Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Challenge of Change
Dr. James A. Anderson will deliver the annual address to commemorate the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. Anderson has a distinguished history in the field of education. He received his doctorate in psychology from Cornell University and is currently a professor in the Department of Psychology at the University at Albany.

Home Sweet Dome
The Monolith Dome, a super-insulated, steel reinforced concrete structure, is a paradigm-shifting form of "green" construction whose time has come. A dome is a permanent structure which has the strength to withstand the force of a tornado, hurricane, or earthquake; it is energy efficient and saves 50 percent on heating and cooling costs compared to a conventional building of the same size. After going through two natural disasters, singer-songwriter Peggy Atwood designed and contracted the construction of her own dome home. She will speak of the advantages of such a structure and why she decided to build one in the Hudson Valley.

“Coincidences, Chaos, and All That Math Jazz”
Can studying mathematics be fun? Are there any real life lessons that mathematics can offer? Edward Burger, professor of mathematics at Williams College, and co-author of “Coincidences, Chaos, and All That Math Jazz,” will discuss how mathematicians really think and look at the world. He will show that some of those thinking strategies can actually be used in our everyday lives! No mathematics will be explicitly discussed. If you hate mathematics and if the sight of an equation makes you ill, this presentation is for you. Join Dr. Burger for an entertaining hour of lively thought.
More Inconvenient and Convenient Aspects of Global Warming

Did you know that while the worldwide climate has warmed, Albany has cooled over the past 200 years? Did you know that most of Antarctica is also cooling and accumulating ice? Even the ice sheet covering central Greenland is thickening, and temperatures there were warmer in the 1930s. Did you know that CO2 is a relatively minor greenhouse gas and that the natural exhalations of CO2 from animals and plants are 30 times greater than man-made fossil fuel emissions? Senior Research Scientist at the University at Albany Chris Walcek — who specializes in energy use and air pollution meteorology, especially the influence of clouds on pollution and climate — will talk about these facts and other "inconvenient" aspects of what scientists know and do not know about climate change.

Loving the Unloved: What Animal Rescue Has Taught Me

Kathy Stevens, a former English teacher, launched the renowned Catskill Animal Sanctuary in 2001 — one of the nation's few havens for abused and abandoned farm animals. Kathy will talk about how her soul searching resulted in a new world for more than 1,100 unwanted animals. Her humorous, inspiring tales of the emotional complexity and intelligence of "lesser beings" remind us of the power of kindness and compassion. Kathy is the author of "Where the Blind Horse Sings: Love and Healing at an Animal Sanctuary" and lives behind the barn with her dog, Murphy, and her cats, Fat Boy and Mouse. She will sign copies of her book at the conclusion of the presentation.

Days of Decision

Sonny Ochs, long time radio personality and producer of the "Phil Ochs Song Nights" for the past 25 years, will speak about her brother, Phil Ochs, a 1960s protest singer. Phil was part of the Greenwich Village folk scene and active at many demonstrations. He was also a founding member of the Yippies, along with Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman. Sonny will demonstrate how this type of music is still being written today. The presentation will include videos and hand-outs.

"In the Absence of Men"

This documentary examines what happens to a child, a family, and a culture where up to 95 percent of the men are gone. This film examines the daily lives of Mexican family members in rural villages after their male counterparts have left to find paying work in the United States. The film captures a critical moment in the social and cultural history of immigration reality. The results are profound and surprising on both sides of the border. The director, Robin Arutt, will speak, show segments of her new documentary, and answer questions.
"Confessions of a Knife"
by Richard Selzer

Surgeon/author Richard Selzer will visit Hudson Valley Community College to discuss his collection of essays entitled "Confessions of a Knife." A native of Troy, New York, Selzer is a graduate of Union College in Schenectady and Albany Medical College. During his career as a surgeon, Selzer also taught surgery at Yale University, and he has won numerous awards for his writing. The goal of HVCC READS 2008 is to have everyone on campus - students, faculty, and staff - read "Confessions of a Knife" and discuss it in small groups and classes prior to Selzer's visit. This program is funded by the Student Senate and by the Faculty Student Association.

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The abstract oil paintings that make up the cover collage and inside background, come from the works of Rolf Haerem. Born in England, he received his BFA from Cooper Union, and his MFA from State University of New York at New Paltz, and his work has been exhibited in numerous galleries in the United States. These numbered works are all on large canvas, the biggest here measuring 92" x 54".

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