

# ASSOCIATION NEWS: Columbus Metropolitan Club

Wednesday, August 3, 2022  
In-house Audience & Livestreaming on YouTube

## Democracy in Crisis: Extremist Threats from Left and Right



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*Series presented by Columbus Metropolitan Club and WOSU Public Media*

Political commentator and strategist Linda Chavez has written that America should embrace neither Trumpist autocrats who are working to control more state legislatures around the country, nor progressives who control many cultural institutions, including some prominent media outlets and universities.

Does the future of American democracy depend on whether the country is willing to reject extreme positions on both the right and the left? What measure of blame belongs to the two sides? What became of America's traditional middle ground? Is it essential for

democracy, and if so, can it be recovered?

With an expert panel, the August 3 forum will examine how political extremism arises, the danger it presents, what's fueling its growth in America and internationally, and how it might be curbed.

The "Democracy in Crisis" series of public forums is examining threats to democracy leading up to and beyond the 2022 U.S. mid-term elections with a series of monthly programs, each presenting expert speakers who will address aspects of the ongoing threats to stability of America's centuries-old experiment in democracy. The series is a partnership between the Columbus Metropolitan Club and WOSU Public Media, with the Co-

lumbus Council on World Affairs as an additional partner for the August 3 program.

Featuring **Christopher Gelpi**, Ph.D., Director and Chair of Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Mer-shon Center for International Security Studies, and Professor of Political Science, The Ohio State University, **Laura Dugan**, Ph.D., Ralph D. Mer-shon Professor of Human Security and Professor of Sociology, The Ohio State University Department of Sociology, and **Alam Payind**, Ph.D., Director of the Middle East Studies Center, The Ohio State University, with host **Mike Thompson**, Chief Content Director, News and Public Affairs, WOSU Public Media.

The "Democracy in Crisis"

series of public forums will examine perspectives from across the political spectrum about how our democracy is being challenged with each forum presenting expert speakers who will address aspects of the threats to stability of America's centuries-old experiment in democracy. The series is a partnership between the Columbus Metropolitan Club and WOSU Public Media.

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## CMC Discontinues Newsletter in The Daily Reporter

Since 2004, CMC has published its weekly newsletter as a full page in *The Daily Reporter*, with circulation to CMC members and several thousand subscribers. A recent member survey confirmed that most people are getting news online and information about CMC from twice-weekly emails.

"*The Daily Reporter* Publisher Cindy Shillingburg and her team Elissa Skaggs

and Erin Stacey who help create CMC's newsletter have been extraordinarily generous contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars of gift-in-kind services to CMC.

"We are grateful for their long-time support," says CMC President and CEO Jane Scott, "but things change and with limited marketing resources, we must redirect our efforts. Consequently, CMC

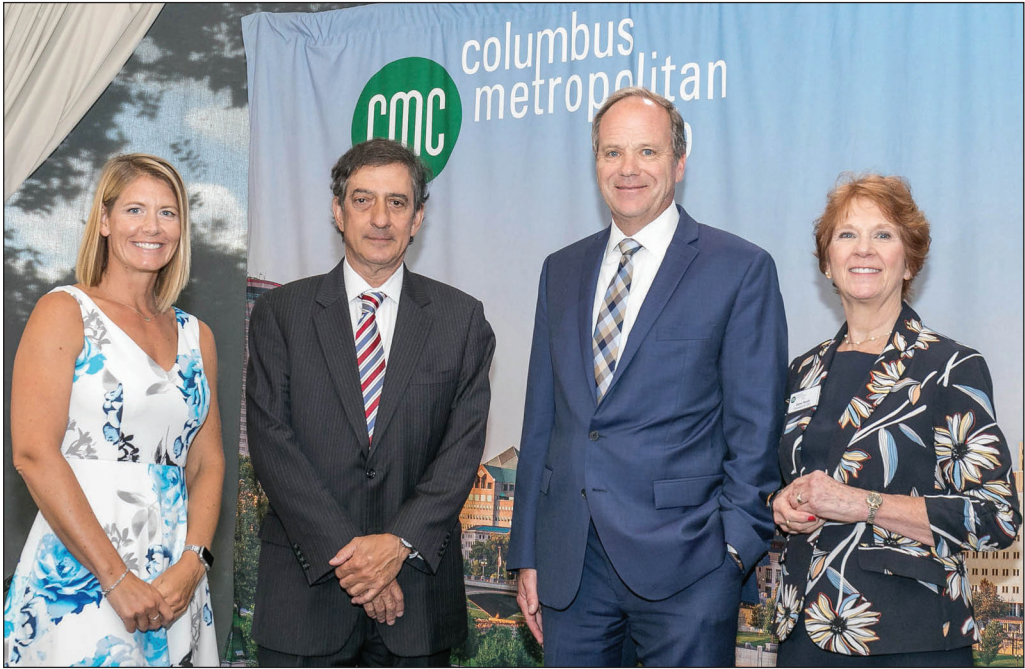
is discontinuing its publication of its newsletter with the July 25 edition. This has been an extremely difficult decision to make."

