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CIVILITY WEEK

October 4 - 8, 2021

Welcome to Brookdale's *first annual* **CIVILITY WEEK**

Civility Week Theme

Enhance and Learn

Civility Week Community Agreement

We come together during Civility Week to enhance our understanding of, and learn more about, the meaning and importance of civility. We commit to honest, brave, respectful conversation, where participants are encouraged to speak openly, listen actively, embrace curiosity and gather wisdom. Together, we will strive to:

Learn and grow
Listen and understand
Recognize that experiences are perceived
Acknowledge where power and privilege exist; and
Provide space for all voices to share

Brookdale Community College's Civility Statement

Brookdale Community College is committed to freedom of expression while maintaining a civil and ethical learning environment. We believe that a community composed of people with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and abilities promotes learning and engagement. We are responsible for treating one another with respect and kindness regardless of our differences.

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Event Notes

- All in-person events will take place in Navesink Rooms I, II or III, located in the Student Life Center.
- Remote live events can be accessed by clicking on the hyperlinks below or scanning the QR code on the program cover and clicking links on the Civility Week website: <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/civility-week/>

Schedule of Events

Civility Week - Brookdale Community College “Enhance and Learn”

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| | Monday, October 4, 2021 |
| 11:00-11:45am | <p>“Professionalism and Civility in the Workplace” Presented by Jill Donovan, <i>Director of Career, Leadership & Transfer Pathways</i>, Bill Kelly and Anne LaPorta, <i>Assistant Directors of Career, Leadership & Transfer Pathways</i> Location: Remote Live – Advanced Registration Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAsf-GrqDogGdd6SsH63RpaWKO2Eo5VYND</p> |
| 6:00-8:00pm | <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Ceremony and Keynote Event “Closer Than We Might Appear: A Conversation on Connection, Communication and Civil Discourse with Steven Petrow” Moderated by Angela Kariotis, <i>Director of Diversity and Inclusion/CCOG</i> Location: Navesink I, II & III w/ Remote Live Option – Advanced Registration Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LpZA_gfPT9OkbToizapRWw</p> |
| | Tuesday, October 5, 2021 |
| 11:45am-12:45pm | <p>“East Meets West: Aristotle and Confucius on Virtue and Civility” Presented by Bryan Cocchiara, <i>Adjunct Professor of Philosophy</i> Location: Navesink I</p> |
| 11:45am-1:15pm | <p>“Civility in Encounters with the Police” Moderated by Jacquelynn Seely, <i>Chair of Criminal Justice</i> Location: Navesink III</p> |
| 11:45am-1:15pm | <p>“Living Room Conversations #1” Hosted by Angela Kariotis, <i>Director of Diversity and Inclusion/CCOG</i> Location: Remote Live - Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/92734330756</p> |
| 1:30-2:30pm | <p>“Self-Care Leads to Greater Civility” Presented by Tricia D'Aloia Gandolfo, <i>Director of Nursing</i> Location: Remote Live - Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/92733673604</p> |
| | Wednesday, October 6, 2021 |
| 11:00am-1:00pm | <p>“Asking Unanswerable Questions: Setting the Stage for Change and Being Changed” Hosted by Angela Kariotis, <i>Director of Diversity and Inclusion/CCOG</i> Location: Navesink II</p> |
| 2:00-2:45pm | <p>“Human & Humane: Trauma Informed, Non Violent Communication, and Compassionate Curiosity in the Classroom” Presented by Laura McCullough, <i>Professor of English</i> Location: Remote Live - Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/95450352153</p> |
| 7:00-8:30pm | <p>“‘The Long Shadow’ Film Screening and Q & A with Director Frances Causey” Presented by Dr. Sara Brown, <i>Director of the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Education</i> Location: Remote Live – Advanced Registration Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwlcOyprjopGdWPRExCijIWKpXxiPB3iEms.</p> |

