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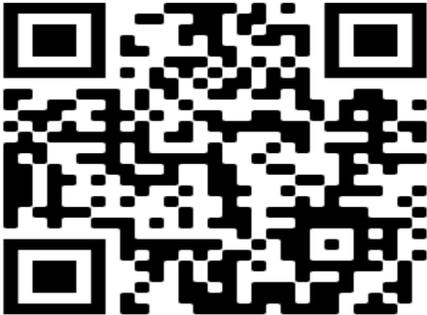


SPRING 2022 CIVILITY WEEK

February 14 – 18, 2022

Centering Our Collective Stories:
Listening as an Act of Civility

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Spring 2022 Civility Week
Brookdale Community College

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.

Brookdale Community College's Civility Research Guide

The Civility Research Guide provides links to books, articles, websites, videos, and databases related to civility. It is accessible here: <https://libguides.brookdalecc.edu/civility>. This is a living document, which means it is updated regularly. To recommend a resource for the guide, please contact Assistant Professor of Library Innovation and Learning Resources Judi Ungar (jungar@brookdalecc.edu).

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Event Notes

- All events will take place remote live, via Zoom, with hyperlinks posted below.
- All events will conclude with a brief, moderated discussion, during which the following questions will be posed to participants:
 - *What did you learn from this session that challenged what you thought you knew?*
 - *Where do you see yourself in the stories shared during this session?*
 - *What are you still curious about?*

Schedule of Events

Civility Week - Brookdale Community College

“Centering Our Collective Stories: Listening as an Act of Civility”

Monday, February 14, 2022	
11:00am- 12:30pm	<p><i>Keynote Address – “Civility in the Midst of Unrest”</i></p> <p>Presented by Minister Kerwin Webb, <i>Pastor at the Second Baptist Church of Asbury Park & President of the Greater Red Bank Area NAACP</i></p> <p>Advanced Registration Required – Registration Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IFOSs4xSSumi30uGwf-1XA</p>
2:00- 3:30pm	<p><i>“Civil Conversation – It Can Be Done!”</i></p> <p>Presented by Joe Ritacco, <i>Board Member of the Monmouth Center for World Religion and Ethical Thought</i></p> <p>Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/92854991151</p>
Tuesday, February 15, 2022	
9:00- 10:00am	<p><i>“Understanding That People with Disabilities Are, in Fact, People”</i></p> <p>Presented by Orrie Schulman, <i>Founder of Caring with Compassion</i></p> <p>Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/97003022629</p>
1:30- 2:30pm	<p><i>“Can Queer People Afford Civility?”</i></p> <p>Presented by Leah Wasacz, <i>Brookdale Writing Center Tutor</i></p> <p>Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/94314628344</p>
Wednesday, February 16, 2022	
12:00- 1:30pm <i>Lunch and Learn!</i>	<p>“From Liberators to Leaders: Stories from African American GIs in WWII and the Civil Rights Movement”</p> <p>Presented by Dr. Sara Brown, <i>Director of the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Education</i></p> <p>Advanced Registration Required – Registration Link: https://www.change.org/events/liberators-to-leaders</p>

