



R A D C H A T T E R

Welcome to our bimonthly member newsletter: Radchatter!

A space where we provide updates on SWAA initiatives, relevant news, upcoming events, and recommendations for what to read, watch or listen to out there in the radical sphere.

Dates of Significance

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Latino Social Workers Organization 2024 Conference is honoring one of our own, Dr. Lorraine Guitierrez. An annual time to celebrate peoples from all of the "Americas"

Coming Out Day - October 11

VOTER REGISTRATION CHECK-UP!

Check your registration by October 6, typically 30 days before USA General Election Day on November 5 this year.

ELECTION DAY - Tuesday, November 5 (absentee and voting early - check your state's rules and laws)

National Day of Transgender Remembrance - November 20

World AIDS Day - December 1

International Human Rights Day - December 10

National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day - December 21

Is there an event or day we should be remembering or celebrating? Please post on Facebook or email us at nsc@socialwelfareactionalliance.org

Meetings, Training, and



Conferences of Significance

9/19 - [LittleSis](#) continues their [Research Tools for Organizers](#) Training (recording available)

9/24 - [Social Work History Network](#) (UK) and the [Social Work History Group](#) (US) hosting a WEBINAR at 2:30pm ET [REGISTER](#)

9/25 - [Social Work Equity Campaign](#) Know Your [Unionization] Rights featuring a regional speaker from the [NLRB](#)

10/19 - [LaborNotes Troublemaker Schools](#) in Buffalo and Alabama

Upcoming SWAA Events

This Month's #RadChat

Are you ambivalent about our **current political moment**?

Are you wondering if and how today's political platforms reflect **your values and interests**?

Are you interested in **discussing this with others**?



Then join us for SWAA's virtual

#RadChats

TOPIC: POLICY PRIORITIES
FOR RADICAL SOCIAL WORK

Thursday, October 10th at 8 PM ET



#RadChats are hour-long open ended conversations hosted by SWAA members. These sessions are not recorded. This month, we'll discuss our current political moment and then talk about policy priorities for radical social work - and how to advocate for them.

TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER, VISIT
[SOCIALWELFAREACTIONALLIANCE.ORG](https://socialwelfareactionalliance.org)

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REGISTER HERE

Here are some opening thoughts as we consider the upcoming election!

Election season is upon us. Oh joy!

Here at SWAA, we would like to offer some ideas on how to assess/analyze the policy proposals of different candidates from a radical perspective. We considered the presidential contest, but this could work for other elections.

When we look at policy proposals **we have to ask ourselves:**

- Do they further economic, social, environmental, and racial justice or does it further the neoliberal agenda?
- Do they put people before profits?

- Do they promote all people living with dignity? And does it back this up with concrete proposals to make that happen? Things like universal health care (physical, mental, and other), affordable housing, livable wage jobs, family leave, basic income, . . .
- Do they fulfill our human needs and respect our human rights?
- Do they address the root causes of oppression and suffering?
- Are they liberatory?

Radical social work must promote solidarity, not charity.

Recent Webinar Recap



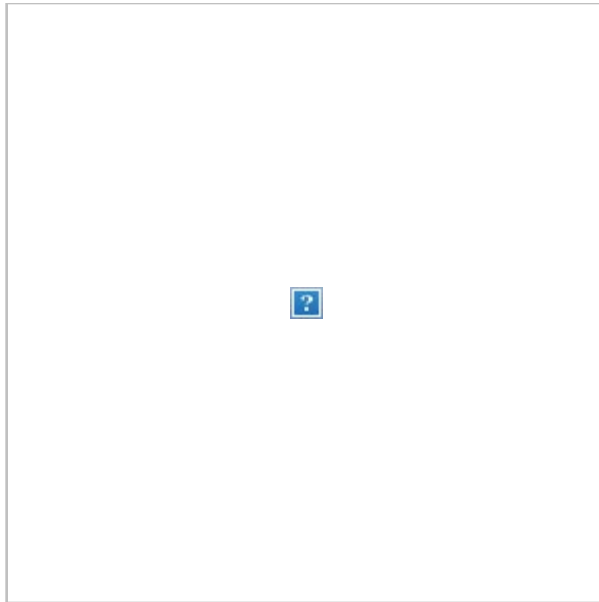
Learn more about this event [HERE](#)