| Thursday, October 7, 2021 | |
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| 11:45am- 12:45pm | <p>“To Be Civil Is To Be Stigma-Free” Presented by Sara Burrill, <i>Associate Professor of Psychology</i>, Maeve Harrington and Emily Maxim, <i>Human Services Students</i> Location: Navesink I</p> |
| 11:45am- 1:00pm | <p>“Is That a Dog On Your Plate: A Dialogue on Discourse and Social Awareness” Presented by Dr. Barbara Jones, <i>Professor of Anthropology</i>, and Dr. Matthew Kalos, <i>Instructor of Anthropology</i> Location: Navesink III</p> |
| 1:30- 2:30pm | <p>“A History of Civility” Presented by Dr. David Bassano, <i>Associate Professor of History</i> Location: Navesink II</p> |
| 1:30- 2:15pm | <p>“Sociology, Self-Reflexivity and Inequality” Presented by Dr. Diditi Mitra, <i>Associate Professor of Sociology</i>, and Gabrielle Green, <i>Sociology Student</i> Location: Remote Live - Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/94699280368</p> |
| Friday, October 8, 2021 | |
| 10:00- 11:30am | <p>“Empathy: Not Just a Feeling, But an Actionable Skill” Presented by Dr. Christine Greco Covington, <i>Associate Professor of Psychology</i> Location: Remote Live - Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/92270299112</p> |
| 2:00- 3:30pm | <p>“From Building a Community to Building a Garden” Presented by Jeannette Falotico, <i>Founding Principal of Trinity Consulting Group</i>, Yaritza Ortega, Jean Guerdy Paul and Isabel Shaw, <i>Students in The Innovation Network (TIN), Dreamers Club and Asia Society</i> Location: Remote Live - Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81928932522?pwd=RGdHbjJZMnVoT2NRY245Vlh1QlRUdz09</p> |

Event Descriptions

Monday, October 4, 2021

“Professionalism and Civility in the Workplace”, Jill Donovan, MEd; Bill Kelly, MA, NCC; and Anne LaPorta, MA, MA, MBTI, CP, *Career, Leadership & Transfer Pathways*, 11:00 - 11:45am, **Remote Live**

The 21st century workforce is characterized by continuous change. Professionalism in the workplace is an ongoing process that requires us to develop skills that leverage both self and social awareness. Join Career, Leadership & Transfer Pathways as we discuss and address what to expect from yourself and others to ensure that your behavior and attitude will lead to workplace success.

“Opening Ceremony and Keynote Event - ‘Closer Than We Might Appear: A Conversation on Connection, Communication and Civil Discourse with Steven Petrow”, featuring keynote speaker Steven Petrow, moderator Angela Kariotis, *Director of Diversity and Inclusion/CCOG*, and Civility Week presenters, Dr. David Bassano, Bryan Cocchiara, Dr. Christine Greco Covington, Laura McCullough and Jean Paul Guerdy, 6:00 - 8:00pm, Navesink I, II and III & **Remote Live Option**

Come kick off Civility Week in two key ways! First, learn about upcoming Civility Week events via previews shared by faculty and students who will present throughout the week. Next, join us for an in-depth discussion on civility with “Civilist”, Steven Petrow, an award-winning journalist who writes and speaks on the theoretical underpinnings of civility, its role in a just society and how civility can be practiced each day. Petro is author of the "Civil Behavior" column for the New York Times and the "Civilities" column for the Washington Post. His Ted Talk, "3 Ways to Practice Civility“, has received nearly two million views. Audience participation and friends and family are welcome!

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

“East Meets West: Aristotle and Confucius on Virtue and Civility”, Bryan Cocchiara, MA, *Philosophy*, 11:45am - 12:45pm, In Person

What is civility? Is it a comportment? A state of being? Can it be taught or learned? Does it require virtue, or is it a virtue in its own right? Is civility something that only the Western world is concerned with? In order to meaningfully address these questions, perhaps it is necessary that we take a very careful look at virtue ethics, which is one of the more compelling approaches in the realm of moral philosophy. As a result, this lecture will attempt to explore civility, as well as the previously aforementioned questions, by taking a look at both the Aristotelian and Confucian traditions. These two traditions, despite their respective evolutions taking place in relative states of temporal and geographic separation, truly are united in their pursuit to define what it means to be a flourishing human-being in a thriving community, shaped by moral cultivation. As such, Aristotle and Confucius both represent essential voices in any conversation about civility, deserving of serious consideration. All are invited to attend this lecture, as well as a brief Q&A afterwards.

“Civility in Encounters with the Police”, Jacquelynn Seely, Esq., *Criminal Justice*, 11:45am - 1:15pm, In Person

This program will consist of a panel discussion on collaborative approaches to promoting civility in encounters between the public and police. The panel will consist of local and county law enforcement officials, Brookdale criminal justice professors, and members of community groups with investment in the topic of civility in policing. Panelists will include Lori Linskey, *Monmouth County Prosecutor*,

Shaun Golden, *Monmouth County Sheriff*, and Special Agent James Dobis, *US Department of Justice*.

