FALL 2019

September 9
The Suicide Task Force of Indiana County (STF) has been a staple in preventing suicides and providing prevention within the community, as well as intervention and postvention. The STF has trained over 800 individuals in QPR—Question, Persuade, and Refer—an evidence-based training that involves asking someone if they are considering suicide, persuading them to get support, and referring them to the proper channels for help. Join this panel and training to learn how to help those in need.

September 16
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 23
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM WITH IUP ALUM TERRELL THOMAS
The U.S. incarcerates more people, in both absolute numbers and per capita, than any other nation in the world and continues to expand our criminal justice system. The ACLU campaign for Smart Justice is an unprecedented, multi-year effort to reduce the U.S. jail and prison population by 50% and to combat racial disparities. ACLU employee and IUP Alum Terrell Thomas is the Senior Field Organizer for this campaign and the Executive Director of The Isahac Project and My Brother’s Keeper. Terrell works on fixing the racial disparities inherent in the criminal justice system and will be talking about his work with the ACLU.

September 30
Why Do Local Elections Matter?
This November, you will have the opportunity to vote in municipal elections, or what are commonly known as “off-year elections.” These are elections for positions like District Attorney, Commissioners, Sheriff, Auditor, Magisterial District Judges, and State Court Judges. What do these people do? How do their decisions affect you? How can you evaluate candidates and decide who to vote for? In this program, students will learn about elections at the local and state levels, why elections are important, what types of issues might be of greatest significance to college-age voters, and how local and state elected officials can affect these issues.

October 7
HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS DISCUSS POLICE AND BYSTANDERS IN THE NAZI ERA
The Holocaust Remembrance Committee presents a discussion with Holocaust survivors, part of a more extensive program that day on police during the Nazi Era. Throughout the day, we will discuss the experiences of the survivors and other targeted groups, as well as the role both police and ordinary citizens played during the Holocaust as bystanders or murderers.

October 14
COMING OUT DAY DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: THE YEAR WE THOUGHT ABOUT LOVE
With wit, grace, and attitude, a diverse troupe of LGBTQ youth transforms their struggles into a theater for social change—starting with a simple and surprising kiss in the first act. The Year We Thought About Love is a 68-minute documentary film which celebrates the powerful work of a Boston LGBTQ troupe, True Colors: OUT Youth Theater, as they write a play about love. Join us for this documentary screening and help us celebrate National Coming Out Day!

October 21
Open Access: What is it? How do we do it? What does it matter?
Open Access is “the free, immediate, online availability of research articles combined with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment.” International Open Access Week, now in its tenth year, is an opportunity to take action in making openness the default for research to turn discoveries into better lives. This year’s theme is “Open for Whom? Equity in Open Knowledge.” In observance of Open Access Month, join us for a presentation by IUP faculty.

October 28
In Fisher Auditorium
INTRUSION: 8 CHARACTERS, 1 HOUR, 1 ACTRESS
Intrusion is a solo play with eight characters played by Qurrat Ann Kadwani. Twenty years in the future, sexual violence has been eradicated until one woman comes forward about her rape. Audiences of all backgrounds and ages can see how we all contribute to the perpetuation of rape culture by understanding how this event affects different sectors of our society. The Narrator is a college student who motivates the audience to speak up and finds her voice. Other characters include Journalist, Prosecutor, Infectious Disease Politician, Psychologist, 3rd Grader, and Professor who help the audience learn about sexual violence statistics, Title IX history, self-defense moves, and the complexity of sexual violence against women. This program is presented by the Haven Project and Green Dot.

November 4
WHAT MAKES A LEADER AND WHAT DOES LEADERSHIP MEAN TO YOU?
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 11
HONORING VETERANS DAY
“The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve recognition for their commitment.”—Judd Gregg. In honor of Veterans Day, join us for this program to honor those who have served and are currently serving our nation.

November 18
Known for her representation as Brendan Dassey’s lawyer in the Netflix series “Making a Murderer” and Damien Echols of the notorious West Memphis Three case, Laura Nirider is the co-director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions. Nearly a quarter of all wrongful convictions involve individuals who falsely confessed to crimes they didn’t commit. Nirider introduces her audience to this fascinating psychological phenomenon and uses stories of real-life murder interrogations to explain how commonly used interrogation tactics can cause not only the guilty, but also the innocent, to confess. She blows up common myths about the justice system and explains why children are particularly likely to falsely confess to crimes they didn’t commit. And along the way, she will share her inspirational personal story of professional dream-chasing.

December 2
WORLD AIDS DAY: LIVING WITH HIV
Join Health and Wellness Promotion and learn about HIV and AIDS as we raise awareness of World AIDS Day. The program will include a special guest speaker who will discuss how living with HIV has affected his life.

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