Download your [Organizing Peaceful Protests Guide](#)

View/Listen to other events in our archives [HERE](#)

Chapter Updates

SWAA Connecticut Chapter

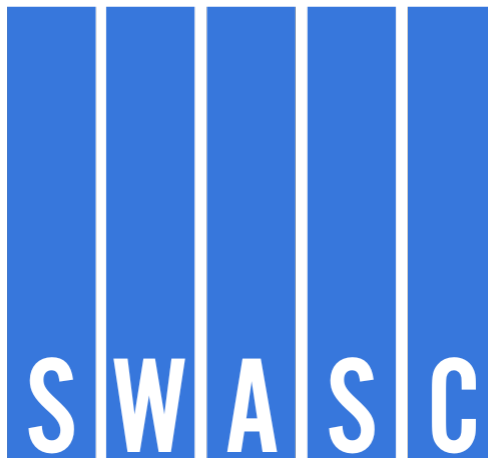


SWAA CT held a coordinating (steering) committee meeting on September 10th and a chapter meeting on September 17th. At the latter, we discussed our fall plans, including our electoral work and our legislative agenda for the legislative session scheduled to begin in January. We are working on outreach to candidates running for elective office, and on a potential **Teach-In** on radical social work for the fall, as well as planning our third “People’s Forum” at the Capitol. Specific dates of the events noted have not been determined as of yet. All this work intends to raise consciousness in CT of radical social work principles and positions and to hopefully move policymakers in our direction to the greatest extent possible.

****SWAA Newsletter Archive Note****

2002 SWAA Newsletter had a template and tools for hosting your **TEACH-IN**. You can see it starting on pg. 5 [HERE](#). Thanks, CT, for leading the way in 2024!

Social Workers & Allies Against Solitary Confinement (SWASC)



**SOCIAL WORKERS AND ALLIES
AGAINST SOLITARY CONFINEMENT**

Over the summer, SWASC hosted a one-hour poetry/prose reading featuring members of SWASC's Advisory Board of solitary survivors, and other group members. In July, SWASC Co-Director and SWAA Steering Committee member Nicole Capozziello attended the Unlock the Box convening in DC, which brought together the 23 active state solitary campaigns, and other activists. Also in July, SWASC members were part of a panel discussion held in Reno, NV. Looking forward to the fall, we are delighted to welcome a new intern from the University of Tennessee who will be with us until May of next year. We are also looking forward to restarting our work to pass legislation curtailing the abuse of incarcerated people in the next NY legislative session, as well as a collaboration with Columbia University's Center for Justice. If you're interested in learning more about our work or would like to be added to our email list for our monthly meetings or quarterly newsletter, contact swasc999@gmail.com



ACTION: Send a letter to your representatives in support of the federal End Solitary Confinement Act!

Go to <https://solitaryistorture.com> and TAKE ACTION with one click.

Learn about our other chapters or join a chapter [here!](#)

Know someone who might want to become a SWAA member or need to renew your membership?

Join & Renew here

Protest Music from the 1960s to NOW!

If you are a fan of protest music, or you'd like to be, this site is an excellent source of such: [The Ongoing History of Protest Music](#) (it is US focused but not all lyrics are in English).



From [JusticeAid](#), 12 months of protest songs!

From [Smithsonian Folkways](#), some oldies but some goodies!



Where do you get your news?

Our friends at Truthout remind us of a variety of sources where the goals are to work around and through mainstream (corporate) media to report on stories of international to local significance truly impacting people's quality of life, the ability to have justice, and their ability to live life as they determine.

That said, here are few of the links they shared with us in a lengthy email which we converted to a [Google doc](#) just for you. Let us know what you think about these sources - or your own such as any community radio, podcasts, papers, or zines that honor many voices as experts and not just a few paid/corporate talking heads!

Environmental Justice & 'Green' Social Work

During May's #RadChat, participants worked together to create a visual representation of some of the needs, barriers, and considerations to encourage conversations and change around Green Social Work.



