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August 22, 2014
1:30 pm – 3 pm, Lecture Centers

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Explore UAlbany is your opportunity to discover a new topic that interests you— it does not have to be related to your intended major!

From the following 15 sessions listed below, organized by theme, pick the 3 Explore UAlbany Sessions that interest you the most. Fill in the box below with your picks.

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Fill out your Top 3 Explore UAlbany Sessions

*You will only be able to attend 1!

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ANTHROPOLOGY

WHY BIGFOOT ISN’T REAL: FUNDAMENTALS OF SKEPTICISM
Sean Rafferty, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 25
In this lecture Professor Rafferty discusses how easy it is to be fooled, why people believe strange or impossible things, and how we can learn to be better consumers of knowledge.

ART

STILL LIFE: CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHERS EXPLORE THE POST-PHOTOGRAPHIC MOMENT
Danny Goodwin, M.F.A.
Lecture Center 20
What is photography, really? Since its invention in 1839, the term “photography” has been expanded to encompass a staggering array of technologies, techniques and media. The digital era has been described by many critics and theorists as “post-photographic”. But what does that mean? How have artists who are working at the “bleeding edge” of photographic theory and technique informed and been informed by the digital (r)evolution? Explore with Prof. Goodwin some of the work of a group of young, emerging artists who are re-inventing the photographic language and staking out new territory as the producers of the next wave of visual culture.

ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE

NASA’S SEARCH FOR LIFE BEYOND THE EARTH
John Delano, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 18
With the discovery of nearly 1600 planets orbiting nearby stars, and the likelihood of additional Earth-like planets being found within the next few months, the stage is being set for learning about Humanity’s context in the galaxy. Will complex life on other planets be common? Or, will it be rare? Is complex life elsewhere in the galaxy likely to have a humanoid appearance? Could the abundance of intelligent, humanoid-like beings on ‘Star Trek’ be exaggerated?
BUSINESS/LAW

THE LAW AND U: LIFE LESSONS THAT WILL MAKE YOU A BETTER COLLEGE STUDENT!
Hon. Joseph W. Sheehan, J.D.
Lecture Center 1
Don’t learn life lessons the hard way by finding yourself before a city/town judge or judicial review board at UAlbany. Law Professor and City Court Judge Joseph Sheehan will discuss clear, simple, and sometimes hilarious, but always to the point lessons that will enhance your college experience. Let him show you how to make good everyday life decisions by learning from the experience of other people’s mistakes rather than making them yourself. Prof. Sheehan’s years of mentoring experience with two exceptional UAlbany freshman programs, the World of Business Living-Learning Community and the School of Business Direct Admit class, provide him with a rare insight into how to enhance your freshman experience.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

YOU AIN’T SEEN NOTHING YET: HOW CHEAP ROBOTS, CAMERAS, AND COMPUTERS ARE RADICALLY CHANGING OUR LIVES
George Berg, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 21
Many people think that personal computers linked together via the internet have changed the world. The real changes have barely started. Digital electronics have become increasingly small and inexpensive. This is leading to the use of cameras and sensors in ways that would have been impossible just a few years ago. We are starting to see practical robotic vehicles that can explore land, sea and air. In addition, inexpensive computing power and the ability to store truly amazing amounts of data mean that the data gathered by these devices, as well as just about anything else known about us, can be analyzed and scrutinized. We’ll look at several aspects of this. What are the technologies underlying these changes? What is driving the use of these systems? What are the implications for our safety and privacy?

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

WHITHER (WITH?) CAPITAL PUNISHMENT: IS (AND SHOULD) THE DEATH PENALTY IN AMERICA BE DYING?
James Acker, JD, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 5
The death penalty has been a staple of American culture since colonial days. Despite its august history, the past decade has brought such profound changes—in public attitudes, law, and practice—that many have begun to question whether capital punishment is a dying institution. We will explore the changing death-penalty landscape, identify the factors that appear to be
responsible, and discuss—and all opinions are welcome—whether capital punishment should or should not continue to be a part of America’s legal and social fabric.

EDUCATION

THE WORLD WITHIN REACH: HOW UNIVERSITIES HAVE CHANGED AS THE WORLD HAS SHRUNK, AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU
Mitch Leventhal, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 3B
Chances are, every school you heard from during your college search boasted about its international study opportunities. This wasn't always the case. Not long ago, the emphasis of college was decidedly local. Why has this change happened? How important is it to integrate international experience into YOUR experience and does it make a difference for your career and life after college? What sort of international experience or experiences are right for you? Study abroad? Research abroad? International service learning? A bit of each? Following this discussion, you should have a clearer idea of your options and how to begin to “internationalize” yourself.

