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Tuesday, February 2, 2021 *

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

***Combating American Racism In The Era of Trump:
Towards a Pedagogy of Justice***

Chad Dion Lassiter, PA Human Relations Commission

This talk will explore ways that students, teachers and social change agents can work towards dismantling American Racism. Additionally, dialogue will also consist of how white racism, white violence and whiteness are threatening the fabric of the democracy.

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Morgan Lecture

***Bearing Witness While Black: African Americans,
Smartphones, and the Fight to Preserve Our Democracy
-- One Video at a Time***

Allissa Richardson, USC, Annenberg

Richardson will share how Black smartphone witnesses of the last five years launched the largest social justice movement in American history. In her new book, *Bearing Witness While Black*, he explains why we cannot ignore the mobile testimonies of the afflicted and what is at stake when we do.

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Program part of Love Your Body Week

***Fatphobia as Misogynoir: Gender, Race and Weight
Stigma***

Sabrina Strings, University of California, Irvine

Strings we will explore the rise and spread of fatphobia in the Western world and its relationship to race science. She will also consider how this dubious legacy has impacted the science behind the “obesity epidemic.”

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Air Pollution in Pennsylvania: Community Panel

Thomas Au, Clean Air Board of Central PA

Naida Elena Montes, Temple University

Germaine Patterson, Women for a Healthy Environment

Krishnan Ramamurthy, Pennsylvania DEP

Heather Bedi (moderator), Dickinson College

The United Health Association ranks Pennsylvania’s air quality as 48th out of US states. In addition to other health implications, new research links increased levels of air pollution to higher COVID-19 death rates. This panel will include a review of key air pollution sources across PA and reflect on localized air pollution considerations and potential opportunities for engagement.

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 *

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

@10queues and 10 Questions in Virology

Paul Duprex, University of Pittsburgh

Viruses are front and center in our lives as never before. It feels as if the whole world is talking about SARS-CoV-2 biology, COVID-19 disease, new vaccine modalities and antibodies which may help to bring this pandemic to an end. This conversation-led presentation with the help of David Kushner, associate professor of biology, will address the “who, what, when, where, why and how” questions about the vaccines.

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Livestream Program, 12:00 p.m.

Wesley Lecture

***Black Queer Christian Lives Matter: Race, Religion,
and Sexuality – an Intersectional Conversation***

Rev. Dr. Jay Williams, Senior Pastor at Union Church in Boston

Williams, a queer cisgender man, is known as a charismatic leader and will discuss the deep roots of liberation theology and the Christian church’s difficult and important history of racism and anti-LGBTQIA+ actions.

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

The First Amendment and Epidemics

Eugene Volokh, UCLA School of Law

Under what circumstances can an epidemic justify the government restricting religious worship services? What about restrictions on other First-Amendment-protected activities, such as protests or political party gatherings? Volokh will discuss how the Free Exercise Clause, the Free Speech Clause, and the Assembly Clause bear on these questions. The format will be a conversation with Harry Pohlman, professor of political science.

Monday, March 1, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Analyzing The 2020 Elections in Pennsylvania:

Jean Foschi, Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

Valerie Gaydos ’89, PA House of Representatives, 44th Legislative District

Matthew Haverstick, Kleinbard LLC

Sarah Niebler (moderator), Dickinson College

In this program panelists will discuss the debate concerning mail-in voting and the many court challenges to the official results.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 *

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

From McDonald’s to Google

Kelsey Hightower, Google

Hightower will explore his journey into tech and how he became one of the most respected people in cloud computing. Attendees will walk away from this session inspired by their own uniqueness and understand how to leverage technology to help shape the world they want to live in.

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

The Representation of Women in the U.S. Congress

Kira Sanbonmatsu, Rutgers University

Sanbonmatsu will share data from the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) about the current status of women in elective office and discuss women’s candidacies in the 2018 and 2020 elections. She will also share findings from her coauthored book, *A Seat at the Table: Congresswomen’s Perspectives on Why Their Presence Matters*.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

What is Translation? Theory, Practice, Value

Lawrence Venuti, Temple University

Although the history of translation theory and practice has been distinguished by a range of concepts and strategies, two approaches, one *instrumental*, the other *hermeneutic* (or interpretive), have recurred so frequently they are considered the dominated models. This talk will explore the continuing pertinence of these models for both theory and practice.