To replace the newsletter, members will find photos and information in digital content in the email blast and on the website at [columbusmetroclub.org](http://columbusmetroclub.org). Further information will be coming in CMC email announcements.

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

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**Conversation 2022**

## Democracy in Crisis: Michael Tomasky On Saving Our Republic



(Photos courtesy of Rick Buchanan Photography)

CMC Board of Trustees Chair Kelly Atkinson, speaker Michael Tomasky, host Mike Thompson and CMC President and CEO Jane Scott.

*Series presented by Columbus Metropolitan Club and WOSU Public Media*

**Michael Tomasky**, Editor, *The New Republic*, and author of *If We Can Keep It: How the Republic Collapsed and How it Might Be Saved*, headlined CMC's annual Conversation 2022 forum. WOSU News Chief Content Director **Mike Thompson** interviewed Tomasky following his remarks.

Conversation 2022 is the Columbus Metropolitan Club's annual fundraiser event which enables CMC to continue to provide world-class programming at our weekly forums, public television, and internet broadcasts.

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Jeffrey Lemichuk and Brian Stark ask questions of Michael Tomasky.



Kent Thompson and Albin Bell.



David Teed and Lifetime Member Tom Katzenmeyer.



Cheryl Brooks Sullivan has her book signed by Michael Tomasky.



Ryan Aills, Kate Quickel and Laura Baker.



Brad Myers and Lifetime Member Herb Asher.

## — Calendar of Events — This Week at CMC



Harrison



Goyal



Donohue



Lekas

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

### CodeLaunch Tech Startup Accelerator

CodeLaunch is coming to Columbus! At the July 27 Columbus Metropolitan Club form, Improving – Ohio President **Josh Harrison** with expert panelists **Navin Goyal**, M.D., CEO, LOUD Capital, **Falon Donohue**, Partner, Narya, and, **Steve Lekas**, Co-Founder & CEO, Branch Insurance, will share the excitement around CodeLaunch's Columbus debut.

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## Upcoming Forums



Kemper



Durst



DeHays



Meleca

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

### Columbus Landmarks Reborn and Repurposed *Charles Y. and Frances N. Lazarus Revisiting Columbus History Legacy Forum*

Featuring **Rebecca Kemper**, Ph.D., CEO, Columbus Landmarks, **Charissa W. Durst**, President and Principal Historic Architect, Hardlines Design Company, and **Brad DeHays**, Founder, Connect Realty, with **David Meleca**, Director of Classical Architecture, Moody Nolan.

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Akins



Nesslering

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

### Ohio's Electric Future

Featuring **Nick Akins**, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Electric Power and **Sandy Nesslering**, Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, American Electric Power. Host to be announced.

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CMC forums are held at the Boat House at Confluence Park, 679 West Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43215, where there is free and accessible parking. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. The program will begin promptly at noon and end at 1:00 p.m. Audio assist headphones are available.

Can't make it in person? Our forums are livestreamed for FREE, however, we encourage you to register to submit questions and to support CMC by purchasing a virtual seat!

To request information, register for forums, join CMC or to make a donation, visit [www.columbusmetroclub.org](http://www.columbusmetroclub.org) or contact the CMC staff at [staff@columbusmetroclub.org](mailto:staff@columbusmetroclub.org)

Visit our website at [columbusmetroclub.org](http://columbusmetroclub.org) for forum registration and archives and to sign up for our e-mail list.