Voices: A Library Lecture Series

Seeking a Balance

A Celebration of:

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday
Black History Month
Women's History Month
Poetry Month and Earth Day

at Hudson Valley Community College

Spring 2001
January

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday

"Civil Disobedience: The Life of Martin L. King, Jr."
Judge George Bundy Smith
Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals

Martin L. King, Jr.'s life as an activist cannot be separated from his dedication to civil disobedience. Judge Smith will provide a personal account of his involvement with Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

Tuesday, January 30th, Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

February

Black History Month

"Dinnah Jackson's Albany: African-American City Life 200 Years Ago"
Stefan Bielinski, Historian
New York State Museum

Dinnah Jackson was one of Albany's first individuals of African ancestry to own property. This presentation will be a musical, visual and interactive overview of Colonial Albany. Images of early Albany will provide an orientation to the social and economic issues facing African-Americans during the early years.

Wednesday, February 7th, Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

"The Meeting"
Synapse Productions

This is a play depicting what it would have been like if Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X had met in person. The production has toured around the country to great acclaim.

Thursday, February 8th, 7 p.m.
Maureen Stapleton Theatre in the Siek Campus Center
Sponsored by the Student Senate
"The Realist Tradition of African-American Poetry"
Leonard A. Slade, Jr., Poet

Professor Slade is the author of eleven collections of poetry and essays and the recipient of many grants and awards for his creativity, scholarship, and excellence in teaching. He will read selected poems about the highs and lows of the modern African-American situation. These poems "define the moral and social freedom in contemporary black thought while relating the condition of the poet's experience."

Wednesday, February 14th, Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

Trinidad and Tobago Steelband – Music from the Caribbean Islands

Any time spent with this group is a Caribbean vacation! Not only do the tenor, cello, seconds, double seconds and soprano steel drums provide the melodies and harmonies, also the electric bass, drums and congas complete the full sound.

Wednesday, February 21st, Noon
Siek Campus Center
Sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Program

"Harriet Tubman and Henry Johnson:
The Preservation of African-American History"
Fern Cunningham, Sculptor
John Howe, Social Activist

Harriet Tubman and Henry Johnson are significant figures in American history. Recently there have been many projects to preserve their legacies. Ms. Cunningham will discuss the process of creating the monument of Ms. Tubman, "Step on Board" (see cover). Mr. Howe will provide an overview of the efforts to memorialize Henry Johnson's war heroism. He will also discuss the efforts underway to make Harriet Tubman's birthday a New York State holiday.

Friday, February 23rd, Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

"Of Ebony Embers:
Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance"
Performed by The Core Ensemble and Akin Babatunde

This music theatre piece examines the lives of three African-American poets – Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay – as seen through the eyes of the great painter and muralist Aaron Douglas.

Monday, February 26th, Noon
Maureen Stapleton Theatre in the Siek Campus Center
Sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Program
"An Update on the Status of Women in New York State"
Assemblywoman Deborah J. Glick
New York State Assembly

This five-term Assemblywoman has devoted 20 years to political activism and to championing reproductive freedom, stricter rape penalties, women's health concerns, and funding for the arts. As the first openly gay or lesbian member of the State Legislature, Glick has worked tirelessly on a sexual orientation non-discrimination bill, civil rights for domestic partners, and is currently promoting a civil union bill. She will discuss these topics and invite questions from the audience.

Thursday, March 8th, Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

"Exploring the Politics of Women of Color"
Barbara Smith, Author and Activist

Ms. Smith will discuss the history of the women's movement from her own perspective as a woman of color and her instrumental role in building the modern black feminist movement. She will address how the current status of women has been influenced by earlier feminist activism. She will quote from her books: The Truth Never Hurts; Writings on Race, Gender, and Freedom; Home Girls: A Black Feminist Anthology; and A Reader's Companion to U. S. Women's History.

Wednesday, March 14th, Noon
Bulmer Telecommunications Center Auditorium

"Changing Childbirth: The Role of the Doula"
Leslie Grout, Ph.D.
Heidi Ricks, Doula

Mothering the mother: the doula is a woman who assists other women in childbirth, taking on the roles of advocate, emotional supporter, and caregiver. This presentation will explore the growing movement of doula-assisted birth, the work of the doula, her place in modern childbirth practice, and the implications of her work. A doula will describe her experiences and how she sees the face of American childbirth changing.

Monday, March 26th, Noon
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Antigone Rising Concert

Antigone Rising is one of the ten best indie bands in the country, and one of the most sought-after bands on the college circuit this year. Take advantage of a rare opportunity to check out this dynamic all-female, five-member group in a local appearance.

Friday, March 30th, 8 p.m.
Maureen Stapleton Theatre in the Siek Campus Center
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Poetry Readings by the Hudson Valley Community College English Department

Shelley Carter, George Drew, Jim LaBate, Jai Misir, Megeen Mulholland, Elizabeth Parlington, Leonard Slade, Annie Verbicky and Invited Students

The writing of poetry is an important part of the lives of many of the faculty of the English Department. These presentations will feature original works written by these distinguished poets.

Wednesday, April 4th, Noon - 1 p.m. and 1 - 2 p.m.
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Earth Day 2001 Readings & Discussion

Anne LaBastille and Joseph Cardillo

Award-winning novelist Joseph Cardillo and internationally renowned environmentalist Anne LaBastille are teaming up for a discussion of urgent environmental issues. Books by the authors will be available for purchase and signing.

Friday, April 20th, Noon – 1 p.m. and 1 - 2 p.m.
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Cover:

A photo of “Step on Board,”
a monument to Harriet Tubman by Fern Cunningham
10' by 7' bronze figures against granite wall
The Harriet Tubman Park
Boston, Massachusetts

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