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## **CKCPJ Annual Dinner and Networking Fair** ***"A Diversity Voyage: From the United Nations to Transylvania University"* with Eduardo Nino-Moreno** **Sun. Feb. 26 at Transylvania University** **Networking and Resource Fair: 5 to 6 pm** **Dinner & Program: 6 to 8 pm**

True equality and embrace of diversity is still a societal destination: we haven't yet arrived but are instead on a journey of discovery. And each of us as individuals is on a voyage toward fully appreciating the riches diversity offers. Come join us on Sun, Feb. 26, as we explore these journeys together with Eduardo Nino-Moreno, the first Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Transylvania University.

Nino-Moreno says diversity and inclusion "are issues you cannot escape from—they are present wherever you go and in whatever you do. I learned through my years of international service that the more diverse the teams I work with, the better the results in the end. That gave me a fantastic perspective. I feel as if I have prepared for this particular job all my life."

An Uruguayan citizen born in Colombia, Nino-Moreno's background includes an undergraduate degree

from Dartmouth College and a graduate degree from Cornell University. He married a woman from Panama after she graduated from a Mexican university. And he worked for the United Nations for almost three decades, with assignments in 14 countries while carrying out missions in many more.

Nino-Moreno will help Transylvania University "foster a campus community characterized by compassion, respect, ethical concern, and social responsibility," which includes the responsibility to "acknowledge and strive to understand societal power structures that influence the status of minority groups."

Our evening will include a brief dramatic performance by Transy students and our awards presentations to "Peacemaker of the Year," "Lifetime of Waging Peace," and "Living Wage Sohner Award" recipients. See details below and make your reservation today!



### **Networking Resource Peace Fair and Dinner details:**

**Reservations: Online—** If you have access to the internet, please make your reservations online by going to <http://www.peaceandjusticeky.org/dinner.htm> for both dinner tickets and the Networking Resource Fair.

**Dinner Prices:** Ticket prices are set at a suggested contribution of \$25-\$50 according to ability to pay (the event cost will run approx. \$20 per person). Children 12 and under are free. For students or persons with low income, ticket prices are \$15/person (however, if that cost is a financial burden to you, please make your reservation and pay what you are able). ALL ARE WELCOME. Contributions greater than \$20 will receive tax receipts and will support our grassroots programming, peace education efforts, and Voices events series. Ample supplies of vegan food options will be available. Please consider sponsoring a table of 8 (\$200-\$400) and inviting your friends and family!

**By phone—**To make reservations by phone, call Richard Mitchell at 859.327.6277 (leave a message if you fail to get Richard immediately. Information we need is: 1) phone number or email address so we can confirm your reservation; 2) number of persons in your party; 3) first and last names of each person; 4) whether any in your party are children 12 and under.) For phone reservations, payment can be made when you pick up your tickets at the door.

**—Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee tickets will be available at the door for those without reservations—  
—Please contact us so we know you are coming—**

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*The views expressed in Peaceways are those of the authors, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice.*

## 2012 One World Film Festival: Free films that Sharpen Insights and Broaden Horizons

by Annette Mayer, Chair,  
One World Films, Inc.

You are invited to the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary One World Film Festival with speakers worth hearing, discussions worth having and—most importantly—current films worth seeing, films that increase understanding and encourage creative thinking about issues of culture, society, ethnicity, gender and the politics that surrounds them.  
**All films are free and open to the public.**



**PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGES for SUNDAY screenings** from previous years: The theatre in the Lexington Public Library is under renovation and will not be available for public use until mid-March. However, Transylvania University is generously allowing the festival to use the Carrick Theatre in the Mitchell Fine Arts Center Building (MFAC) for three screenings and the Cowgill Business and Economics Building for one. Free parking is available on the Transylvania campus (good parking right in back of MFAC), and MFAC is handicapped accessible. Then for the final Sunday screenings in March, the Library's theatre will be open.

All Thursday nights remain at the Kentucky Theatre.

