The Tenth Interdisciplinary Conference on Applied Ethics



Friday, March 15th, 2019

3 - 8 pm

Decker Health Science Center

SUNY Broome Community College



























The Ethics of **POLITICS**

Welcome to the 10th annual Ethics Conference at SUNY Broome. Every discipline has periodic meetings where faculty and students assemble and exchange information for a common purpose. This year, those discussions will be geared towards the topic of politics and the moral principles that govern the political system in our society.

Thank you for joining us. We hope you enjoy the Conference.

Schedule:

3:00-3:15pm Welcome (DH-201)

Dr. Michael Kinney, Associate Vice President & Dean of Liberal Arts/Learning Assistance Services, SUNY Broome

Dr. Carol Ross, Vice President for Student Development& Chief Diversity Officer/Executive Director, SUNYBroome

3:20-4:20pm Panel Discussion (DH-201)

4:30-5:20pm Breakout Session "A" Speakers - Choose 1 of the following:

Professor Emeritus Doug Garnar -Part 1 of 2 (DH-211)

Professor Emeritus Karen Goodman (DH-213)

Professor Carla Michalak (DH-222)

Film #1 Screening with Professor Ed Evans (DH-118)

5:30-6:20pm Breakout Session "B" Speakers - Choose 1 of the following:

Professor Emeritus Doug Garnar -Part 2 of 2 (DH-211)
Professor Irene J. Byrnes & Phi Theta Kappa – Political

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Film #2 Screening with Professor Ed Evans (DH-118)

6:30-8:00pm Keynote Address (DH-201)

Introduction by Dr. Michael Kinney Associate Vice President & Dean of Liberal Arts/Learning Assistance

Service, SUNY Broome

Keynote Address by Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo

Dinner

Panel Discussion – 3:20pm The Ethics of Campaigning (DH-201)

Moderator: Reverend Dr. Arthur Suggs

Sharon Exley: Councilwoman for Town of Dickinson (R)

Jason Garnar: Broome County Executive (D)

Mary Kaminsky: Minority Leader for the Broome County Legislature, District 14 (D)

Giovanni Scaringi: Binghamton City Council Member, 1st District (R) and Associate Professor of History, Philosophy, & Social Science, SUNY Broome

Breakout Session A – 4:30pm

Choose 1 of the following 4 discussions

Doug Garnar: Professor Emeritus of History, Philosophy & Social Science, SUNY Broome (DH-211)

TITLE: Part 1 of 2 - A House Divided: A Deliberation that Offers New Ways of Looking at Democracy in Order to Create a More Engaged Citizenry DESCRIPTION:—Historically, our Democracy has always strived to work together for the common good of all. How has this changed over time? How can all sides still work together in the modern age? This deliberation will discuss these questions and more as we try to find a new political common ground to help the good of all.

Professor Emeritus **Doug Garnar** has been serving his community by helping to educate others about civic duty and engaged citizenship for over 40 years. His passion for civics and politics lead to the creation of the Douglas Garnar Center for Civic Engagement on campus at SUNY Broome.

Karen Goodman: Professor Emeritus of Physical Sciences, SUNY Broome (DH-213)

TITLE: Science and Politics

DESCRIPTION: Drafting legislation regarding the environment and the economy should be done by well-informed professionals. Do you wonder if our politicians, law makers, and representatives possess the knowledge and understanding of scientific concepts and processes required for participation

in civic and cultural affairs, as well as economic productivity? Professor Goodman will lead a discussion regarding how politics can shape the perception of scientific theory and discovery.

Karen Goodman is a Professor Emeritus of Physical Sciences and Physics at Broome Community College, now SUNY Broome, where she taught for 34 years. She has a B.S. degree from SUNY Albany and an M.S. degree from Cornell. Her main teaching areas were geology and physics for health sciences.

Carla Michalak: Associate Professor of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, SUNY Broome (DH-222)

TITLE: "Isms" on the Campaign Trail

DESCRIPTION: During this Breakout Session, we will discuss the stereotypes falsely attached to candidates seeking office who do not look like the "traditional" candidate. Whether it is gender, age or race, how do candidates push through the noise to present their message?

