of Pomona Valley

Co-sponsors: Blue Planet United, Rotary Club of Claremont, League of Women Voters of the Mt. Baldy Area, and UNA of The Claremont Colleges

Thanks to Robert Green for sharing this information.

The November Election, Public Opinion Polling, and California’s Future - Mark Baldassare
Friday, October 29, 12pm
CMC Athenaeum
Register here

Public Policy Institute of California president and survey director Mark Baldassare will review the partisan races and state propositions on the November ballot, present the results from recent statewide surveys, and discuss the policy issues that will shape California’s future.

Mr. Baldassare’s Athenaeum presentation is co-sponsored by the Rose Institute of State and Local Government at CMC.

American Dreams/Asian Nightmares
Saturday, October 29, 3pm
Garrison Theater, Scripps

A sonic exploration of the Asian American experience, and its many beautiful contradictions.

This performance is a follow-up to the 2021 theatrical podcast Blood on Gold Mountain, which gained national recognition for its portrayal of the 1871 LA Chinatown Massacre.

American Dreams/Asian Nightmares engages with Anti-Asian violence and rhetoric from the inside out. The three-part program combines Asian and American music traditions, Data Sonification and Anti-Colonial performance art to break down barriers of Race and Nationality, and spark new dialogues about what it means and how it feels to be Asian-American.

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