When Hating Mexicans and Muslims Wins Votes: Xenophobia and its Effects on the 2016 Presidential Election

Immigration, refugees and terrorism are vying with the economy as the biggest issues of the current presidential election. In the view of some, candidates have staked out positions that are racist and anti-American. Yet, these platforms fit into a long tradition of isolationism in the U.S. and have made several candidates quite popular. Rosemary Armoo, journalism professor and investigative reporter, addresses these issues and more.

The Holistic Health Connection

Lauren Laurino, known as “Dr. Ren,” is a board certified naturopath and an award-winning holistic health advocate. Dr. Ren discusses many facets of a holistic lifestyle, including transmutable and transferrable energy, alternative health modalities and an integrative approach to health.

Eyes Wide Open: Human Trafficking in the Capital Region

Every year, thousands of women and girls are forced into human trafficking right in our own community. Debbie Fowler, founder of Eyes Wide Open NENY, Inc. in Schenectady, and author of “Fragrance in the Desert,” discusses the atrocities of human trafficking and the mission of her organization to provide restorative care, hope and sanctuary to its survivors.

Human Trafficking: An Artist’s Response

Joanne Von Genderen exhibits her artwork, informed by narratives of both survivors of human trafficking and advocates for change. The complexity of their stories is expressed through the use of multiple layers of paint, images, text and objects. Van Genderen is an artist living in Schenectady.
November 1
Noon–12:50 P.M.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

The Elephant in the Room: Addiction, a Family and Community Disease
How do we spot addiction, understand the distinct difference between sobriety and recovery, and support rehabilitation? Brian Farr, a professor in the Chemical Dependency Counseling Department at Hudson Valley Community College, leads a panel discussion to address these issues, along with representatives from Friends of Recovery New York (FOR), a Hudson Valley student in recovery and a local substance abuse clinician.

“The Hungry Heart” (2015) Marvin Library MRV 014
A documentary film providing an intimate look at the often hidden world of prescription drug addiction as seen by Vermont pediatrician Fred Holmes, who works with patients struggling with this disease. Through his story, we see the many faces and diverse populations of addicts and their continued search for recovery.

Film Length: 93 minutes
SHOWINGS: Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 10 A.M.
Thursday, Oct. 27 at 2 P.M.
Wednesday, Nov. 2 at Noon
Friday, Nov. 4 at 9 A.M.

November 16
Noon–12:50 P.M.
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Seafood for Keeps
Chef Ric Orlando, of New World Home Cooking in Saugerties and New World Bistro Bar in Albany, has been a vocal advocate for responsibly sourced food for a quarter of a century. Orlando sheds light on and unravels the facts, information and misinformation swirling around the media regarding farmed fish, wild fish, sustainability and the impact of individual choices on the world. Orlando will demonstrate cooking with responsibly sourced food.
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