

Clarke Forum

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Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Who Was A Suffragist: A More Diverse View

Cathleen Cahill, Penn State University

This lecture reveals the hidden histories of the Native American, Chinese American, African American, and Hispanic suffragists who not only challenged women's inequality but also fought against the racial prejudices of the age. They marched in parades, debated with national suffrage leaders, and met with presidents and other politicians. They insisted that women in their communities also deserved the vote.

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Unraveled Myths: The Green Revolution and the Gene Revolution

Glenn Stone, Washington University in St. Louis

An expert in diverse types of agricultural systems around the world, Stone finds that two of the most cherished narratives of technological success in development aimed at improving agriculture in these communities fall apart under scrutiny.

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Lethal Flows: The U.S. Role in Arms Transfers and Arms Trafficking to Latin America and the Caribbean

Adam Isacson, Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA)

Latin America has eight percent of the world's population, but accounts for 33 percent of its homicides. Yet the U.S. government maintains robust military aid and arms sales programs, while U.S. territory is a hub for small arms traffickers. Adam Isacson of the Washington Office on Latin America walks through some of the main ways that U.S.-made weapons flow into the wrong hands throughout the Western Hemisphere, and what we can do about it.

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Race and Policing

Panelists:

Raff Donelson, Penn State Dickinson Law

Matthew Guariglia, UC Berkley

Stephanie Jirard, Shippensburg University

Vincent Stephens (moderator), Dickinson College

The murder of George Floyd catalyzed great social upheaval in the U.S. and prompted protests across the world. This panel will explore the relationships between race and policing in the United States, including discussion of the history of the police and their response (at local, state, and federal levels) to protests since Memorial Day weekend.

Thursday, September 17, 2020 *

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Winfield C. Cook Constitution Day Address

How to Be an Antiracist

Ibram X. Kendi, National Book Award-winning historian and author of *How to Be an Antiracist*

Kendi will shift the discussion from how not

to be racist, to how to be an antiracist. He will share his own racist ideas and how he overcame them. Kendi will provide direction to people and institutions who want more than just band-aid programs, but actual antiracist action that will build an antiracist America. This discussion-led presentation will be moderated by Vincent Stephens, director of Dickinson's Popel Shaw Center for Race & Ethnicity.

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Migrating to Prison: America's Obsession with Locking Up Immigrants

César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández, University of Denver

Every year, the United States imprisons almost half a million people because of immigration law violations. In *Migrating to Prison: America's Obsession with Locking Up Immigrants*, García Hernández explains that we haven't always done things this way and argues that we shouldn't.

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 ♦

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Devising Civic Practice: Listening is the New Revolution

Michael Rohd, Center for Performance and Civic Practice

Rohd will speak about the work of arts and culture in this moment of Global Pandemic, Social Justice Uprising and Black Lives Matter. In his work with arts councils, artists, non-profits and local governments around the country, he is an advocate and bridge-builder for the contributions artists can make in moments of change, re-imagining and transformation.

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

The Path to Reparations: No Yellow Brick Road

William Darity, Duke University

A. Kirsten Mullen, folklorist & founder of Artefactual

The co-authors of *From Here to Equality:*

Reparations for Black Americans in the 21st

Century will discuss the promise of and the

obstacles to achieving reparations for descendants

of U.S. slavery. They also will examine the benefits

of mobilizing a reparations project to eliminate

the black-white wealth differences in the U.S. In

addition, they will examine the flaws in existing

legislation to promote black reparations.

Monday, October 12, 2020

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Rose-Walters Prize for Environmental Activism

Hedgehogs and Foxes: Toward Climate Pragmatism

Armond Cohe, Clean Air Task Force (CATF)

Climate change is the consequence of the

uncontrolled use of fossil fuels, providing 80%

of our energy, burned in billions of machines. It

took us two centuries to create this complex global

industrial system. Now we must replace it in a few

decades with zero carbon machines while providing

much more energy for the world's poor. The

philosopher Isaiah Berlin once cited a fable about

two kinds of thinkers: "The fox knows many things,

but the hedgehog knows one big thing." Hedgehog

thinkers embrace single solutions to problems,

while foxes see complexity, contingency, and risk.

Climate pragmatism embraces multiple strategies

and technologies, and a variety of market and policy

approaches, to find what works. This is the moment

for foxes, not hedgehogs.

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

The State of Environmental Justice in Pennsylvania

Panelists:

Saleem Chapman, City of Philadelphia

Veronica Coptis, Center for Coalfield Justice

Adam Cutler, Fox Rothschild, LLP

Horace Strand, Chester Environmental Partnership

Heather Bedi (moderator), Dickinson College

This panel will focus on environmental justice

work occurring in Pennsylvania, bringing together

community representatives and members of the

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental

Protection Environmental Justice Advisory

Board. The discussion will reflect on the diversity

of activism and legal actions highlighting

contemporary and future efforts to achieve

environmental justice in Pennsylvania.

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 ♦

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Re-Engaging Research through Citizen and

Community Science

Jennifer Shirk, Citizen Science Association

Citizen science gives us strategies to think not

only about what we can learn from science, but

how we can all learn more together. This talk will

explore cases where scientists, resource managers,

and community members take the opportunity

to engage - to listen and build connections - in

order to develop shared understandings through

research-based partnerships.

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 ♦

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Overdoing Democracy: The Problem of

Polarization

Robert Talisse, Vanderbilt University

Democracy is such an important social good that

it is natural to think that more is always better.

However, current findings regarding polarization

suggest that it is nonetheless possible for

citizens to overdo democracy. In overdoing

democracy, we erode the capacities we need to

perform well as democratic citizens.

Spring and Fall 2020 Semester Theme

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
AND THE LIBERAL ARTS**

This semester's Clarke Forum theme (continued from Spring 2020) will examine the relationship between the liberal arts and civic engagement. Topics will explore: What is the point of promoting civic engagement on a liberal arts campus? Are there irreconcilable tensions between civic engagement and the liberal arts? Have civic engagement practices in higher education become so institutionalized that we fail to think critically about why we do this work? How do calls for "civil discourse" and "civility" inform practices of civic engagement in higher education?

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**The Clarke Forum's
LEADERSHIP IN AN AGE OF
UNCERTAINTY SERIES**

The Clarke Forum established a series of programmatic events dedicated to the theme of leadership in an age of uncertainty. This initiative is grounded on the reality that today's generation of Dickinson students confronts a large number of intractable political, economic, and social problems. How Dickinsonians respond to these challenges presents us with an opportunity for reflection on the meaning of leadership in the contemporary world. This series is partially supported by a fund created by Betty R. '58 and Dan Churchill.

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