

NC NOW 2023 State Conference and Elections

What Women Want NOW
Saturday, November 18, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh,
3133 Wade Ave., Raleigh NC

Registration—8:30-9:00 a.m.

The conference registration fee includes lunch.

Registration for NOW members is \$50., and non-NOW members is \$55. Registration includes lunch. You can join/rejoin NOW at the conference.

- Student registration is \$10 (student ID required).
- Registration for NOW members is a sliding scale from \$15-\$49 (\$15 covers the meal).
- Sponsorships are available and include at least one registration and could include a table at the event.

Please preregister using the form below or register on-line at <https://northcarolinanow.wordpress.com/home/2023-state-conference-what-women-want-now/>. 2 step process—register and pay. More information is at this link. Workshop signup is first come first serve.

You may also register on-site the day of the conference, but lunch is guaranteed only for those who preregister or call requesting a lunch.

If you miss the mailing deadline, call Roberta Waddle at 910-624-5616 or email rwaddle@nc.rr.com.

Keynote

US Rep Deborah Ross (CD-2), see biography on pg. 1

Speakers/Workshops

The conference will have a set of workshops and also two panels. Read about panels on pg 2. We will have a block of workshops as well. Please register online to save a spot in your first choice!

Meal

Our lunch (including a vegetarian option) is being catered. If you have special dietary needs, mark them online or contact nownorthcarolina@gmail.com.

Special Needs/Directions/Other overnight options

If you need directions or have any special needs, or questions about the location, we are happy to work with you. If you want to stay with a local member, we can try to work that out for you. Contact nownorthcarolina@gmail.com.

Hotels—block is NC NOW

Residence Inn Raleigh Crabtree Valley, 2200 Summit Park Ln Raleigh, NC 27612, (919) 279-3000, \$159.00 + tax for king suite with sofa bed, breakfast included.

Candlewood Suites at Crabtree, 4433 Leadmine Rd, 1-877-226-3539—\$105+tax for queen studio, block is NC NOW, code is NOW.

T-shirts

Various t-shirts will be available at the conference NOW—green ERA t-shirts, purple Forward NOW, etc.

NC NOW

North Carolina National Organization for Women
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Raleigh, NC 27611



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November 18, 2023
“What Women Want NOW”

2023 NC NOW Conference Preregistration Form

Make checks payable to NC NOW and mail to:
NC NOW State Conference, c/o Fayetteville NOW, PO Box 53816, Fayetteville, NC 28305
Mail by Nov 10, 2023

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Check here if you are a member of North Carolina NOW
- North Carolina NOW Conference Registration fee \$50 (sliding scale from \$15 - \$49 for NOW members only).
- Conference registration for non-NOW members \$55 (or talk to Gailya)
- Special student registration \$10
- Special deal to join and attend conference for non-NOW members \$70
- Can do sponsorship, and we will list your organization various places. Have a tabling option with this. Website.
- I can't attend, but here's my contribution to help with costs.
- Check Enclosed. \$ _____
- Or Charge your Visa or Mastercard or American Express (Please circle one)

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Amount Charged: _____ Signature: _____

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Count me in! I want to join NOW and commit myself to take action: to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities in a truly equal partnership with men.

Name: _____
(Former/Returning member, different name? _____)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

(Important!) E-mail: _____

- * I want to affiliate* with my local NOW chapter. (signature) _____
(*Affiliation with a chapter assures that you will receive local newsletters and special notices.)

Annual Dues: \$35 (\$15-\$34 -- student / limited income.)

- NOW does not wish to exclude members because of income.
(Annual dues include membership in NOW, at the National, State and local Chapter levels)
- I want to make a donation to local NOW _____ or NC NOW _____ (check which)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Mail this form and dues to: NC NOW, PO Box 24995, Raleigh, NC 27611



Congresswoman Deborah Ross to Keynote 2023 NC NOW Conference

Congresswoman Deborah Ross (CD-2) is the keynote speaker for NC NOW's 2023 state conference, "What Women Want NOW." This is NC NOW's first in-person conference since the pandemic, according to NC NOW President Gailya Paliga. It will be on Saturday, Nov 18, from 9am to 4:30pm, in Raleigh.

