

the **6 O'CLOCK** series

FALL 2018

September 10

WORDS: USE RESPONSIBLY

How should college campuses balance the values of free speech on the one hand, and fostering an inclusive learning atmosphere on the other hand—especially when the speech in question is hateful or offensive? This panel presentation will kick off IUP's "Year of Free Speech" with a short video, followed by a panel discussion of the tension between inclusion and free speech.

September 17

A CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH THE FRAMERS OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Sit in on a casual conversation with four authors of the U.S. Constitution: Ben Franklin, James Madison, Charles Pinckney, and Alexander Hamilton. The discussion provides insight into the Founding Fathers' thoughts when they wrote the U.S. Constitution, as well as how they might view contemporary constitutional challenges. Audience participation and questions are encouraged.

September 24

WHY VOTE?

In the 2016 election, approximately 55% of eligible U.S. voters cast ballots. That means that nearly 110 million Americans who were eligible to vote didn't bother. In other words, people who did not vote outnumbered the vote for any of the individual presidential candidates. That number drops when we only consider young voters. Among voters 18-29, experts estimate only about 50% of eligible voters turned out. Further, in midterm elections, voter turnout overall drops to 40% nationwide. During this Six O'Clock Series, students will learn about elections at the local, state, and national levels; why elections are important; and what issues are of greatest concern to them.

October 1

"WHEN I KNEW: A DIFFERENT BEGINNING"

Alternately candid, funny, poignant, and heartbreaking, this HBO documentary focuses on a cross-section of men and women of all ages who invoke the exact moment in their lives—whether as toddlers, grade-schoolers, teens, or young adults—when they knew, once and for all, that they were gay. Inspired by the work of writer Robert Trachtenberg, award-winning filmmakers Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato set out across the country to interview these men and women of all ages and walks of life and ask them a single, simple question: When did you know? Join us in Celebration of National Coming Out Day for a viewing of this documentary film.

October 8

ROOTING OUT MICRO-AGGRESSIONS IN OUR DAILY INTERACTIONS

Have you ever heard someone say, "That's the problem with people today—they are just too sensitive!?" What would offend you? Would a comment about your appearance, your family, your faith, etc. rub you the wrong way? Ask 100 people, and you will hear 100 different things that might offend them; this is because we each develop an identity—things that become part of who we are. Quite often, most of us do utter things that unintentionally offend others' identities, but it's not uncommon for them not to speak up. We will learn three different types of micro-aggressions and how to recognize them in our lives and consider how to be more attentive.

October 15

EXPLORING EXCELLENCE BEYOND THE ACADEMICS: STAND OUT FROM YOUR PEERS!

Co-hosted by the Assistant Director of Education Abroad and the Merit Scholarship Advisor, this program brings together current applicants, past participants, and representatives to discuss opportunities beyond the classroom studies. This includes Fulbright, Freeman Asia, Gilman, and Critical Language Scholarship. What it takes, who can apply, how to get started, and how to get them funded will all be outlined in the session. Think this isn't for you? Think again! Come see how you can achieve greatness and stand out from peers as you continue your journey at IUP and after graduation.

October 22

ESCALATION: A FILM AND DISCUSSION ON DATING VIOLENCE

One in three women and one in four men will experience relationship violence in their lifetime (ncadv.org). Do you know how to determine if you or a friend is in a potentially unhealthy or unsafe relationship? In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, join us for a viewing of the short film, "Escalation," which has been repeatedly described as "eye opening" and "deeply recognizable" to learn the warning signs of unhealthy and dangerous relationships and what you can do about them.

October 29

WHAT ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT IN THE 2018 MIDTERM ELECTIONS?

Do you know where you're supposed to vote? Do you know who is on the ballot and what those candidates stand for? Are you having trouble deciding what party or candidate best represents you? This Six O'Clock Series will offer a non-partisan discussion of the upcoming election, including information on how to make sure you're registered, where to vote, and how to best research candidates. We will also offer an overview of 2-3 big issues that have become important in the 2018 midterms, such as immigration reform, climate change, and/or tax policies.

November 5

WHAT MAKES A GOOD LEADER?

"A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." What do you think it takes to be a good leader? Join the Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement as we discuss leadership and ways in which to develop your leadership skills. Sometimes, being a leader means having to choose to do the unpopular or "unsafe" option, even when you know it's the right one.

November 12

HONORING VETERANS DAY

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them," President John F. Kennedy. In observance of Veterans Day on November 11, join us for this Six O'clock Series to honor those who have served and our currently serving our nation.

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