Tuesday, February 5  
Noon – 12:50 p.m.  
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium  
The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Presentation

“One Like the Sea”: Frederick Douglass’ Global Search for Democracy and Equality, 1886–1887

The activism of the American abolitionist Frederick Douglass did not end with the abolition of American slavery. After suffering the loss of his home in Rochester, N.Y., due to arson and what he deemed “the spirit of Ku Klux,” Douglass toured Ireland, England, France, Italy, Greece, and Egypt seeking tools to combat scientific racism and discriminatory policies.

Verdis Robinson, director of Community College Engagement at Campus Compact, will discuss Douglass’ journey in search of democracy and equality. Did he find them?

Thursday, February 21  
Noon – 12:50 p.m.  
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

A Place at the Table

Jinah Kim has found that food is a powerful means of bringing people together and creating dialogue. Sunhee’s Farm and Kitchen, a local Korean restaurant and bar in downtown Troy, was founded with the core mission of empowering immigrants and refugees through employment and educational opportunities. Join Kim as she recounts her family’s own story of resettling in the United States as well as the journey she shares with many others to build the Sunhee’s social enterprise.
Tuesday, March 5
1 – 1:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Conflict Resolution in our Community

Whether it involves parents parenting separately, youth talking with other youth or the adults in their lives, neighbors not seeing eye to eye, or employees in a difficult situation with their employers, conflict creates anxiety. Sarah Rudgers-Tysz, executive director of Mediation Matters, will explore innovative approaches to mediating conflict.

Wednesday, March 13
1 – 1:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Fresh Start: Preparing Teens for Post-Incarceration Using the Performing Arts

In 2017, LUMBERYARD Center for Film and Performing Arts based in Catskill, N.Y., designed Fresh Start to engage 16- and 17-year old inmates at Hudson Correctional Facility in creative and challenging performing arts exercises to reinforce required education and programming. Jason Forrester, director of LUMBERYARD’s business development, will describe how imprisoned youth learn to express themselves in constructive and productive ways in preparation for post-incarceration. Fresh Start has now expanded to other juvenile facilities in New York State.

Thursday, April 4
11 – 11:50 a.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Lessons in Positive Psychology

Hudson Valley Community College Psychology Professor Andrew Schott will explore positive psychology research that sheds light on life satisfaction. Can we be happier?

Wednesday, April 17
Noon – 12:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

The Climate Crisis: Must we change? Can we change? Will we change?

As the planet continues to warm, glaciers are melting, seas are rising, wildfires are worsening and stronger storms and droughts are threatening food supplies and displacing people. We need to change our ways in order to avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change. Hudson Valley Community College Adjunct English Professor Bonnie V. Cook, a certified Climate Reality Leader who recently trained with former Vice President and Noble Laureate Al Gore, will show Gore’s most recent presentation and talk about what we all can—and should do.
Dedication
Voices was founded by Professor Robert Matthews, a gracious and dedicated man of integrity and compassion, whose thoughtful and inclusive vision has directed the Voices' program for 20 years. Professor Matthews has cultivated minds, enriched lives, and given voice to hundreds of diverse speakers who have presented on a wide range of interesting and important topics. We will greatly miss Bob and his wisdom, humor, and steady insightful leadership as he retires from Hudson Valley Community College.

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Hudson Valley Community College Associate Professor of Fine Arts Tara Fracalossi holds an MFA from the University at Albany, a BA in studio art from the University of Vermont and attended Syracuse University in Florence, Italy. Fracalossi, recipient of the 2016 Mona Ruth Brickman Artist of the Year Award from Albany Center Gallery, is founding director of the Teaching Gallery at Hudson Valley Community College and a 2017 recipient of the State University of New York Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. Fracalossi lives and works in Kinderhook, with her husband, artist Thomas Leil, son Coltrane and Casey the dog.

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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