**For more info and details on these locations, including maps and directions, see [www.oneworldfilmfestival.org](http://www.oneworldfilmfestival.org) or call 859.266.6073.**

## 2012 Sunday Film Screenings

**Feb 12, 19 and March 4: Carrick Theatre Mitchell Fine Arts Center Building Transylvania University at 300 N. Broadway, Lexington**

●Sun, Feb. 12 at 2:00 pm only: **The Rape of Europa**

Location: Carrick Theatre. This documentary chronicles 12 years of the Nazis' pillaging works of art throughout Europe and the international effort to locate, protect, and return millions of valuable treasures.

●Sun, Feb. 19 at 2:00 pm only: **Inside Job** 2011 Academy Award-Winner for Best Documentary. Location: Carrick Theatre Mitchell Fine Arts Center Building Transylvania University Campus. A sobering look at the pervasive and deep-rooted corruption behind the global economic meltdown of 2008.

●Sun, March 4 at 2pm only: **Beyond Belief**. Location: Carrick Theatre. Strangers Patti Quigley and Susan Retick who lost their husbands on Sept. 11, 2001, formed a common bond in their grief. The film follows their travels to Afghanistan to meet women there also widowed by violence.

**\*\*Feb. 26: SPECIAL LOCATION!—Cowgill Building on the Transylvania University Campus**

●Sun, Feb. 26, 2:00 and 4:30pm **Gasland** A documentary that asks the question: do the potential harmful consequences of "fracking"—from poisoned water sources to kitchen sinks that burst into flames—outweigh the benefits?

*for more dates and additional films, see page 3*

## 2012 One World Film Festival: Free films for Sharpening Insights and Expanding Horizons

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### 2012 Sunday Film Screenings *cont'd*

**March 11 and 18 screenings are held at the newly renovated Lexington Public Library Theater, 140 East Main St, Lexington**

●Sun, March 11 at 2pm only. **The Black Balloon**

Location: Lexington Public Library Theater.

Australian model Gemma Ward makes her feature film debut in this family drama starring Rhys Wakefield as a 16-year-old trying to make his way in a new town and at a new school—while also charged with keeping tabs on his autistic older brother (Luke Ford). Toni Collette plays the pregnant mother of the clan, and Erik Thomson is the cricket-obsessed dad in this Berlin Film Festival award winner from first-time feature director Elissa Down.

●Sun, March 18 at 2:00 and 4:30pm **A Small Act**

Location: Lexington Public Library Theater.

This heartwarming documentary powerfully illustrates one person's power to make an impact on the world. When Swedish citizen Hilde Back sponsors the education of Kenyan student Chris Mburu, she not only educates one child, but she sparks a lifelong love of learning. As an adult, Chris establishes a scholarship program in his home village. Later, when political violence threatens Kenya's educational system, Chris is determined to change it.

### 2012 Thursday Film Screenings

**Thursday Films are screened at the Kentucky Theatre, 214 East Main St, Lexington**

●Thurs, Feb. 16, 5:00 and 7:30pm **Last Train Home**

Location: Kentucky Theatre. Documentarian Lixin Fan follows a couple who, like 130 million other Chinese peasants, left their rural village for work in the city, leaving their children to be raised by grandparents. The husband and wife return only once each year, on an arduous 1,000-mile journey. But their homecoming is not a warm one, as their now teenage daughter, Qin, makes her bitter resentment known and debates pursuing a factory job herself.

●Thurs, Feb 23, 5:00 and 7:30pm **No One Knows**

**About Persian Cats.** Location: Kentucky Theatre. What do you do when you can't play music in your homeland, but you can't leave your country to play it abroad either? This is the dilemma faced by a young

Iranian man and woman who, fresh on the heels of their

prison release, decide to form a rock band. Despite having drive and ambition to spare, the wannabe rockers are stymied by lack of passports, lack of funds and lack of musicians who're willing to leave Iran in this drama from Bahman Ghobadi.