6:00-7:30pm	<p><i>“How a Global History of Architecture Can Bring Us Hope for Our Future”</i></p> <p>Presented by Elisa Elora, <i>Adjunct Professor of Architecture and Graphic Design</i>, & Trent Welcome, <i>Program Coordinator and Instructor of Graphic Design, Architecture Alumni</i> Isaiah Brenson & Alex Manfre, and <i>Architecture Students</i> Grace Leather & Emma Witherspoon</p> <p>Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/92237823455</p>
Thursday, February 17, 2022	
10:00-11:00am	<p><i>“Stories of Undocumented Immigrants Past and Present”</i></p> <p>Presented by Dr. Ashley Zampogna-Krug, <i>Assistant Professor of History</i>, & <i>Frank Wyman Scholarship Students</i> Jesus Calle Bula and Bianca Japitana</p> <p>Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/91716698462</p>
7:00 – 8:00pm	<p><i>“Suffragists Speak: Race, Slavery, and the Fight for the Vote”</i></p> <p>Presented by Dr. Connie Goddard, <i>Education Director for the American Association of University Women – Northern Monmouth County Branch</i>, & Gilda Rogers, <i>Adjunct Professor of History and Executive Director of the T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center</i></p> <p>Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/96276003328</p>
Friday, February 18, 2022	
12:00-1:00pm <i>Lunch and Learn!</i>	<p><i>“Defeating Human Trafficking: What Can We Do?”</i></p> <p>Presented by Dr. Janice Thomas, <i>Director of the International Education Center</i>, Dr. Rajkumari Wesley, <i>Professor of Psychology and Coordinator of the Global Citizenship Distinction Program (GCD)</i>, & <i>GCD Students</i> Belinda Asamoah, Norkiris Concepcion, Sophia Jimenez, and Taiphane Orange</p> <p>Zoom Link: https://brookdalecc.zoom.us/j/93365058089</p>

Event Descriptions

Monday, February 14, 2022

***“Civility in the Midst of Unrest,”* Minister Kerwin Webb, Second Baptist Church of Asbury Park and Greater Red Bank Area NAACP, 11:00am – 12:30pm**

The definition of civility includes formal politeness, as well as courtesy in behavior and speech. But standing amid unrest makes such civility difficult to achieve. Looking at 40-foot waves as they come rushing toward your dwelling is not the time for polite nor calm. So, is there a time when civility goes out the window? Is it ever acceptable to appease hatred? We, collectively, are watching a crisis of terror and destruction unfold before our eyes. Yet, almost daily, people from a place of privilege proclaim peace and safety! They preach patience. They pretend to be civil. This keynote address will probe the possibility of remaining civil during transition and change and offer thoughts on how to quell unrest.

***“Civil Conversation – It Can Be Done!,”* Joe Ritacco, Monmouth Center for World Religion and Ethical Thought, 2:00 – 3:30pm**

Have you found yourself in any of these situations?

- You wanted to ask a question on a sensitive topic but didn’t know how to formulate it.
- A conversation ended abruptly or turned nasty, and you didn’t know why or how to deal with it.
- Someone said something offensive, and you wanted to speak up, but you didn’t quite know what to say or how to say it.

If so, this presentation and workshop on civil conversation will help you manage such situations. Civil conversation is a skill that can be learned! Learning this skill can lead to improved, even repaired, interpersonal relationships and ease the formation of new relationships. Lastly, it can help you learn from others by asking those important, sensitive questions.

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

***“Understanding That People with Disabilities, Are, in Fact, People,”* Orrie Schulman, MA, Caring with Compassion, 9:00 – 10:00am**

I will share my life experiences as someone who considers herself to be a person with a disability, due to an acquired brain injury. I was comatose with meningitis as a young child, but my resulting disability has turned out to be my greatest asset. I will share what it was like to be a student with “special needs.” I will also share what it was like to be romantically involved with a man who became quadriplegic from a spinal cord injury. In addition, I will present technical considerations for interacting with people with disabilities, such as practicing good etiquette and using person-first language.

***“Can Queer People Afford Civility?,”* Leah Wasacz, MA, The Writing Center, 1:30 – 2:30pm**

Gay and trans history has been far from polite. From the Stonewall riots to the gay “zaps” of the 70’s and 80’s to the protest movements of today, queer people advocating for their civil rights have

often used techniques not considered “civil.” But is there a deeper meaning to civility than politeness? In this talk, we’ll explore both the past and the present through the courageous history of gay protest and the current state of anti-trans backlash to determine the true meaning of civility.

