

Pfaudler Lecture Series: Thursdays, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. ET



Week One: September 14

A Late-Night Craving, A Night in Jail, and Herb's City Trumpets: An Unbelievable Chain of Events



Herb Smith, RPO Classical Trumpeter, Jazz and Reggae Musician, Music Educator In 2019, Herb Smith went to pick up a food order and parked illegally in a parking lot. Words were exchanged with the owner, and, ultimately, he was arrested for harassment. While meditating in a cell amongst young black men, Herb's City Trumpets emerged. Affiliated with ROCmusic, Herb's City Trumpets mentors black youth 12- to 18-years old and exists because of this one fateful incident. Adversity turns to promise!

Register: https://forms.gle/bYd196kvaDDYbPDT6

Week Two: September 21

The Wonder Is that It Happened at All: Medical Aid in Dying - NY



Rev. Richard Gilbert, Reverend Emeritus, Unitarian Universalist Church
Aging definitely helps to clarify the mind. Dick Gilbert, an author and Unitarian Universalist minister, has been called upon for 60 years to address how we should live. But this presentation considers how we might die. Dick will discuss medical aid in dying legislation in New York in the broader context of the meaning of life and death. In the words of a Native American elder, "The wonder is that it has happened at all."

Register: https://forms.gle/tCaQMkPpzbMH4xxm9

Week Three: September 28 Navigating Police Challenges in a Complex World



John Rush, CEO, Rush and Associates, and Ret. Assistant Chief of Police, Tempe AZ John will discuss some of the controversial policing issues nationally and how law enforcement adapts to change. He has more than 30 years of law enforcement and investigations experience both nationally and internationally. He was on the Executive Board of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and led public safety efforts for high-profile events such as the World Series, Super Bowl, College Football Playoff National Championship, and presidential debates. John currently provides corporate security and investigations for Fortune 500 companies and speaks on national policing issues.

Register: https://forms.gle/ePLoCLq58ijKbS9j7

Week Four: October 5 Protecting Your Digital Estate



Paul Gentile, CEO, senior2senior Training

Without a digital asset plan in place, your loved ones may not have access to your online accounts if something should happen to you, creating financial and emotional stress for them. You will learn the concepts of digital estate planning, how to identify your digital assets, and how to develop a digital estate protection plan for addition into your existing estate or trust.

Register: https://forms.gle/91UXPyUbELfm7H2S9

Week Five: October 12 Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Future of Work: Navigating Ethical Challenges



Jeffrey Allen, Director of the Institute of Technology, Artificial Intelligence, and Society (ITAS) at Nazareth College

Big tech giants such as Elon Musk, Apple's co-founder Steve Wozniak, and University of Rochester Medical Center professor Allan Frank are sounding the alarm on Al. Jeffrey Allen will examine the impact of Al on the workforce and the ethical considerations surrounding job displacement, retraining, and opportunities for new roles. Learn how society can adapt to these changes while prioritizing fairness and equity.

Register: https://forms.gle/LqEQP1YDALMq8pin7

Week Six: October 19
Align Your Money with Your Values



Michael Richardson, Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith

Michael Richardson will present this lecture in a workshop format followed by Q&A. He will address how to move finances from funding fossil fuel extraction, production, and distribution and instead direct bank deposits, insurance premiums, and investment portfolios to fund local businesses and farms, affordable housing, and development of renewable clean energy. Osher brings you this how-to presentation in collaboration with "Roc Third Act".

Register: https://forms.gle/Jyzn5PSBdDUB4Mps5

Week Seven: October 26 The First Two Years as MCC's New President



DeAnna R. Burt-Nanna, Ph.D., Monroe Community College President

Dr. DeAnna R. Burt-Nanna is the sixth president of Monroe Community College, having assumed the helm in 2021. She will share the current state and future direction of Monroe Community College. DeAnna has been recognized among the Rochester Business Journal's 100 significant power players in the region and among 50 local Women of Excellence noted for professional experience, community involvement, leadership, and sustained commitment to mentoring.

Register: https://forms.gle/rAJ48wfXGYg8rgj17

Week Eight: November 2 Help and Hope When It Is Needed Most: The Center for Youth



Dr. Elaine Spaull, Executive Director, The Center for Youth

Dr. Elaine Spaull takes inspiration from the book *Pilgrim's Promise*: "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who cannot repay you." This could not be truer than when applied to youth-in-crisis whether they have nowhere to live, no one to guide them, or no one to support them. As the Center's Executive Director for 22 years, Dr. Spaull will share its successes.

Register: https://forms.gle/WHxGi9A2HkGCb4VB9

Week Nine: November 9 Facing History: American Eugenics and Its Legacy



Bernard Sussman, MD, Professor of Clinical Medicine and Health Humanities, University of Rochester Medical Center

This presentation will review the little-known history of eugenics in the United States in the late 19th and early 20th centuries as well as the influence of eugenics on social programs to address problems of urbanization and mass immigration and the roots of eugenic policies in white supremacist thinking and xenophobia. Did you know there was collaboration between eugenicists in the US and Nazi Germany? What is the lingering influence of eugenics in the US today?

Register: https://forms.gle/Jh1jF4gUUy8GY6qF6

Week Ten: November 16 The Politics of Indifference: What Can America Learn from the Past?



Michael Dobkowski, John Milton Potter Endowed Chair in the Humanities and Professor of Religious Studies, Hobart & William Smith College

America has been there before—an indifferent witness to the terrors of the Holocaust and the trauma, rage, and depression that follows. Lack of action by the US government concerning the admission of refugees from Nazi Germany and Nazi-controlled territories of Central Europe and anti-immigrant sentiments in the US brought disaster to the world. Dr. Dobkowski is a scholar of the American Jewish experience, Holocaust Studies, religion and violence, Jewish thought, and anti-Semitism.

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