●Thurs, March 1, 5:00 and 7:30pm **Budrus**

Location: Kentucky Theatre. Documentarian Julia Bacha delves into the fraught world of Palestinian-Israeli relations in this account of one family's leadership of a movement to prevent Israel's Separation Barrier from slicing the Palestinian village of Budrus in half. Ayed Morrar inspires nonviolent protests of the giant barrier by numerous factions, and his 15-year-old daughter, Iltezam, leads a women's group. Archival footage and interviews illuminate the action.

●Thurs, March 8, 5:00 and 7:30pm **Stonewall**

Location: Kentucky Theatre. In a story framed by a key moment in gay history, Matty Dean (Fred Weller) arrives in New York City's Greenwich Village in 1969, seeking sexual liberation. He finds it at the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar. In jail after a raid there, he meets Ethan (Brendan Corbalis), a gay activist who favors peaceful protest.

●Thurs, March 15, 5:00 and 7:30pm **The Hedgehog (Le Hérisson)**

Location: Kentucky Theatre. Paloma is a serious, but deeply bored 11-year old, who has decided to kill herself on her twelfth birthday. Fascinated by art and philosophy, she questions and documents her life and immediate circle, drawing trenchant and often hilarious observations on the world around her. But as her appointment with death approaches, Paloma finally meets some kindred spirits, in her building's grumpy concierge, and an enigmatic, elegant neighbor, both of whom inspire Paloma to question her rather pessimistic outlook on life.

*About the festival: One World Films is a 501c3 non-profit organization formed in 1998 to establish an annual film festival in Lexington. Board members are all volunteers, and the film festival relies on the generosity of local businesses, community groups, and individuals. The names of all sponsors appear in annual mailings, on posters, and in programs handed out at each film. If you would like to make a donation, contact Annette Mayer at 859.266.6073.*





## Tell Your State Government: We Want Immigrants Treated Fairly and Justly Wed, March 21 is Refugee and Immigrants' Rights Lobby Day in Frankfort

The March 21 lobby day is organized by a coalition of grassroots groups from across the state who call themselves "PICK: Progressive Immigration Compact for Kentucky." The lobby day will provide an opportunity to highlight a half dozen legislative initiatives that require scrutiny and feedback to ensure that our state government passes only legislation that is fair and just.

The "Compact" in PICK, say organizers, "is a unifying document that invites all the individuals, groups, and organizations who were involved in the defeat of last year's anti-immigrant legislation to stay connected as we move forward. The Compact simply expresses our community values relating to policy issues that have become central the immigration discussion in Kentucky and in the nation."

The Compact recognizes work to be done in the areas of federal solutions, law enforcement, families, and our economy, all in the context of a free society.

The larger goal is that "immigrants with varied statuses are integrated into communities across Kentucky. We must adopt a humane approach to this reality, reflecting our unique culture, history and spirit of inclusion. The way we treat immigrants will determine to a large degree whether a free society is preserved or lost. Kentucky should always be a place that welcomes people of goodwill."

### Can you come on March 21? Please register:

(1) Online: <http://bit.ly/zaZ84U> (2) send an email: [iarras@kdva.org](mailto:iarras@kdva.org) (3) or call Isela Arras at 502.209.5382.



## "Drop the I Word": Take the Pledge and Urge Our Media To Do The Same

The campaign to drop the word "illegal" in discussions of immigration policy is the brainchild of the Applied Research Center (ARC), "a racial justice think tank" behind Colorlines.com, a daily news site offering award-winning reporting, analysis, and solutions to today's racial justice issues.

Why "drop the i-word"? Colorlines says: "The term 'illegal' functions like a racial epithet. It's a way of legitimizing violence against a particular group of people because of who they are. That's the definition of a hate crime. The 'i-word' derails real conversation about immigration and human rights. It's racially charged, legally inaccurate, and morally wrong."

