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Mission Statement

We are a non-partisan political organization dedicated to making democracy work through: Voter Education, Issue Advocacy and Citizen Participation.

LWVPA Events		
Date	Event	Details
Saturday, February 29	Candidate Forum	11:00 am – Noon Schaumburg Township Library
Thursday, March 5	Census 2020: Be Counted!	7:00 – 8:30 pm Schaumburg Township Library
Saturday, March 7	Candidate Forum 6 th District	10:00 am, Barrington Area Library
Sunday, March 8	Women’s History Month Luncheon: Title IX	11:30 – 1:30 pm, Wilmette Golf Club Restaurant
Tuesday, March 10	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 pm, Barrington Area Library
Thursday, March 12	The Long Road to Victory	6:30 pm, Palatine Library
Sunday, March 15	100 Years of Women’s Suffrage	2:00 pm, Barrington Area Library
Monday, March 16	Book Club: <i>Climate Justice</i>	Noon Granite City; 801 Plaza Dr, Schaumburg
Wednesday, March 18	Consequences of Mass Incarceration	1:00 pm Webinar (Registration Required)
Tuesday, March 31	Money in Politics	7:00 pm, Emmett’s in Palatine
Thursday, April 16	Opt-In! Becoming an Involved Citizen	7:00 pm, Barrington Area Library (Details coming)

Co-President's Message

Our league's past and present leadership have been instrumental in making our league one that we can all be proud to be a part of. Moreover, I believe that strong leadership is vital to any organization, one with which no organization can exist without. Therefore, I would like to forego the usual message and ask that you give deep consideration to responding to this:

HELP WANTED

The LWVPA, a wildly successful and fast-growing league is looking for enthusiastic people with a passion for what our League stands for to serve on our board. If you are looking for a great team to work with, we want you. We offer no salary, only awesome colleagues to work with. We are currently accepting nominations for the following offices:

- Co-President, 2-year term
- Secretary, 2-year term
- Treasurer, 2-year term
- Membership Director, 2-year term
- Program Director to serve with Cammy Basak, 2-year term
- Voter Services, 2-year term
- Publicity Director, 2-year term

Leadership begins with you! Please consider being nominated. Contact Vicki Martin, vmartin463@aol.com, or Juanita Kendall, nita03096@yahoo.com, for further information regarding these positions.

Jackie McGrath

**8th Congressional District Primary Election
Candidate's Forum**

Saturday, February 29th, 2020, 11am – 12pm
Schaumburg Township District Library,
Rasmussen Room

130 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL
Candidates: Raja Krishnamoorthi, Democratic
incumbent

William Olson (D)

Inam Hussain (D)

These candidates will compete in the primary for
the Democratic Nomination.

**6th Congressional District Primary Election
Candidate's Forum**

Saturday, March 7th, 2020, 10am – 11am
Barrington Area Library, Zimmerman Room
505 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington, IL

Candidates:

- Jeanne Ives (R)

- Gordon "Jay" Kinzler (R)

These candidates will compete for the opportunity
to face Democratic incumbent Sean Casten in the
General Election.

LWVPA Name Badges

The badges from our most recent order will be available for pickup at the Candidate Forums.

Periodically our league will submit an order for new Name Badges. Orders will be submitted once we have the minimum of five (5) new orders. We will hold your request until we place the next order. Simply go to our web page: <http://www.lwvpalatinearea.org/order-lwv-badge.html> to submit your order and pay. No need to send a separate e-mail.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

Lainey Doremus
Ashley Reilly

Maureen Hutchinson
Sylvie Salazar

Melissa Hutchinson
Cynthia Wojdyla

Kathy Kleiva
Janice Wood

Poll Watchers Wanted

Want to get involved in League activities but just don't have much time?

Here's a brief project for you: **The League of Women Voters Cook County Election Judge Survey of the March 17 Primary**

The Cook County Clerk's Office is rolling out new electronic voting machines this election.

LWVCC would like to survey election judges on election day to

- find out how well the new equipment worked
- identify what problems there may have been so they can be corrected in the future
- find out how adequate the judges felt their training was, so that, too, can be corrected in the future

Volunteers can survey just their own precinct or multiple neighboring precincts.