“Living Room Conversations #1”, Angela Kariotis, *Director of Diversity & Inclusion/CCOG*, 11:45am - 1:15pm, **Remote Live**

Living Room Conversations are a simple way to connect across divides - politics, age, gender, race, nationality, and more. Getting at the heart of what we share in common with one another, these conversations have powerful, positive impacts across society – including a sense of respect, understanding, and even friendship in unexpected places! The backbone of a Living Room Conversation is a conversational model developed by dialogue experts in order to facilitate connection between people despite their differences, and even identify areas of common ground and shared understanding. Within this model, we have developed over 100 conversation guides on all sorts of topics that can otherwise be tense to talk about with friends, strangers, and even loved ones of differing backgrounds and political persuasions. We hope this will become a monthly event.
<https://livingroomconversations.org>

“Self-Care Leads to Greater Civility”, Tricia D'Aloia Gandolfo, MSN, RN, *Nursing*, 1:30 - 2:30pm, **Remote Live**

The Health Science Department will discuss the topic of self-care and how it leads to greater civility. We will lead a discussion on relaxation techniques, the importance of rest and healthy habits. Paying attention to our stress levels to avoid burnout will be emphasized. We will also explain when and where at Brookdale to ask for help. Self-care practices improve our sense of grounded-ness, peace and calm, which improves our relationship with others, thereby leading to greater civility.

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

“Asking Unanswerable Questions: Setting the Stage for Change and Being Changed”, Angela Kariotis, *Director of Diversity & Inclusion/CCOG*, 11:00am - 1:00pm, **In Person**

Can we disagree with ideas but not with people? When can't we meet in the middle? Do you listen to understand or wait for your turn to talk? In this workshop we will practice exercises that set the stage for one of the most radical ways to connect: conversation. We'll play, so dome improvisation, theater techniques, debate, and explore. This is an active and participatory workshop. Open mind and comfortable shoes required.

“Human & Humane: Trauma Informed, Non Violent Communication, and Compassionate Curiosity in the Classroom”, Laura McCullough, MA, *English*, 2:00 - 2:45pm, **Remote Live**

Following a decade of increasing stress events in the population we teach, faculty have seen an intensification of mental and emotional fragility among our students during Covid and, indeed, among the professionals charged with teaching and supporting students including an erosion in interpersonal skills and civil discourse. Drawing on cutting edge neurological, psychological, and emotional research to explore trauma and ACEs informed techniques, Gabor Mate's compassionate curiosity mode, Non Violent Communication ethical communication practices, and Terrance Real's Relational Life Therapy trainings, this talk will focus on classroom ethical and psycho-emotional challenges and opportunities for growth and co-regulatory practices to support curriculum engagement and development of the "whole student".

“The Long Shadow’ Film Screening and Q & A with Director Frances Causey”, Sara Brown, PhD, *Center for Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Education*, 7:00 - 8:30pm, **Remote Live Advanced Registration**

Join Chhange and the New Jersey Social Justice Remembrance Coalition for a Q&A with Frances Causey, former CNN Senior Producer and Emmy-Award winning director of *The Long Shadow*. The film follows Frances as she traces her family's legacy of slaveholding and white privilege, placing it in the context of the history of anti-black racism in the United States continuing to impact our society today. Causey's films have been seen on Netflix, PBS, and The History Channel, and her TED talk continues to reach audiences worldwide. Screen the film for free [here](http://thelongshadowfilm.com/chhange/) at any time beginning September 29: <http://thelongshadowfilm.com/chhange/>. Then join for the discussion and Q&A.

Thursday, October 7, 2021

“To Be Civil Is To Be Stigma-Free”, Sara Burrill, MS, MA, EdM, Maeve Harrington and Emily Maxim, *Human Services*, 11:45am - 12:45pm, In Person

In January 2021, Brookdale made a “*stigma-free* commitment” – to foster an environment that welcomes and supports the mental health of all students, faculty, staff and visitors. This sounds like a very nice thing to do. But what does it actually mean to be *stigma-free*? How is being *stigma-free* central to Brookdale's mission of empowering students to reach their personal, educational and economic goals? And what can *you* do to help create a more *stigma-free* Brookdale?

