Wednesday, February 1
Noon-12:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Dr. King’s Journey: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back

Terrence L. Melvin, secretary-treasurer of the New York State AFL-CIO, reflects on the state of civil rights in America since Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. What progress has been made? What challenges do we still face? What do we need to do to keep moving forward?

Tuesday, February 14
1-1:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Inez Milholland and the New York Suffrage Movement

Outspoken New York suffragist and labor lawyer Inez Milholland was a leader in the women’s movement in the early 20th century. Margaret Bartley, writer, history teacher and Essex County historian, discusses Milholland’s life and her work’s powerful impact on our state legislature to grant women the right to vote.

Thursday, March 2
1-1:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Antarctica: Life on the Ice

Susan Fox Rogers, visiting associate professor of writing at Bard College, discusses her experiences living at McMurdo Station in Antarctica and on the ship Antigua in the Arctic. Rogers draws on historic narratives of polar exploration as she discusses life at the ends of the earth.
Thursday, March 16
Noon-12:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Art and Photographs for the Blind: 3DPhotoWorks

Reflecting on his career as an award-winning, Vietnam War photographer and world traveler, John Olson set out to develop a means by which the blind and visually impaired could experience art and photographs through the sense of touch. Olson discusses his effort to develop a 3-dimensional technique to make art tactile.

Tuesday, April 4
Noon-12:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

The Buzz About Bees

Honey bees are responsible for pollinating up to one third of the fruits and vegetables we eat every day. Besides this most important role, honey bees live a fascinating social life. Honey bees and wild pollinators also are important to the health of the environment. Currently, honey bees and many other pollinators are under stress from a variety of sources. Loss of habitat, parasites, disease and pesticide exposure contribute to the decline in bee populations. Tom Della Rocco, Albany County executive director with the USDA Farm Service Agency, discusses the life of honey bees and the threats they face.

Thursday, April 27
Noon-12:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Water Quality Down the Drain

Water contamination affects all of us. Sewage overflows, lead, PCBs, PFCs and unregulated chemicals impact drinking water and recreational water use throughout New York State. Elizabeth Moran, the water and natural resources associate at Environmental Advocates of New York, discusses the crises in Hoosick Falls, Newburgh and Petersburgh, and in other New York State regions. Join us to learn what you can do to protect our most precious natural resource.
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