January

**HVCC READS “Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age” by Bill McKibben**

Bill McKibben, a respected researcher and an accomplished writer, will visit Hudson Valley Community College as part of HVCC READS on Friday, April 28. His 2003 book, “Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age” is about genetic engineering, robotics, and nanotechnology, “the next step in miniaturization.” The book discusses all three ideas and asks readers to consider how far scientists should go in their pursuit of technological advancement. The goal of HVCC READS is to have the entire campus community read this book and discuss it in small groups and classes prior to McKibben’s visit. His keynote presentation will be in the Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium at 1 p.m. This program is funded by the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation, the Faculty Student Association, and the Student Senate.

**Thursday, January 26**
1 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

**Why Race Still Matters: What We Can Do to Challenge Institutional Racism**

Although many in this country believe that racism no longer affects people’s life chances and opportunities, it is clear that racial oppression continues to be a powerful force in U.S. society. Author and activist Barbara Smith will explore the historical roots of institutional racism; the ways in which racial inequality manifests itself in contemporary society; the impact of white skin privilege; and how people of all ethnic and racial heritages can work together to challenge injustice.

February

**Thursday, February 9**
Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

**The Guardians of Troy**

Troy native William Patrick, an author and the former director of Old Dominion University’s Creative Writing program, will speak about his new book, “Saving Troy: A Year with Firefighters and Paramedics in a Battered City.” He will discuss his experiences with these two vital emergency groups in their day-to-day work, which provide the basis for his book’s exploration of human nature. His book will be available for purchase and signing.

**Wednesday, February 22**
1 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

**Hurricane Katrina: New Orleans Levee Failures**

Thomas Zimmie, professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at RPI, was part of the National Science Foundation (NSF) investigative team that studied the New Orleans levee failures due to Hurricane Katrina. Professor Zimmie will present photographs and discuss the NSF investigative team’s observations and the levee failures.
March

Thursday, March 16
Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications
Center Auditorium

Comix: A Crash Course

Trevor Oakley, a specialist in graphic novels for more than 15 years, will trace the beginning of sequential art, from cave paintings to stained glass windows to 20th century comics. He will discuss the explosion of Asian comics; the fascinating story of the whys and whats of Japanese comics; the rise, fall, and renaissance of comics; and the emergence of graphic novels in the United States.

Tuesday, March 28
Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications
Center Auditorium

The Things They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic

When the Willard Psychiatric Center closed in 1995, staff members discovered nearly 400 patient suitcases in an abandoned attic. Darby Penney, president of The Community Consortium, a non-profit group that assists former psychiatric patients with their integration into the community, will speak about these personal items, reconstructing the complexity and individuality of their owners' lives. Using photos of suitcase contents and their owners, and hospital record materials, Ms. Penny will challenge many of the common stereotypes associated with the mentally ill.

April

Thursday, April 13
Noon - 12:50 p.m.
1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.
Bulmer Telecommunications
Center Auditorium

Transforming New Life: Educating the Public about Embryonic Stem Cell Research

Michael DiScipio is a 10-year veteran of the Albany County Sheriff's Department who was paralyzed in a diving accident in 1999. Paul Richter, a former New York State Police zone sergeant, was paralyzed after being shot three times during a routine traffic stop in 1973. Both men are members of the Capital District Chapter of the Spinal Cord Society, advocating for the advancement of embryonic stem cell research in New York State. Their presentation will start with a movie clip titled "Michael's Plight: Living Life with a Spinal Cord Injury," which shows Mike's daily routine as a quadriplegic. Following the movie, both men will discuss how their beliefs about embryonic stem cell research differ from those being promulgated by religious and right-to-life groups.
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