Voices:
A Library Lecture Series
Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY

“Rights” of Passage

Spring 2009
January

Wednesday
January 28
Noon – 12:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications
Center Auditorium

Voicing Our Dreams: A Tribute
to Martin Luther King, Jr.

On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin L. King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. To celebrate his 70th birthday, this masterpiece is revisited with a community celebration. Members of the Hudson Valley Community College community will honor Dr. King by sharing their dreams.

February

Tuesday
February 10
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications
Center Auditorium

Echoes:
A Return to Vietnam Part II

Last Fall, Dr. Ed Tick, a leading authority on post-traumatic stress disorder and author of the award-winning book "War and the Soul," led his eighth healing journey to Vietnam. Accompanying him were veterans, their family members and interested citizens. Dr. Tick will facilitate a discussion with members of this group concerning their thoughts, reactions and feelings about being in Vietnam.

Wednesday
February 18
11 – 11:50 a.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications
Center Auditorium

Painting Iran through American Eyes: A Visual Journey

Barbara Spring and Priscilla Fairbank will share photos and stories of their recent trip to Iran as citizen diplomats with the Fellowship of Reconciliation. They met many Iranians and were warmly welcomed everywhere they visited. Their presentation will show the human face of Iran that is seldom seen. Ms. Fairbank will discuss her participation in a meeting of American peace activists with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, which furthered the work of citizen diplomats.
March

Native Americans of the Capital Region: Ancient Traditions in the Twenty-First Century

Native American educator and researcher David Cornelius will present the tribal history of the Mohawk Nation in the Capital Region using contemporary expressions of ancient ideas. As a descendent of the Mohawk Nation, he will discuss how he has incorporated the customs and rituals of his ancestors into his everyday life.

From Producer to Protector

While still a producer for "Frontline," "Nova" and "NBC's Report, from Ground Zero," Jenny Brown began filming undercover for PETA and Farm Sanctuary. After her last trip to the Texas stockyards, she gave up her TV career to dedicate her life to helping these forgotten animals. Jenny moved to Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen to learn shelter operations before opening the Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary in 2004 with her partner. Ms. Brown will share with us her road as protector and what she has in common with Albie, the goat.

April

Poetry Readings by Hudson Valley Community College Employees

In 1996, the Academy of American Poets designated April as National Poetry Month. To honor this celebration, well-known and hidden poets at Hudson Valley Community College will read their original works. The readings will reflect a diversity of styles, inspirations, messages and muses. Come join us and get inspired!

Gangs and You: The Who, What, Why and What to do about Gangs

For more then 20 years, Ron "Cook" Barrett has been involved with inner-city youth. As a gang prevention specialist employed by the Department of Youth and Family Services of the Albany Police Department, Barrett spends his days working with youth at various schools, agencies and detention facilities and his nights reaching out to those already involved in gang activity. His presentation will focus on the ever growing problem of gang culture, its lure to youth and how to deal with this epidemic. His graphic, fast-paced presentation will expose the real challenges that lie ahead in combating this culture. Gang identification, prevention, intervention and suppression methods will be discussed.
HVCC Reads 2009

“La Perdida” by Jessica Abel
Wednesday, April 1
1 p.m., Maureen Stapleton Theatre

According to Jessica Abel, graphic novels are "long comic books," but unlike traditional comic books, which are designed for children, "graphic novels are for adults." Abel's "La Perdida" ("The Lost One") tells the story of Carla, a young, Mexican-American woman who is estranged from her father. As a result, she moves to Mexico to find herself.

"Entertainment Weekly" described "La Perdida" as "a sharp cautionary tale about the perils of shady friends and slippery cultural footing."

The goal of HVCC READS 2009 is to have everyone on campus, students, faculty and staff, read "La Perdida" and discuss it in small groups and classes prior to Abel's visit.

In Appreciation

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Magnolia & Cherry
2003, Pastel on Linen
(7” x 8.5”)
by Susan Blandy

Cover:
From the “Gifts” Series
2008, Watercolor on paper (4.5” x 6”) one on cover; 3 inside.
by Susan Blandy

Back:
Cyclamen
1986, Watercolor on paper (9” x 10.5”)
by Susan Blandy

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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