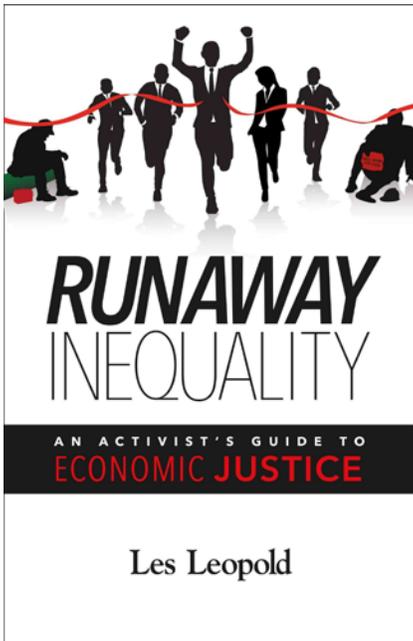


LOCAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

“What Happened to the American Dream?”

A Discussion with Les Leopold about Runaway Inequality”

The Southeast North Carolina Central Labor Council, Wilmington Progressive Book Club, and UNCW Departments of Sociology & Criminology, Psychology, and Communication Studies welcome labor activist [Les Leopold](#) to Wilmington, North Carolina on September 19th and 20th.



In addition to being co-founder and executive director of [The Labor Institute](#), Leopold is an author of four books and numerous articles for outlets such as The Huffington Post, Truthout, Alternet, In These Times, and Common Dreams. His most recent book, [Runaway Inequality: An Activists Guide to Economic Justice](#), documents the now well-established pattern of growing income and wealth inequality in the United States since 1980. Even more, he connects growing inequality to some of the most pressing social issues of the day – from mass incarceration to environmental degradation to lack of access to affordable healthcare – making the case that runaway inequality is the ultimate culprit in the demise of the American dream, as well as our current economic and political crisis.

There will be two opportunities for the local community to hear Leopold discuss his book and what we might do to address runaway inequality. The first will be held on **Tuesday, September 19th** at the local [ILA Union Hall \(1305, South 5th Avenue, Wilmington\)](#) beginning at 7PM. The second will be held on **Wednesday, September 20th** in room 114 of [DeLoach Hall \(5148 Randall Dr, Wilmington\)](#) on the campus of UNCW beginning at 5:30PM. Each event will be followed by a book signing where copies of [Runaway Inequality](#) will be available for purchase.

For more information and updates contact Farris “Herb” Harton (910-791-3643), Daniel Buffington (910-386-1701), or visit the Facebook event pages:

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