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

***“From Liberators to Leaders: Stories from African American GIs in WWII and the Civil Rights Movement,”* Sara Brown, PhD, Center for Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Education, 12:00 – 1:00pm**

African Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II helped to liberate survivors of the Holocaust and Nazi-occupied Europe. Many experienced racism and prejudice from their fellow soldiers, even as they fought Nazism throughout Europe. Upon their return to the United States, some veterans were determined to continue the fight against intolerance, this time targeting the racism and prejudice that permeated American society. Join Chhange’s Executive Director Dr. Sara E. Brown, as she examines the testimonies of African American veterans of World War II and the ways in which they applied lessons learned from the Holocaust to the Civil Rights Movement.

***“How a Global History of Architecture Can Bring Us Hope for Our Future,”* Elisa Elora, MS, Architecture and Graphic Design, & Trent Welcome, M.Arch., Graphic Design, Alumni Isaiah Brenson & Alex Manfre, Architecture, and Students Grace Leather & Emma Witherspoon, Architecture, 6:00 – 7:30pm**

Students in Brookdale's Design Department aspire to work in fields, such as architecture and graphics, which have outsized opportunities to shape culture. Learning how to discuss some of culture's more challenging aspects is therefore essential training. In the Fall 2021 section of History of Renaissance Architecture (ARCH 246), we used experiential learning to create a pop-up show that responded to our research on architecture of the Neoclassical period through three lenses: canonical, recent and avant-garde. This was opportunity to understand inequity in our own culture’s history of architecture and design in a way that helps us to better engage with contemporary topics both locally and globally. This approach to the past aligns with what scholars Robert Cowherd and Patrick Haughey call a “history of the world through architectural evidence, and a history of architecture through a global perspective.” We invite you to a panel discussion with students, alumni, and faculty, to learn about the project and the artwork it inspired – from sculpture, to paintings, to textile work. Our intention is to create dialogue that stimulates, and leads us to an engagement with the past, so that we can develop ways of knowing that give hope and promise for a vibrant future.

Thursday, February 17, 2022

***“Stories of Undocumented Immigrants Past and Present,”* Ashley Zampogna-Krug, PhD, History & Frank Wyman Scholarship Students Jesus Calle Bula and Bianca Japitana, 10:00 – 11:00am**

Immigration has become a polarizing political issue, especially undocumented immigration. Many people have a stereotypical idea of what an undocumented immigrant looks like and where the

immigrant comes from. Yet, undocumented immigrants have been part of history for quite some time. They have come from various countries and fallen into “undocumented” status for various reasons. Join us as we examine a history of undocumented immigration in the United States through the stories of immigrants, both those of the past and those from today.

***“Suffragists Speak: Race, Slavery, and the Fight for the Vote,”* Connie Goddard, PhD, American Association of University Women, & Gilda Rogers, MA, History, T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center, 7:00 – 8:00pm**

“Suffragist Speak” is an hour-long video that brings to life the words of historic figures from the suffrage struggle – Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Alice Paul, and Carrie Chapman Catt – and culminates with civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer’s 1964 speech at the Democratic Convention. It not only dramatizes the history of women’s suffrage – with a focus on the experience of Black women in the fight for the vote – it also brings attention to the continuing struggle to assure that all eligible American citizens have free and fair access to the ballot. Participants are encouraged to view the video, but this is not required. During the presentation, a video clip will be shown, and discussion will take place with those who produced it, one of whom is a Brookdale adjunct professor. To view the video, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FK4CILazLYo>

Friday, February 18, 2022

***“Defeating Human Trafficking: What Can We Do?”* Janice Thomas, PhD, International Education Center, Rajkumari Wesley, PhD, GCD Program, and GCD Students Belinda Asamoah, Norkiris Concepcion, Sophia Jimenez, and Taiphane Orange, 12:00 – 1:00pm**

The Global Citizenship Distinction cohort is focused on the theme of Human Trafficking this academic year. Trafficking is a worldwide concern that is finally receiving the attention it deserves. Students have made international collaborative presentations to promote awareness and prevention of this social problem. They are working hard to raise their voices, to stop this iniquitous action from affecting the lives of people worldwide. Do not miss this important panel discussion - learn and see how you can make a difference!

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