Read how Republican strategist Frank Luntz and anti-immigrant advocacy organizations like Numbers USA and the hate group "Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR)" chose the word to create division among voters by going to "How the Right Made Racism Sound Fair—and Changed Immigration Politics" (<http://tinyurl.com/3uyz3uz>).

Want to take the pledge? see box at right and consider writing a letter to a newspaper or TV or radio station (letter is adapted from "Drop the I word" campaign aimed at the *Charlotte Observer*).

Dear Lexington Herald-Leader Editors [or radio or TV station],

I am writing to ask that the *Lexington Herald-Leader* reporters and editors stop describing people as "illegal immigrants," "illegal aliens," and any other form of "illegal." The i-word is dehumanizing, racially charged and masquerades as legal terminology, which it is not. There are terms like "unauthorized," "undocumented," and other precise, rational descriptions that can be used. The i-word denies people due process and is incompatible with ethical, professional journalistic standards.

The Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) recently passed a resolution to discontinue use of the term "illegal alien." They also suggested continued discussion to re-evaluate the use of "illegal immigrant," which SPJ's diversity committee advised against using because it is unconstitutional language and is offensive and dehumanizing to the people it describes. Immigration judges, ICE attorneys, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and the Supreme Court do not use the i-word because it is meaningless in the context of immigration proceedings and undermines due process.

The i-word inflames anti-immigrant rhetoric, which morphs into anti-Latino sentiment. By dropping the i-word, the *Lexington Herald-Leader* can stop fueling hate and prejudice toward members of its own community.

[Optional: Include a personal note about why it's important to you.]

The *Lexington Herald-Leader* must not take part in misleading and inaccurate political rhetoric and the dehumanization of immigrants. *Lexington Herald-Leader*, drop the i-word today.

Sincerely, (your First and Last Name)



### The Pledge to Drop the I Word

I will not call any human being "illegal." The racially charged slur and related terms confuse the immigration debate, fuel violence and don't reflect my values. I join communities nationwide in challenging all media to do the same.

You can take the pledge online at [droptheiword.com](http://droptheiword.com)

## Tell Your Government: We Want Diplomacy, Not War, With Iran

*What are people who understand this international situation saying?*

"A war with Iran would not be surgical, brief, or one-sided. As memorably noted by Gen. Anthony Zinni, if you like Iraq and Afghanistan, you will love Iran. It is a huge country, well-defended, with a fierce sense of nationalism. No air campaign, even if prolonged, will end the problem. Regardless of how a conflict begins, it is most likely to end with lots of boots on the ground. A squad of special forces will not do the job." (Gary Sick, National Security Council analyst and principal White House aide for Iran during Iranian hostage crisis)

"We haven't had a connection with Iran since 1979. Even in the darkest days of the Cold War we had links to the Soviet Union. If something happens it's virtually assured that we won't get it right, that there will be miscalculations which would be extremely dangerous in that part of the world... I think any channel would be terrific."

(Admiral Mike Mullen, Ret. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 9/20/2011).



... "any decision that could lead to war between the United States and the Islamic Republic deserves considerable discussion before the American people. Simply beating the war drums so loudly as to drown out the voices of any opposition is a poor substitute for real debate" (Dr. Adam B. Lowther, a member of the faculty at the U.S. Air Force's Air University writing in The Diplomat: (<http://bit.ly/ReasonsNotToAttackIran>).

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## Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Analysts Answer Questions:

**Q: Would a military strike on Iran prevent Iran from being able to obtain a nuclear weapon?**

**A: No! Even proponents of attacking Iran admit that a military strike on Iran—which FCNL renounces categorically—would set back Iran's nuclear program two years at most.**

As former top Middle East intelligence analyst Paul Pillar has pointed out, a military strike could convince hard-liners in Iran to pursue a nuclear weapons capability, in order to deter future U.S. and/or Israeli attacks. As he's said, "An attack on Iran could affect not only Israel, but the entire region for 100 years." Further, he says: "If the saber rattling were ever to lead to the use of military force, among the disastrous consequences for U.S. interests would be to ensure the enmity of future generations of Iranians and to provide the strongest possible incentive for those Iranians to build, or rebuild, a nuclear weapons capability."

