

Sunday Forum

Downtown Presbyterian Church

November - December 2017 How Resilient is Our Democracy?

- **November 12, 9:50 am – We the People! American Populism from Andrew Jackson to Trump and Sanders**

Populism has roots in the fiery anti-elitist Jacksonian era and most recently re-emerged in the Sanders and Trump campaigns. We will explore the history of Populism and its influence on American politics from its origin through the Progressive, New Deal and Civil Rights eras to its present manifestations.

Britta Anderson was born and raised in Denmark and has an MA in political science from the University of Vermont and worked in politics prior to retirement. She has led several history/political courses at Osher at RIT.

- **November 19, 9:50 am – Serving the 25th District in 2017/2018**

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter represents New York's 25th Congressional district and has been a longtime fighter for her neighbors in Western New York.

- **December 10, 9:50 am – Challenges to Our Democracy**

What does our current political divisiveness tell us about the state of civil rights, human rights, and economic injustice in modern America?

David Cay Johnston is a Pulitzer Prize winning author. His 2016 book, *The Making of Donald Trump*, became a New York Times bestseller.

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- Unless otherwise indicated, all events take place in the Shaw Room, 2nd floor of the Institute Building
 - Childcare for children 5 and older is provided