Contact Kim Inman at jkim.inman@gmail.com by March 7th.

**Cook County Election Judges
Needed**

Be a part of history and work as an election judge on Tuesday, March 17.

- Election Judges and Polling Place Technicians are needed especially in the following **Townships**: Wheeling, Northfield, Hanover, Schaumburg, Elk Grove and Orland.
- Election Judges earn \$200 and Polling Place Technicians \$365 for work on election day plus a 3-hour training session. Apply at cookcountyclerk.com/work.

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Well Done, Voter Registration Team!



The voter registration committee is proud to report a very successful registration season. Our League hosted more than 20 registration/information events over the last 6 months with 35 registrars representing our League for countless hours.

Here are some of the places we've been since August:

The District 211 Parents' Night Open Houses, the Harper back-to-school volunteer outreach fair, houses of worship, farmer's markets, a homeless assistance day center, a disabilities fair, a jobs fair, library community events, National Registration Day, a new citizen naturalization ceremony, a senior citizen information fair, a homecoming parade and football game, a community fall festival, and more, all over our membership area. At our local high schools, teachers, supported by administrators, demonstrated their dedication to democracy by giving up precious class time and bringing entire classes to all-day registration events, where we combined efforts to register more than 700 eligible students to vote. Even if we didn't register anyone at an event, we answered questions and tried to keep the importance of voting in view. We almost always get a thumbs up or "thank you" from someone walking past our table.

Melanie and Renée personally thank our many registrars who volunteered to staff these events. Please look at <http://www.lwvpalatinearea.org/voter-registration.html> for some great photos of our registrars at work.

Since paper voter registration is not allowed by the state of Illinois during the period from now until the Primary, we are taking a short break from most voter registration events. We will be starting up again soon to help get as many people as we can registered before the November election. If you are interested in being trained as a deputy registrar, please let us know. We are trying to get a training session scheduled for late April.

In the meantime, our next project is to get-out-the-vote and convince non-voters that it really is in their interest to inform themselves and vote. To join us, please contact rregladstone@aol.com or melanicar@yahoo.com

OBSERVER CORPS UPDATE

The League of Women Voters was recognized at three village board meetings for the 100-year anniversary of the League's founding: Barrington, Palatine and Rolling Meadows.

Palatine Township meeting had discussion on paying bills for the road district and the consolidation of 5 checking accounts into one at Cornerstone Back.

Barrington Township had presentations from 15 non-profits asking for funds from the township. These non-profits service some people who live in the Barrington Township area. A couple who live in Barrington spoke to the board during the public comment period. The couple talked about flooding on their property and affecting several of their neighbors. It was unclear what they were asking for specifically. Supervisor Nykaza stated that George Street is not a township road.

Thank you to all our observers.

Hate Having to Download our Forms?

You are in good company. All of our forms that previously required a download in order to complete have been replaced with on-line forms. These forms may be completed on your phone, tablet, or even a computer! They cannot be printed.

Payment is made via PayPal. NO NEED TO HAVE A PAYPAL ACCOUNT. Scroll down and you will see the option to pay by credit or debit card.

These forms are all located as a drop-down under “Join / Renew” on the main (top) menu.

New Members and Membership Renewal:

- Each person must fill out their own form.
- There are now 2 forms – one for New Members and one for Renewing Members.
- Select your form, fill it out, and submit it. You will be taken to a page to select your membership type and add the item to your cart.
- Once all membership forms have been submitted, proceed to checkout.
- Submitting the form automatically e-mails it to our membership chair as well as the league’s e-mail. A copy of the form is saved on our website.

Volunteer (Member Interest form)

- Each person must fill out their own form. Our goal is to have *each member* complete this form annually. (More often if needed). If you change your mind – submit another form! We will only pick up your most recent form.
- Whether you can help a little or help a lot, we greatly appreciate it. When selecting an option, you are only committing to help with this activity. You are NOT signing up to do the entire thing on your own. You may be able to do only 1 small piece – that is perfectly fine!
- There are 2 new options that may be of help:
 - Other Ways to Help – where you may enter your great idea!
 - Unable to help at this time.
- Clicking Submit will send the form to both our membership chair and to our league website. A copy of the form is saved on our website.