**Q: But hasn't diplomacy with Iran already been tried?**

**A: Hardly. U.S. and Iranian officials have reportedly spent a grand total of 45 minutes in direct, one-on-one talks in more than 30 years.** That singular reported incident of high-level, U.S. and Iranian bilateral talks took place during a lunch break in Geneva, in October 2009. After those talks collapsed, rather than pursue further talks—which is what sustained diplomacy requires—the Obama administration abandoned its efforts to engage in robust diplomacy with Iran. While U.S. and Iranian diplomats have spent far more time in the same room in multi-party talks regarding Iran's nuclear program (i.e. the P5+1 talks [P5+1 = permanent members of the U.N. security council + Germany]) or the political future of Afghanistan, grievances between both sides cannot begin to be resolved until U.S. policymakers are willing to spend more than 45 minutes in direct, bilateral (i.e. one-on-one) talks with Iran.

**To Help You Craft Your Letters Urging Diplomacy—**  
These sites contain resources, research, fact papers, reports, and sample letters as well as online petitions you can sign:

- Friends Committee for National Legislation (<http://fcnl.org/issues/iran/>)
- United for Peace and Justice (<http://bit.ly/ufpjIRAN>)
- Peace Action (<http://bit.ly/PeaceActionIRAN>)
- Campaign Against Sanctions and Military Intervention in Iran [www.campaigniran.org](http://www.campaigniran.org)



People of Yazd, Iran wear FCNL's War is Not the Answer pins

You can download this postcard and sign a petition for diplomacy at [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org)



## For your calendar:

✓ **In May, NATO and the G8 will hold their summits jointly in Chicago.** It's the first time the summits have been held in the same city since 1977. "They did us a favor really, helping make the connection between the military and the monetary for us," says Peter Deccy, Peace Action Development Director. The Chicago chapter of Peace Action is planning a series of responses. Interested? You can register to receive updates at: [www.peace-action.org](http://www.peace-action.org).

✓ **Nov. 15-17 National Racial Justice Conference in Maryland: Early bird registration is open** for the Applied Research Center's **2012 Facing Race National Conference**, to be held days after the presidential election, with Pulitzer Prize-winning author Junot Díaz serving as keynote speaker. Register today at the early bird price of \$175 at: [arc.org/facingrace](http://arc.org/facingrace). Celebrating its 30th Anniversary, the Applied Research Center (ARC) is the nation's leading racial justice think tank and publisher of Colorlines.com, a daily news site. ARC's biennial Facing Race conference is the largest multi-racial gathering in the country for organizations and individuals on racial justice. Key issues to be addressed include 2012 election, economy, arts & culture, education reform, multiracial organizing, immigrant rights, and the development of racial justice leadership and training models. ☯

## What's Left Out of Black History Month

*excerpted from the article by Sean Thomas-Breitfeld  
see The Nation (<http://bit.ly/LeftOut>)*

"Black History Month... is a month when we make heroes of people who overcame real, systemic and often legal oppression. We lift up, in President Obama's official proclamation, 'a story of resilience and perseverance' to inspire and educate the public about a part of this nation's history that wasn't told a generation ago.

"But in all of the celebration of a selective highlight reel of history, too often we overlook the reality of our present and how far we have yet to go to realize a better future where we all have enough to thrive—not just survive.

In his last book, *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community* (1967), Martin Luther King Jr. wrote, "A society that has done something special against the Negro for hundreds of years must now do something special for him." I don't think Black History Month is what he had in mind.

"He was probably taking a cold, hard look at our nation's history and thinking of the terrible oppression and injustice that black people endured—first under slavery, and then under legally sanctioned segregation in the South and informal segregation everywhere else. The sad fact is that the vast majority of our nation's history (from the Declaration of Independence right up until the legislative victories of the civil rights movement) constitutes that 'something special against the Negro' that King mentioned. That long history of discrimination has a direct impact on the black community today.

