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September

Dangers of Drug Use

Debra L. Person is the founder and executive director of Exodus 3 Ministries, Inc. (E3M) in Syracuse, a not-for-profit, faith-based organization that provides spiritual counseling, emotional support and other services to women and families. Person endured molestation and rape growing up, eventually turning to drugs as a means of coping with the pain and trauma. As a result, she was a drug addict for many years before she turned her life around and began helping others. In addition to sharing her life story, Person warns her listeners about the dangers and long-term consequences of drug use.

Mass Incarceration and the Movement for Change

Dr. Alice Green, executive director and founder of the Center for Law and Justice in Albany, describes mass incarceration in America, its history and impact, and the growing movement to change this phenomenon. The Center for Law and Justice seeks the fair and just treatment of all people throughout the civil and criminal justice systems and works to reduce reliance upon incarceration. Dr. Green’s appearance is co-sponsored by the Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle programming series.

October

From Convict to Conviction: A Grassroots Vision for Criminal Justice Reform in America

Glenn E. Martin, president and founder of JustLeadershipUSA, explores the growth of mass incarceration, mass supervision and mass criminalization in the United States, as well as his organization’s vision to achieve meaningful and long-lasting criminal justice reform.
Implications of Nanotechnology on Human and Environmental Health

The rapid growth and projected acceleration of nanotechnology create urgency in understanding, predicting and managing the potential health risks associated with exposure to nanomaterials. Dr. Sara Brenner, a preventive medicine and public health physician at the SUNY Polytechnic Institute Colleges of Nanoscale Science & Engineering (CNSE), speaks about the safety implications of engineered nanomaterials.

November

White Nose Syndrome:
The Darkest of Nights for North American Bats

Alan Hicks, retired bat biologist for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, tells the story of White Nose Syndrome. Detected in the Capital Region in 2006, the disease has killed millions of bats across an ever-widening portion of the continent and has driven some bat species to the edge of extinction. Hicks also describes similar human-induced catastrophes that are now threatening the natural world.

Putting Together The Pieces of Body Modification:
A Panel Discussion

This panel discussion addresses the psychological aspects, legal implications and health risks of body piercing and tattooing. John R. Ostwald, associate professor at Hudson Valley Community College, will explain how perceptions about one's body can either fortify or erode a person's self-esteem, emotional wellness and ability to develop relationships. Veronica Barber, a third-year student at Albany Law School, will report on the lack of regulation of discrimination on physical appearance and share her own experiences. Rosemary N. Ostwald, senior sanitarian at the NYS Department of Health, will present the public health risks associated with body art. William P. Kent, Hudson Valley Community College student, will be the moderator.
In Appreciation

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Anne Dearing       Cynthia Koman
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Artwork: by Ryan Parr

Flag on Puzzle, 2012
Oil on canvas
43” x 26”

Sunflowers Remix I, 2013
Oil on canvas
43” x 26”

El Guggen Remix, 2008
Oil on canvas
72” x 48”

Ryan Parr received a BA from the University of Iowa in 2000 and an MFA from the University at Albany in 2005. He was the Collections Production Coordinator at the University at Albany Art Museum and currently teaches at Hudson Valley Community College. He participates in exhibitions around the Capital Region.

Mission Statement

The mission of Voices: A Library Lecture Series is to broaden and enrich the scope of studies at Hudson Valley Community College by presenting speakers on timely and enduring issues and freely sharing these lectures and discussions with the community.

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