What we do with the forms

Our IT / Tech people are now able to download the form data from our website into Excel.

- This eliminates the need for our membership chair to manually track member interests.
- Allows our IT / Tech people to automatically match up the Volunteer (Member Interest) forms with our membership list. This information will be sent to our membership chair to follow-up on missing forms.
- ALL VOLUNTEER INFORMATION is for our chapter use ONLY.
- Membership Information is posted to the LWV National member database.

Dayle Roberts (IT/Tech support)

Voter Engagement Meeting

We have a committee meeting scheduled for March 3 at the Barrington Library, 6:30 PM. We will be gearing up for the election season, looking at what we've already accomplished and brainstorming new ideas to get out the vote. An email with more details will go out to committee members closer to the meeting date.

This is a new committee. Contact Renée Gladstone (rrgladstone@aol.com) or Melanie Carter (melanicar@yahoo.com) if you'd like to be involved.

If you're not a registrar and would like to become one but haven't told us, please let us know. We're keeping a list to be notified when the next training is scheduled. Contact Renée Gladstone (rrgladstone@aol.com) or Melanie Carter (melanicar@yahoo.com).

100th Anniversary Year – Day of Action

Last week we demonstrated League power through League action! **Over 339** Leagues across the country from the cold mountain tops of Alaska to the hot sunny beaches of Florida put on over **400 events** to celebrate our **100th year anniversary**. Our League has once again demonstrated how we serve as a pillar in our communities by empowering voters and defending our democracy. Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment!

Thank you to everyone who joined our debrief call this past Wednesday. It was an amazing and an upbeat way to hear about the creative ways Leagues celebrated our 100th year anniversary with their community. Thank you for everyone who shared their highlights of their events and in doing so allowed for all of us to learn from each other!

As promised, we have been able to put together an overview report about our national Day of Action based on the responses we received so far from the [Day of Action post survey](#)! Listed below is our major takeaways:

- **339** Leagues participated in the Day of Action
- **402** Day of Action related events were conducted.
- Leagues took action major actions in every state plus DC, plus the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong has plans as well!
- **64,133** people were reached by League events!

In league power,
Luana Chaires
LWV.ORG

CENSUS 2020: BE COUNTED!

**Learn about Census 2020
and why you need to be counted.**



**Schaumburg Public Library
Central Adult Classroom
130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60193**

**Thursday, March 5, 2020
7:00-8:30pm**



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CANDIDATE FORUM

6th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

PRIMARY ELECTION

Saturday, March 7, 2020

10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Barrington Area Library, Zimmerman Room
505 N Northwest Hwy, Barrington, IL**

Candidates (Contested Primary Race only):

Listed in alphabetical order

- ★ Jeanne Ives
- ★ Gordon “Jay” Kinzler

Can't attend? A recording of the forum will be posted on the League of Women Voters of the Palatine Area website. Visit www.lwvpalatinearea.org or view the QR code at right through the camera of your phone.



Hosted by:



Free and open to the public. Bring your questions!

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Women's History Month Luncheon



Sunday March 8, 11:30-1:30

Wilmette Golf Club Restaurant - 3900 Fairway Drive, Wilmette, 60091 (intersection of E. Lake/Harms Rd. Wilmette)

TITLE IX:

Did legislation level the playing field?



LWVIL President Allyson Haut will make opening remarks and introduce our speaker.



Melissa Isaacson is an award-winning sportswriter, author, and public speaker. In more than thirty years on the job, she has covered every major US sports championship as well as the Olympics. She has written for numerous publications, including long tenures at such institutions as ESPN and the *Chicago Tribune*. She is currently on the faculty of Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism and lives in the Chicago area.

Melissa has written **State**, the story of her experiences on the Illinois state champion 1979 Niles West High School girls basketball team, will speak to us about transformational power of girl's athletics and the controversial legislation that allowed it all to happen.