"The recent, smaller share of our history, that's about breaking down legal barriers to opportunity and extending civil rights, starts with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965. And the progress made in the last four decades has been limited by the fact that over the same period of time major economic changes have concentrated wealth in the hands of a few and out of reach of most black people.

... "This economic history deserves much more focus during Black History Month, especially given how dire the present situation is for the black community:

"More than a quarter of blacks are living under the poverty line, and the bursting of the housing bubble has decimated what little wealth blacks had gained. Given the economic realities and the corrosive racism of today's politics—as when Newt Gingrich referred to the first black president as the 'food stamp president'—it's not enough to just lift up a handful of black celebrities and movement heroes whose activism and radical imaginations have been watered down anyway. Instead, Black History Month should be a time when we recommit to advancing real solutions to black poverty and speaking truthfully about the economic history that led to the racial inequality we see today."

### From *Where Do We Go From Here?* pg 5

"The assistant director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, Hyman Brookbinder, in a frank statement on December 29, 1966, declared that the long-range costs of adequately implementing programs to fight poverty, ignorance and slums will reach one trillion dollars. He was not awed or dismayed by this prospect but instead pointed out that the growth of the gross national product during the same period makes this expenditure comfortably possible. It is, he said, as simple as this: 'The poor can stop being poor if the rich are willing to become even richer at a slower rate.' " —MLK







# Events at a Glance



*The Council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.*

Date/Time	Event Description	Contact
<p><b>Sat, Feb. 25: "Regional Left Convergence" Location: Commonwealth House of the University of Kentucky Gaines Center, E. Maxwell Street, Lexington.</b> Sponsored by the Socialist Student Union of the University of Kentucky. An unparalleled opportunity for activists around the region for dialogue, exploration, and networking. The public is warmly welcome to this free event. Panel discussions include sessions on the Occupy Movement; Collective Bargaining Rights, and Civil Rights.. Info or for out-of-town participants interested in small donations toward travel expenses, contact Joan Braune by email at <a href="mailto:standinsolidarity@yahoo.com">standinsolidarity@yahoo.com</a> or call 956.536.4468.</p>		
<p><b>March 1-2 "New Voices, Current Needs" Location: Lexington History Museum, 215 W. Main St. Lexington.</b> The 6th Annual Historic Preservation Symposium examines how preservation can address the needs of underserved communities and help correct modern and historical injustices. Ned Kaufman, of Place Matters and author of <i>Race Place and Story</i>; Alicestyne Turley-Adams, Director of the Underground Railroad Research Institute at the U of L; Thomas F. King, Cultural Resource Management/Archeology/Historic Preservation; and Stanley Lowe, Managing Director of the Manchester Citizen's Corporation in Pittsburgh. For complete schedule and details please see <a href="http://bit.ly/NewVoicesuky">http://bit.ly/NewVoicesuky</a>.</p>		
<p><b>March 16-18 "A New Harmony, The Earth, The Spirit and the Human Soul." Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market St, Lexington.</b> Presenter John Philip Newell is internationally acclaimed for his work in the field of Celtic spirituality. On both sides of the Atlantic, he plays a leading role in the rebirthing of spirituality for today. Registration: \$35. <b>Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 13.</b> You may also sign up online at <a href="http://www.ccclex.org">www.ccclex.org</a> and pay with PayPal. Please send checks along with this registration form to: Christ Church Cathedral Attn: Newell 166 Market St, Lexington, KY 40507. Info: Elizabeth Conrad at 859.254.4497 or <a href="mailto:elizabeth@ccclex.org">elizabeth@ccclex.org</a>.</p>		
<i>Recurring events are listed below</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm	<b>CKCPJ Board Meeting</b> , Locations are rotating: please contact us for details! ALL ARE WELCOME!	<a href="mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com">peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com</a> or 859.488.1448
Every Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm	<b>Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace</b> , Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main St ) in downtown Lexington.	Richard Mitchell 859.327.6277
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm	<b>Kentucky Migrant Network</b> , Cardinal Valley Center 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington	Isabel Gereda Taylor <a href="mailto:itaylor@lexingtonky.gov">itaylor@lexingtonky.gov</a> 859.258.3824
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm <a href="http://www.pflaglex.org">www.pflaglex.org</a>	<b>PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered.</b> Support Group Mtg. Beaumont Library, Fieldstone Way, Lexington	Info: <a href="mailto:president@pflaglex.org">president@pflaglex.org</a> or call 859.338.4393
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30 pm	<b>Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky</b> Central Lexington Public Library, 140 E.Main St. Lexington <a href="mailto:info@lexfair.org">info@lexfair.org</a>	Craig Cammack, Chair 859.951.8565
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 4:00-6:30	<b>Franciscan Peace Center</b> , 3389 Squire Oak, Lexington Info: <a href="http://www.franciscanvision.org">www.franciscanvision.org</a> .	Pat Griffin: 859.230.1986
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00—8:30 pm	<b>Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky (AHA)</b> , Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington. 14 Mar mtg topic: "New Atheists & New Humanists" with Clay Maney.	Dick Renfro 859.255.7029 <a href="mailto:frickdan@windstream.net">frickdan@windstream.net</a> )
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:00 pm	<b>Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC)</b> , Episcopal Diocese Mission House at 4th St. & MLK Blvd, Lexington	Ondine Quinn 859.276.0563
Every Sunday 2:30-4:00pm	<b>NAMI Lexington</b> Support Groups—Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington. <a href="http://www.nami.org">www.nami.org</a> .	call 859.272.7891 or go to <a href="http://www.namilex.org">www.namilex.org</a>



