**The Occupy Movement: Its Origins, Message and Future**

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

Colin Donnaruma, an active member of Occupy Albany, will review the beginnings of the Occupy Movement, how it manifested itself in the Capital Region and its plans for the future. A select panel of Professor Joseph Stenard's economics students will engage Donnaruma in a spirited question and answer session on pertinent and thoughtful issues regarding the Occupy Movement.

**Suicide Prevention for Military Service Members and Veterans**

Thursday, September 27  
11 a.m.-11:50 a.m.  
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Joseph S. Hunter, PhD, LCSW, ICADC, and Suicide Prevention Coordinator at Stratton VA Medical Center, will give an overview of the latest statistics and research on the risks associated with military service members' and veterans' suicides. He will discuss the key warning signs of suicide and strategies of support and encouragement that lead to successful referral and treatment in both routine and emergency situations.

**Concussions and Brain Injuries in the NFL: Just Part of the Game?**

Wednesday, October 17  
1 p.m.-1:50 p.m.  
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Head traumas, concussions and brain injuries have long been a part the National Football League. Derek Brown, former tight end with the NFL – NY Giants (1992-’94), Jacksonville Jaguars (1996-’97), Oakland Raiders (1998) and Arizona Cardinals (1999) – will discuss this issue from a player’s and a league’s perspective. Are player injuries an expected consequence of playing big league football, or are there alternatives to make the game safer?
Social Enterprise: Entrepreneurship to Help People
Monday, October 22
Noon-1:30 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Preacher, speaker, teacher and author Reverend Julius Walls Jr., will offer his insights on caring for one another through businesses. He is the co-author of “Mission, Inc.: The Practitioner’s Guide to Social Enterprise.” As the former CEO of Greyston Bakery, a $7 million for-profit bakery, and former senior vice president for the Greyston Foundation, Reverend Walls will describe how for-profit organizations can also help individuals in need. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing after his presentation.

Development, Farmland Preservation and the Making of “Brunswick”
Wednesday, October 24
Noon-12:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Director Nate Simms will discuss his recently released film, “Brunswick,” a documentary about landscape change, told through the personal story of a farmer’s lifelong connection to his now-threatened land. The film weaves together the plight of Sanford Bonesteel, a farmer in his 90s, and the dynamics of small-town politics as a residential development is planned on Bonesteel’s former land. The story takes place in Brunswick, NY, a small town facing the challenge of balancing economic growth with the preservation of its rural character. While specific to Brunswick, the story is recognizable to rural communities all over the US. Copies of Simms’ film will be available for sale and signing after his presentation.

Afghan Women Speak
Thursday, November 8
Noon-12:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Connie Frisbee Houde, a photojournalist who has traveled deep into the heart of Afghanistan many times, will share images that give voice to Afghani women. In her audiovisual presentation, Frisbee Houde will depict the realities of Afghan life as the women attempt to keep alive their autonomy, culture and community. The poignant beauty of Afghanistan and the strength of its women will be evident.

Brass and Fire: The Poetry of War
Thursday, November 15
Noon-12:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Soldier-poet Brian Turner served seven years in the US Army, including a year as an infantry team leader in Iraq and a deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Turner is the author of two collections of poetry, “Phantom Noise” and “Here, Bullet.” His work has been an “Editor’s Choice” selection of the “New York Times.” In 2009, he was named one of 50 United States Artists Fellows. In his presentation, Turner will read and discuss his work. Copies of his books will be available for sale and signing after the program.
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