Co-hosted by League of Women Voters of Arlington Heights/Mt. Prospect/Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Evanston, Glenview/Glencoe, Lake Forest/Lake Bluff, Palatine Area, Park Ridge, Wilmette, and Winnetka/Northfield/Kenilworth

RSVP at SignUp Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094BA4A62EA31-title>

Questions or Problems? Email Ann Yoshida at amyoshida@aol.com

There will be a chicken or vegetarian entrée and a cash bar. The cost of the lunch is \$30. You may indicate your food choice when you sign up. Payment will be accepted at the luncheon in the form of cash or check. Please RSVP by March 3.

Please come join us for this exciting event! Friends of the League are always welcome!

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A Year of Courageous Conversations

Our League is supporting the *Year of Courageous Conversations* project, a yearlong series offered in the Barrington area. Recognizing the need for better dialogue across divides, community leaders have joined forces to launch *A Year of Courageous Conversations* to explore how to live together in difference.

For more info about this project: <http://www.urbanconsulate.com/courageousconversations>

A summary of each session can be found on the blog, including handouts and the slideshow. If you've missed a session or are unable to attend, this blog will give you a meaningful understanding of each session.

<http://www.urbanconsulate.com/courageousconversations/blog>

Future programs through June are open for online registration. Although frequently waitlisted, there is a chance you will be contacted to attend if you put your name on the list.

<http://www.urbanconsulate.com/courageousconversations/events>

Join your fellow League members for these informative sessions.

Upcoming Sessions

CHALLENGING SEPARATION

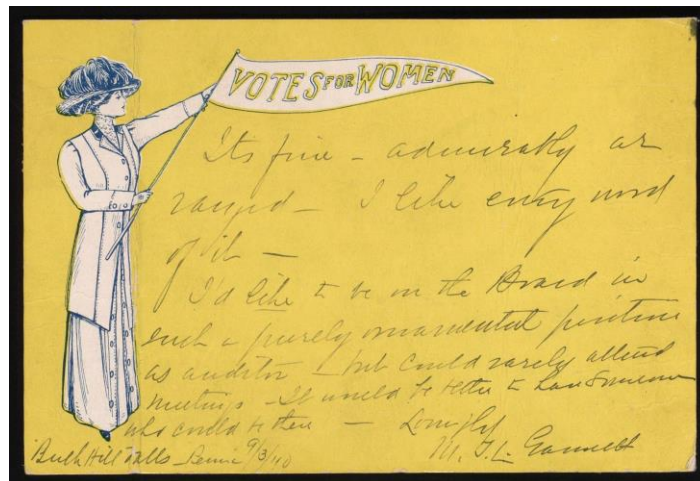
Wednesday, March 11, 2020

PAYING IT FORWARD

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Barrington's White House

**The Long Road to Victory:
Vignettes of the Women's Suffrage Movement
Commemorating
The 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote**



**Join League Members and Friends as We Continue Our Yearlong
Celebration of This Momentous Event!**

If you missed this program the first time, here's another opportunity!

Thursday, March 12, 2020, 6:30PM Palatine Public Library
700 N. North Court

Annette Baldwin, in a first-person monologue, portrays five brilliant, dedicated leaders in the woman suffrage movement: Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Alice Paul, and Carrie Chapman Catt.

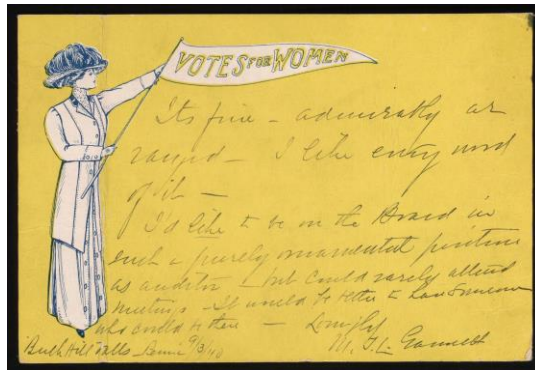
Free to members and the public

Register at www.palatinelibrary.org Events or 847-358-5881

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**100 Years of Women's Suffrage
Commemorating
The 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote**



**Join League Members and Friends as We Continue Our Yearlong
Celebration of This Momentous Event!**

**Sunday, March 15, 2020 2:00PM
Barrington Area Library
505 N/ Northwest Highway, Barrington**

Through an illustrated slide lecture presenter Leslie Goddard, historian, author and dramatist, will explore the struggle from 1848--when the first call for women's votes was issued at Seneca Falls--to 1920 when the 19th amendment gave all American women the vote.