How SWAA members can get involved

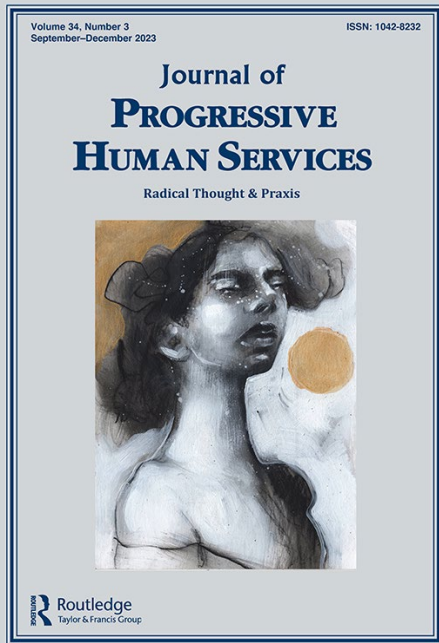
CONNECT - If you are interested in connecting with other members and perhaps starting an affinity group or chapter your area, email nsc@socialwelfareactionalliance.org. A SWAA steering committee member will reach out to you to discuss options.

WRITE - SWAA is always interested in opinion pieces or brief articles about radical social work. Email the above address with your ideas!

EDUCATE - Our education committee welcomes ideas for future webinars or #RadChat topics. If you have ideas for a panel, conversation, etc., we'd love to hear about them! Email nsc@socialwelfareactionalliance.org

GUIDE - Finally, if you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of the national steering committee, reach out via email and someone will connect with you.

Email Us for more information on how you can get involved!



The *Journal of Progressive Human Services: Radical Thought and Praxis* covers political, social, personal, and professional problems in human services from a progressive perspective and has a long-standing affiliation with the [Social Welfare Action Alliance](#) (SWAA). Members of SWAA can now purchase a discounted print/online subscription to the journal for \$30. Contact societies@tandf.co.uk and include the name of society (SWAA) to subscribe.

If you're interested in being a reviewer for the JPHS, contact Flower Noble at jphsflower@yahoo.com

RadWork

Welcome to our recommendations section! Where you can read, listen or watch people and organizations who align with our principles of social justice, peace and coalition building with progressive social movements.

Recommended ACTION TOOLKITS* Plus

by SWAA Member Michel C

Over the years, I have found myself looking for many tools, and with the introduction of AI tools, this list and others like it may be moot already. However, terms I have used before AI to find help include *Tools, Toolkits/Toolbox, Guide, Guidebook, Workbook, Campaign, Atlas, Database, Map, Tracker, Pantry, Grassroots activism*, and the term "radical" before or near these terms or any professional or working field. These have emerged as some of my favorites.

1. [**SWAA's new kit**](#)
2. [**Beautiful Trouble**](#)
3. [**Community Toolbox**](#), specifically their [**Justice Action Toolkit**](#)
4. [**Amnesty International**](#), specifically [**this pdf**](#)
5. [**Alliance for Justice**](#)
6. [**Racial Equity Tools**](#)
7. [**Tools for Justice**](#) (racial healing)
8. [**Training for Change**](#) workbook
9. [**Abolitionist Toolbox**](#)

10. **[Social Change Library](#)**
11. **[Move to Amend's Movement Building series](#) - the linked resources are strong**

Recommended Book: [The Change Handbook](#)

Recommended Organization for History: [Zinn Education Project](#)

Recommended Periodical: [Ms. Magazine](#) (the longest running feminist periodical in U.S. today that remains "ad free" - a rare thing in publishing today)

Recommended Organization for Immediate Action: [ERA Coalition](#) - Actions to take now. Pass the ERA so that when Kamala Harris is sworn in she'll at least be in the U.S. Constitution!

***Runners Up:**

<https://www.splcenter.org/activist-toolkit>

<https://humanrightsconnected.org/blog/a-best-of-rightscon-2022-activist-toolkit-resource-roundup/>

https://activisthandbook.org/organising?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwyo60BhBiEiwAHmVLJRneQxaUIfrMlgeCpotTiE31N0ipqCeJD-0j74MNQ08UMJZfH7PGQBoCoFcQAvD_BwE

<https://www.solidarityis.org/tools-resources>. includes a movement "pantry"

[Building a movement mindset](#) and toolkit

https://activisthandbook.org/organising?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwyo60BhBiEiwAHmVLJRneQxaUIfrMlgeCpotTiE31N0ipqCeJD-0j74MNQ08UMJZfH7PGQBoCoFcQAvD_BwE

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