In Part I, Brookdale students Maeve Harrington and Emily Maxim present personal experiences and relevant research to address these questions and explain how stigmatizing mental health is an act of incivility. In Part II, Maeve and Emily invite Brookdale graduates from the *No-Stigma Network* to share their experiences with mental health struggles and mental health stigma inside and outside of Brookdale. The purpose of this presentation is to make clear the power of mental health stigma, make real its consequences, and inspire members of Brookdale community to help transform the College into a truly *stigma-free* institution.

“Is That A Dog On Your Plate? A Dialog on Discourse and Social Awareness”, Barbara Jones, PhD, and Matthew Kalos, PhD, *Anthropology*, 11:45am - 1:00pm, In Person

Through a panel discussion on the key anthropological themes of ethnocentrism, cultural relativism, cultural universals, reflexivity, and holism, we will tackle the issues of civil discourse and social awareness. Three international students will share their cultural stories (from behaviors as disparate as food taboos to marriage patterns) that we will then frame within the language of anthropology. By highlighting the universality of cultural responses to human needs, our goal with this presentation is to show how ethnographic stories can help each of us find the familiar in the foreign. In rethinking the foreign as familiar, tolerance and mutual respect for our cultural differences becomes not only possible but much more likely.

“A History of Civility”, David Bassano, PhD, *History*, 1:30 - 2:30pm, In Person

It may come as a surprise to hear that the world is more civil than it once was. Headlines would seem to indicate that society is becoming less tolerable all the time, but that is mainly the effect of the constant access to information in our time; had there been an internet in medieval Europe, the news feeds would have been filled with incredible abuse and suffering. That the world is a safer, more civil place than it once was is statistically demonstrable; but the historical reasons behind the change are difficult to ascertain. Why has violence declined? Why is child abuse less tolerated than in earlier

centuries? Why are people more understanding and accepting of cultural differences? These are the questions this lecture will address, and the answers may surprise you...

“Sociology, Self-reflexivity and Inequality”, Diditi Mitra, PhD, and Gabriella Green, *Sociology*, 1:30 - 2:15pm, Remote Live

The goal of the presentation is to discuss how the sociological lens can encourage self-reflexivity and understand the ways in which individuals contribute to social reproduction. As part of the presentation, I will discuss how our social location (race, class and gender) shapes the way we view ourselves and the society in which we live, limitations of experiential knowledge and conclude with moving onto discussing the importance of the scientific methodology in the production of knowledge. My co-presenter, who is a student at Brookdale and has been in two of my classes, will reflect on how that sociological lens has been useful to her, something that has piqued her interest in sociology.

Friday, October 8, 2021

“Empathy: Not Just a Feeling, But an Actionable Skill”, Christine Greco Covington, PsyD, *Psychology*, 10:00 - 11:30am, Remote Live

Participants will learn a more complex understanding of empathy, discuss why it's so important in human interaction and learn how to communicate it. Empathy is far beyond just a feeling, it is a skill that can be learned and practiced. Doing so will not only improve your relationships with others, but it will also positively impact your own psychological well-being.

“From Building a Garden to Building a Community”, Jeanette Falotico, *Trinity Consulting Group*, Jean Guerdy Paul, Isabel Shaw and Yaritza Ortega, *The Innovation Network, Dreamers Club and Asia Society*, 2:00 - 3:30pm Remote Live

The Innovation Network (TIN) brings together a panel of international students, including members from Dreamers+ and the International society, to share personal stories about what challenges them, their motivation, and how they achieve their goals. Please join us and learn the benefits of social awareness and diversity in club participation and student learning. Participants will discover how Brookdale's clubs foster a greater understanding of different cultures, building confidence, raising self-esteem, and improving students' experiences while building a stronger community at Brookdale Community College.

*In advance of Civility Week, the “**Souls Shot Portrait Project**” is available for viewing in Brookdale’s CVA Gallery. The exhibit was “created by fine artists paired with families or friends of victims of gun violence. The portraits created by the artists have the unique ability to call out the souls and profoundly affect those who see them,” according to Laura Madeleine, founder and director of the Project. The exhibition will be open to the public starting on September 8th and runs through October 1st. Gallery hours are 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday – Friday. Admission is free.

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|  <p>CIVILITY WEEK CIVILITY WEEK is October 4 - 8</p> <p>Fill out below and collect a sticker on the back of this card for each event you attend.</p> <p>NAME: EMAIL:</p> <p>More stickers means more chances to win prizes! When complete drop this card off at room SLC-105 in the Student Life Center.</p> |  <p>SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p> | | place sticker here |
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