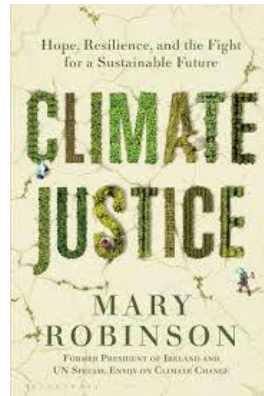
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Registration now open <https://balibrary.librarycalendar.com/events/100-years-womens-suffrage>
or 847-382-1300

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March 2020 BOOK CLUB MEETING



An urgent call to arms by one of the most important voices in the international fight against climate change, sharing inspiring stories and offering vital lessons for the path forward.

Monday, March 16, at 12:00 PM

**Granite City Food and Brewery (separate checks)
801 Plaza Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60173**

**Please RSVP by March 9, 2020 Cammy Basak cbasak3@msn.com
Marilyn McCarty-Fulton marilynmcf426@gmail.com**

Facilitator: Jon Grand

Jon Grand, a professional Book Club facilitator and former manager of The Book Stall in Winnetka, will lead our discussion. Jon has a varied and fascinating background in environmental management with personal interests in civil rights and social justice. During his career Jon had the opportunity to live in the Nordic/Baltic regions. These life experiences have contributed to Jon's ability to engage us in a lively and thought-provoking conversation.

Please join in this opportunity to socialize with your fellow League members and discuss important political and social issues.

Bring a friend!

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Attend this March Webinar!



REGISTER TODAY FOR THIS ICJIA WEBINAR!

CONSEQUENCES OF MASS INCARCERATION: LASTING EFFECTS ON COMMUNITIES AND REENTRY STRATEGIES

Mass incarceration in the United States has disproportionately impacted racial and ethnic minorities, particularly those residing in concentrated urban areas. Research indicates incarceration may increase crime as a result of negative consequences to the formerly incarcerated, their families, and their communities. In this webinar, presenters will discuss the prevalence, causes, and consequences of community concentration of prison admissions and returns, and highlight Cook County Department of Corrections' reentry efforts to reduce returns to corrections.

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020
1:00 PM CST**

PRESENTERS

Jessica Reichert, M.S., ICJIA Acting Research Director
Todd R. Clear, Ph.D., University Professor, Rutgers University
Jane Gubser, Psy.D., First Assistant Executive Director of Programs, Cook County
Department of Corrections

Moderator: Emilee Green, ICJIA Research Analyst

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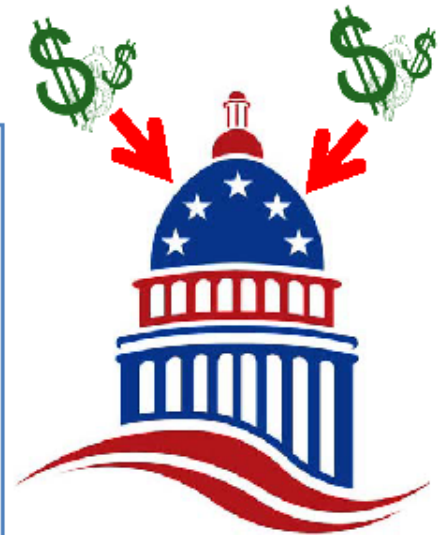
You won't want to miss this free presentation on How Big Money Corrupts Our Representative Government

When: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:00-8:30pm (doors open at 6:30)

Where: Emmett's Brewing Company
110 N Brockway St
Palatine, IL 60067

You will learn

1. Are we a democracy or a republic?
2. Using studies done by Princeton University, you will see how big money and lobbyists get the legislation they want or block what they don't want.
3. Things we can do to restore our democracy.
4. How action at the state level can impact federal legislation.
5. HR1 – For the People Act of 2019 and other proposed legislation.