Thursday, March 25, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Shale Play: Poems and Photographs from the Fracking Fields

Julia Spicher Kasdorf, poet

Steven Rubin, documentary photographer

Kasdorf and Rubin will present their work and describe the process of the project that has become *Shale Play: Poems and Photographs from the Fracking Fields*.

Monday, March 29, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Strongman Propaganda and Personality Cults from Mussolini to the Present

Ruth Ben-Ghiat, New York University

This talk examines the “authoritarian playbook” strongman rulers use to get to office and stay there: corruption, propaganda, violence, and the myth of national greatness. The talk will focus on how propaganda and personality cults tie everything together - and how to push back against authoritarian disinformation.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Caring for Our Elders: A Conversation on the Present and Future of Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Dr. Michael Daniels, geriatrician

J3an Foschi, Cumberland County commissioner

Sherry Knowlton '72, managed care consultant

Tim Potts '71, public policy expert

Dave Sarcone (moderator), professor

The Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is a community-based non-profit with an open admission policy, focused on providing quality skilled nursing services to residents in a caring and dignified

environment. However, budget deficits in recent years have prompted the County Commissioners to decide to sell the Center to a private nursing home facility provider to avoid property tax increases.

There are two potential buyers, and commissioners anticipate that a sale will be finalized by this summer. This event will explore potential outcomes of a sale and discuss ways the Center might be kept as a county owned resource.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 *

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Joseph Priestley Award Celebration Lecture

How to Use the Planet Without Using it Up

Jane Lubchenco, Oregon State University

Environmental science provides valuable insights into timely solutions to urgent, global challenges.

It is possible to address climate change, loss of biodiversity, food provisioning, and inequities, but only with integrated, holistic approaches.

Knowledge, coupled with engagement of civil society and leaders from business, faith, youth, and governments, provides hope for the future.

Tuesday, April 6 2021 *

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

“Las Madres de Berks”- Using Public Art and Filmmaking to Fight Family Detention

Michelle Angela Ortiz, filmmaker

Las Madres de Berks documentary shares the testimonials of four mothers that were detained for two years with their children at The Berks County Residential Center, a family prison in Pennsylvania. Berks is the oldest of the three permanent family prisons for immigrant families in the country. A question and answer session with Ortiz will follow.

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Intersections of Race and Gender in Contemporary Iberian Studies

N. Michelle Murray, Vanderbilt University

This talk will provide a brief overview of the representation of migrant women by Spanish directors in the films *Flores de otro mundo*, *Princesas*, and *Amador*. The talk connects these works to the writings of Lucía Asué Mbomío Rubio and Quan Zhou Wu, whose novels reflect and nuance the established frameworks for representing race and gender in contemporary Spain.

Monday, April 12, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

The Model Minority Myth, Anti-Asian Racism, Anti-Black Racism, and COVID-19

Jennifer Ho, University of Colorado Boulder

This talk will look at the ways Asians in America have been objects of racism—from the first entrance of Chinese immigrants to California in the 19th century to the current mass shootings of six Asian women in Atlanta. What both anti-Black and anti-Asian racism share are the roots in white supremacy that position Asians as the “good” model minority, a myth that serves to divide and conquer minority racial groups in the U.S. Ho will share strategies to combat anti-racism of all kinds for people who want to be anti-racism advocates and allies.

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Livestream Program, 7 p.m.

Life in the ACE (Arts, Community and Economics)

Joanna Castro '98, West Harlem Development Corporation

From an internship at the Picasso Foundation in Málaga to heading an arts service organization in NYC, Castro will share how she found her passion and life’s purpose. In this session, she will explore how her personal and professional trajectory led her on a journey into community advocacy connecting the arts, community and economic development. Attendees will take away the importance of the arts in community revitalization in a post-pandemic world.

**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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