Voices: A Library Lecture Series

Reflections and Contemplations

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"What is Your Life's Blueprint?: Reflections and Contemplations on Martin Luther King Jr.

Thursday, February 2
1 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Six months before his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. asked, "What is your life's blueprint?"
Reverend Blessed Unami Sikhosana will take pause and reflect on Dr. King's prophetic statement by examining simple, daily routines that create positive and powerful actions. She will discuss how her story of emigrating from Zimbabwe as a child became her blueprint for sharing Dr. King's dream fulfilled.

Environmental Sustainability Series

Climate Change in the Adirondacks: The Path to Sustainability

Wednesday, February 15
Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Although global in scale, the impact of climate change will be felt and will need to be fought at the local level. Jerry Jenkins, a field biologist who has studied the Adirondack ecosystem for 30 years, will discuss changes he has observed linked to climate change, including the destructive impact of the recent weather events - Hurricane Lee and the October snowfall. He will propose a pathway to a more sustainable future, one that is free of reliance on fossil fuels and will alter the present trajectory of global warming.

Energy Depletion - Peak Oil

Tuesday, February 28
Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Sharon Astyk is a board member of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas and author of several books on energy and environmental issues, including "Depletion and Abundance: Life on the New Home Front." Astyk will discuss the theory of peak oil, its implications for energy depletion and its impact on financial stability, climate change and the environment.
Transitioning to a Post-Carbon World in the Capital District

Tuesday, March 13
Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

The Transition Movement is a vibrant, grassroots movement that seeks to build community resilience in the face of such challenges as increasing energy demands, climate change and the economic crisis. David Hochfelder, Richard Morell and Liz Pohimmans, members of the local Transition Movement that has recently taken form in the Capital Region, will discuss what is happening to build Transition Towns in Albany and Troy. The Transition Movement represents one of the most promising ways of engaging people in strengthening their communities against the effects of these challenges, resulting in a life that is more abundant, fulfilling, equitable and socially connected.

Tail and End or Land Tortoise: Why the Oldest Known Intact Warship in North America Lies at the Bottom of Lake George, New York

Thursday, April 5
Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Benjamin Franklin: Zombie Patriot

Monday, April 23
11 a.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

For the past several years, Matthew McElligott and co-writer Larry Tuxbury have worked to bring Benjamin Franklin back from the dead in their funny children's book "Benjamin Franklin Lives!" It tells the story of Ben Franklin's life reanimated to the 21st century. Their work is the result of studious research and ridiculous leaps of the imagination. McElligott will talk about collaborative writing, design research and the invention of a secret society. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing after his presentation.

In the southern basin of Lake George, at 107 feet, lies a radeau. French for raft, radeau signifies a distinct warship vessel used by the British Army and their colonial American allies during the French and Indian War. Underwater archaeologist and instructor of anthropology at Hudson Valley Community College David Van Aken will tell the story of the Lake George radeau.
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All by Justin Baker

Justin Baker received a Bachelor in Fine Arts in 2001 from Purchase College and a Master of Fine Arts in 2007 from University at Albany. He is currently an adjunct instructor at Hudson Valley Community College, teaching digital media. Baker’s photographs explore a world where the connections of everyday life, love, youth, memories, sound, fury, music and abstraction collide. He happily lives with his wife, stepdaughter and two cats in Troy.

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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