Rep. Ross is a gifted politician with a lifetime record of working for better communities. She continues doing great work on bills and issues at the national level and down to the state and local levels.

In Congress, US Rep. Ross is fighting for equality, justice, and progress. She is a lawyer who has been working for a better North Carolina her whole career, first as a civil rights lawyer, helping to pass the South's first anti-racial profiling law and reforms to the state's juvenile justice laws, then as the executive director for the ACLU-NC, and then in public office. NOW has been able to endorse her the whole way, ever since she ran in 2002. As a lawyer, a leader of a statewide organization and in public office at many levels, Rep. Ross really understands "What Women Want NOW!"



"I strongly believe no politician should come between medical providers and their patients. That's why I have worked for decades to protect a woman's right to reproductive freedom. In Congress, I am a proud cosponsor of the Women's Health Protection Act which will ensure that reproductive rights are protected at the federal level so that all people can have access to

reproductive health care regardless of where they live."

Rep. Ross represents NC Congressional District 2, which currently covers most of Wake County. In her first term, Rep. Ross became a leading voice on issues ranging from women's health and immigration reform to clean energy technology. In the 117th Congress, 11 pieces of her legislation were signed into law, including bills to increase funding for sexual assault nurse examiners, enhance judicial ethics and transparency, and bolster North Carolina's offshore wind energy potential.

In Congress, she serves on the House Judiciary Committee; the House Ethics Committee; the House Committee on Space, Science, and Technology; and the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic. She is also a member of the House Democrats' leadership team, serving as a Chief Deputy Whip & on the Steering & Policy Committee.

Members and friends of North Carolina NOW will have the opportunity to learn more about what women want and how Congresswoman Ross champions women's and civil rights and other issues at the NC NOW state conference, which is at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh (UUFR). More info and updates at: <https://northcarolinanow.wordpress.com/home/2023-state-conference-what-women-want-now/>

Two Panels and More

Panel: Technology Facilitated Gender-based Violence (TFGBV)

Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence, also known as cyber-violence, is perpetrated against men, women & girls. Some technological advances that many find useful in everyday life may facilitate TFGBV. Consider:

Advanced photo editing and AI now make it possible to create "deep fake" images that never existed.

GPS technology allows for those in abusive relationships to be tracked by their abusers. Those trying to escape traffickers must also escape GPS.

Searching for information about an individual may be an innocent pursuit, or it may lead to "doxing, sharing another's personal information (address, phone number, email, etc.) without permission." Doxing increases the chances of harassment or physical violence.

You can lock your house or regulate its temperature with an app. Suppose this convenience trapped you in that home, unable to



Note: CH NOW President is doing zoom presentation on this topic for Meredith College on 10/24/23

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escape an abusive partner or made it dangerously hot or cold for your children?

The tension between the use and abuse of technology is complicated. In order to succeed in an increasingly technology centered universe, women have to be tech savvy. What can be done to both create safe-spaces and promote the inclusion of women and girls in this rapidly emerging tech world?

This question is being explored because TFGBV is increasing and keeps women and girls from fully participating in society, making it a threat to democracy.

-Gerrie Richards, President of Chapel Hill NOW

Panel: Getting What Women Want with the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

This panel knows about many different aspects of what's going on with the ERA as the 28th amendment. For example, they can answer the following.

What would it do for women and others?

How would it secure safe and legal abortion access?

Any historical reasons this wouldn't happen?

Why isn't it already in the constitution?

How to get it in the constitution?

What laws would change in NC when the ERA goes into place and how does that work?

How do make this happen?

No Proposed NC NOW Bylaws Changes

Global Feminism

You probably have heard about the killing of the 22 year old Kurdish woman, Jina Mahsa Amini, in Iran in Sept 2022, which caused 6 months of protest—in the streets and online. The protesters were brutally treated by the regime. Do you know another young woman was killed by the morality police in October of 2023? This one was only 16—went into a coma and died. Also, women activists and relatives of killed protesters were rounded up before the anniversary of Mahsa Amini's death so they could not cause more protests. And they are still missing. We'll have a report on this and protest at the UN.

Redesigned NC NOW Website

Please check out the recently redesigned NC NOW website, where the 6 most recent posts show up with pictures and excerpts! The top menu was simplified. You can find nice links to the conference at the top! Thanks, Ouida Watson!