Carla Michalak is an Associate Professor of Political Science, SUNY Broome. Currently serving on the Broome Tioga Suffrage Anniversary Committee with Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo. Carla's diverse interests include Women and Politics, American Government, and activism in the MeToo Movement.

Film #1 Screening - The White House in Chautauqua (DH-118) Communications and Media Art Department, SUNY Broome Ed Evans

OVERVIEW: As the 1996 Presidential campaign winds into the home stretch, President Bill Clinton and his campaign staff retreat to the Western New York cultural center of Chautauqua Institution for three days of debate preparations, rehearsals and some recreation away from Washington. Participants describe the work of helping President Clinton prepare for his two televised debates against Republican challenger Robert Dole. Including interviews with Sen. George Mitchell, who played the role of Sen. Dole in the practice debates, White House Lead Advance Kirk Hanlin who oversaw preparations for the Chautauqua retreat and former NY Lt. Gov. Stan Lundine. Produced by Documentary filmmaker, and SUNY Broome Senior Media Instructor Ed Evans, this film is a unique look into the preparations that go into the Presidential debates.

Ed Evans is an adjunct instructor in Communications and Media Arts, SUNY Broome. Ed is a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching.



Breakout Session B - 5:30pm

Choose 1 of the following 3 discussions

Doug Garnar: Professor Emeritus of History, Philosophy & Social Science, SUNY Broome (DH-211)

TITLE: Part 2 of 2 - A House Divided: A Deliberation that Offers New Ways of Looking at Democracy in Order to Create a More Engaged Citizenry DESCRIPTION:—Historically, our Democracy has always strived to work together for the common good of all. How has this changed over time? How can all sides still work together in the modern age? This deliberation will discuss these questions and more as we try to find a new political common ground to help the good of all.

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Phi Theta Kappa Discussion (DH-222)

TITLE: Political Tribalism

DESCRIPTION: Yale Law School Professor Amy Chua describes a hard core approach to overcoming destructive political tribalism in *Political Tribe: Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations*. Her approach is designed to illuminate the perils of identity politics. Would the U.S. benefit from an approach to politics and social issues that relies less on our tribal identities and more on a common identity or at least common interests? Join student leaders and the faculty adviser from Phi Theta Kappa, the campus' international honor society for a lively discussion.

PANELISTS: Orion Barber (President, Mu Eta Chapter of PTK), Shyanne Daye (Vice-President of Honors-in-Action, PTK and SUNY Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Awardee), Alexander Lewis (Vice-President of Advertising, PTK), Dawn Shefler (Executive Board Member, PTK), and Prof. Irene J. Byrnes (Faculty Adviser to PTK, Associate Professor of History, Philosophy, and Social Science Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Faculty Service and Professional Service)

Film #2 Screening - How Russian Hackers and Trolls Exploited U.S. Media in the 2016 Election (DH-118)

Communications and Media Art Department, SUNY Broome Ed Evans

OVERVIEW: Professor Kathleen Hall Jamieson details how Russian agents exploited vulnerabilities in our Social Media platforms to open thousands of accounts and push waves of misleading content to American voters during the 2016 election. She explains how the Social Media campaigns and the strategic "dumps" of stolen Democratic e-mails helped move voters in key states

towards supporting Donald Trump and move away from Hillary Clinton. Jamieson is the author of **CYBERWAR: How Russian Hackers and Trolls Helped Elect a President** and is the Director of The Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ed Evans is an adjunct instructor in Communications and Media Arts, SUNY Broome. Ed is a recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching.

Keynote Address – 6:30pm Dinner to follow (DH-201)

Introduction to Keynote - Michael Kinney Ed.D. Associate Vice President and Dean of Liberal Arts/Learning Assistance Services, SUNY Broome

Keynote Speaker – Donna Lupardo

NYS Assemblywoman – District 123

TOPIC: Ethics in Political Office

Economic Development,

Rules, and Transportation.

Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo was first elected in 2004 and is currently in her eighth term representing the City of Binghamton and Towns of Union and Vestal. She has a number of leadership positions in the Assembly including: Chair of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture; Chair, New York Legislative Aviation Caucus, and former Chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus. Assemblywoman Lupardo also serves on the following Assembly Committees:



Certificates of Participation will be distributed at the conclusion of the Conference (Klee Room)

The Ethics Conference Organizing Committee members thank you for joining us.



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