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—Sean Thomas-Breitfeld, *The Nation* (see pg 6)

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## ☺ Bits and Peaces ☺

### It's All In the Numbers!

We're looking for a numbers-oriented person committed to peace and justice in the Bluegrass. Will you volunteer some time assisting us at our check-in desk for our Annual Dinner? (see front page for details.) Contact us by email at [peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com](mailto:peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com). or call Howard Myers at 859.268.9225. ☺



### Sat, Feb. 25, 10 am-12 noon Christian-Muslim Dialogue Meeting: "God is Not Dead: The Resurgence of Christian Theism in Academia."

Dr. Mike Austin, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Eastern Kentucky University, on recent developments at ECU and the form that this renewed interest takes. Hunter Presbyterian Church, 109 Rosemont Garden. All are warmly welcome to this free event. A customary potluck luncheon follows, offering time for getting acquainted and informal conversation (if you bring a dish to share, please, no pork). **Next month's meeting: Sat, March 24, 10 am-12 noon:** "Islamophobia—its origins, causes and challenge." With Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, Rabbi Marc Kline, and Roula Allouch, Attorney. ☺

### Meet the Authors! Book Events

At the Morris Book Shop, 882 E. High St., Lexington.

• **Wed, Feb. 22, 6:30-8pm—***A Positive View of LGBTQ: Embracing Identity and Cultivating Well-Being*, written by Ellen Riggle and Sharon Rostosky, professors at the University of Kentucky. That positive view includes personal authenticity, increased compassion, fighting for social justice, and a sense of community belonging. The book includes exercises to inspire readers to cultivate their own positive narratives and strengths. Refreshments by UK's Dept of Women and Gender Studies

• **Sat, March 3, 2pm—***Transformed: A White Mississippi Pastor's Journey into Civil Rights and Beyond* by William G. McAtee, with foreword by William F. Winter. McAtee, a fourth generation Mississippian tells the story—from the perspective of his pastor—of transformation when the determined mayor of a south Mississippi town, with the assistance of white and black leaders, took the first steps in implementing the 1964 Civil Rights Law and forestalled the reckless violence that engulfed so many other communities. McAtee is a retired Presbyterian minister now living in Lexington. ☺

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