Book Review

“The Case for a Carbon Tax”

In order to improve my knowledge on the climate crisis, I recently read the book “The Case for a Carbon Tax” by Shi-Ling Hsu. The author discusses policies which are designed to regulate or change behavior, such as the carbon tax, command and control, cap-and-trade and government subsidies. These policies have varying impacts on innovation, capital investments and international trades and treaties.

The author describes the carbon tax as being efficient and easier to administrate as it puts a clear price on carbon dioxide emissions. It is considered capital neutral and for the most part a tax on consumption. A carbon tax has the potential to stimulate innovation as a way to cut energy costs until the cost of innovation outweighs the cost of compliance. At that point, a tax rate may need to change. However; from a business perspective, a carbon tax sets a clear price and is not adjustable like cap-and-trade. The author suggests that a carbon tax may be easier to present to India and China as those countries have memories of colonial pasts and may be unwilling to accept a global cap-and-trade in which others decide what their allowance allocations might be. A carbon tax offers the best chance to regulate domestic greenhouse gas emissions and may equalize the international playing field via border tax adjustments while surviving a challenge from GATT (General Agreement on tariffs and trade). Additionally, a carbon tax has the flexibility to be used with other carbon emissions reduction policies.

Command and control policy have been used by the EPA. The EPA set standards for the building of new coal power plants and later for active coal power plants which set new emission reductions standards. In some cases, new plants were not built and the older, greater polluting plants continued to operate in order to avoid the new costs. EPA also set higher mileage standards which impacted the auto industry and negotiated with the states for the Clean Power Plan. These command and control policies have been rolled back by the current administration. Another comment on command and control is the perception that someone else, the polluters/them, pay the costs rather the consumers/us. In reality, we all pay the costs.

Cap-and-trade is described as regulating a quantity and not a price. A total quantity of carbon emissions reduction is set and allowances (credits) are auctioned to businesses. The author describes cap-and-trade as offering interesting political deal-making possibilities that lines up political support and winners and losers. Allowances can be traded and some economic policy suggests overall business costs are minimized as the allowances flow to those for which the emissions reduction would be most costly. Cap-and-trade moves the emissions reduction decisions from the hands of the government and into those of the emitters. A successful cap-and-trade program was the US sulfur dioxide trading program which set overall SO₂ emissions below historic baselines and did decrease emissions from 21 million tons in 1994 to under 14 million tons in 2006. One perverse concern with cap-and-trade is the stockpiling of allowances as firms may see them as assets and use them as a “smoothing” strategy during volatile price fluctuations. The fact that innovation could reduce the value of the asset is a disincentive for cost-saving innovation. There is concern that the allocation of valuable allowances offers government subsidization of politically favored groups. Another concern is the opportunity to award allowances to make-work projects. This is a particular concern in international programs.

The final policy of subsidies has been used widely. For years the oil and gas industries have enjoyed subsidies or tax breaks. Currently in Illinois, the solar industry enjoys tax subsidies in both the federal and state levels. The author states that the problem with government subsidization as a greenhouse gas policy is how to identify worthy targets. A political economic term is “rent-seeking” where the use of government instruments for private industrial advantage is never clear cut, being intertwined with public benefits. Governments are better at

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creating the conditions for solving a problem than picking winners. The mistake of investing in a particular industry or plant is that the investment may be around for a long time (examples are nuclear or coal plants) and that leads to a loss of investment in other ideas. Some investments such as raising fuel economy standards, may lead to more gas available and lowered costs which can increase driving or the purchase of bigger vehicles. There is also the perception, similar to cap-and-trade, that there is no cost to subsidies. Someone else pays for it when, in reality, we all pay.

The author discusses the psychology of human behavior where people are reluctant to give up what they have (they value it higher) than exchange it for something better. The use of the word “tax” creates a negative response. Experiments have shown that people would be most willing to favor harmful inaction over harmful action. However, what seems politically infeasible at one time has been shown to be accepted over time.

The author supports a tax of carbon as the best solution to decrease carbon emissions. He states “a carbon tax exhibits the best combination of characteristics for pricing and reducing emissions. In the complicated world of domestic climate policy and international relations, a carbon tax, because of its breadth, its simplicity, and its ability to piggyback on existing regulatory infrastructure, offers the greatest chance to reduce greenhouse gas emissions immediately.”

Laura Davis February 2020