ENGLISH

WRITING ABOUT LOVE AND LOSS
Jeffrey Berman, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 19
Love and loss is one of the oldest themes in literature. We will all experience wrenching losses, including the deaths of our parents and grandparents, best friends, and perhaps even our spouses and children. Prof. Berman will focus on the many reasons to write about the dead, including the effort not only to honor and memorialize them but also to bring them back to life verbally.

HISTORY

IS RACE REAL?
Richard Fogarty, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 6
Of course it is! What a silly question. It’s as simple as black and white. Or is it? Like many subjects we think we know a lot about, we’ll find that the reality is far more complex and interesting than we often assume. Using examples and research from a wide variety of fields of study, we’ll see that the “reality” of race—what it means in different times, places, and contexts—is far more subject to change, variety, and debate than many people think. Examining diverse ideas about race and the different forms racism has taken in different cultures, both in the past and today, we’ll see that “black and white” is only part of the story. This lecture is just one example of how your college education will take you deeper into everyday problems, broadening your horizons and challenging you to think in new ways.

The raffle is sponsored by SEFCU
JOURNALISM

CAN YOU BE A GOOD JOURNALIST AND A GOOD HUMAN BEING AT THE SAME TIME? A TALK ABOUT MEDIA ETHICS.

Rosemary Armao, M.A.
Lecture Center 4

Journalists routinely invade the privacy, tell the secrets, and ask embarrassing questions of people they write about. Is that ethical? Is that nice? Are reporters moral? A talk on media ethics.

PHILOSOPHY

MINDS, BRAINS, AND PHILOSOPHY

Ronald McClamrock, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 22

What's the relationship between our consciousness and our physical brains? Is the mind just the brain, or is it something else? And what role does philosophy have to play in considering that question? Join Prof. McClamrock to explore these and more questions about philosophy, your mind and your brain.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

WHO KILLS AND WHO KILLS A LOT

Victor Asal, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 24

Why do some organizations kill people while others do not? Why are some organizations so much more lethal than others? The majority of terrorist organizations kill no one while some organizations kill thousands. How does organizational structure, organizational ideology and government behavior towards organizations impact these decisions? Using data collected by undergraduates at UAlbany, professors at Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy have analyzed organizational and state level factors to try and answer these questions- and some of the answers may surprise you.
PSYCHOLOGY

DUDE, WHERE’S MY CELL PHONE: MEMORIES FOR THE ORDINARY TO THE EXTRA-ORDINARY
Jeannette Altarriba, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 2
Have you ever misplaced your keys, forgotten someone’s name, or struggled to recall what you did last night? The phenomenon of memory reconstruction and the development of false memories and beliefs is a “hot topic” in cognitive and memory research. But just how can we demonstrate the existence of such memories? And, when we do forget, what are some techniques to try to remember? Learn about what the research tells us regarding false memories, their impact in your decision making, and what to do to decrease their prevalence.

MARIJUANA: MEDICINE OR MENACE?
Mitchell Earleywine, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 7
Can cannabis cure cancer, Crohn’s Disease, and cellulite, or is medical use just a ploy for legalization advocates? Come hear the Chair of the Executive Board for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws discuss the history, research, and hype surrounding medical marijuana.

THE HONOR’S COLLEGE

STALKING AFTER BREAKUPS IN HIGH-SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS
Jeffrey Haugaard, Ph.D.
Lecture Center 23
Research has shown that about 20% of high school and college students experience some form of stalking or other intrusive contact after the breakup of a romantic relationship. Males and females are equally likely to initiate intrusive contact after a breakup. In addition to describing the results of the research that he conducted in this area, Professor Haugaard will describe how he became interested in conducting research in this area, how he worked with many undergraduate research assistants on this research, and how the results of the research were used in interventions on high school and college campuses.
Welcome Weekend at a Glance

Wednesday, August 20th
Late Night @ the Campus Center:
Danes After Dark
8 pm – 12 am, Danes After Dark Lounges
Campus Programming Board Presents
Joel Meyers
9 pm – 10 pm, Campus Center Ballroom

Thursday, August 21st
New Students and Family B.B.Q.
3:30 pm – 6:30 pm, Podium- Near Small Fountain
Welcome Candlelighting Ceremony
9 pm – 10 pm, Entry Plaza
Campus Programming Board Present:
First Night Fest
10 pm – 1 am, State Quad Courtyard

Friday, August 22nd
University Art Museum
Open House
11 am – 1 pm, University Art Museum
Explore Your Libraries and Win!
11 am – 1 pm, University Library
Explore UAlbany
1:30 pm – 3 pm, Lecture Centers
Fire Safety Demonstration
3 pm - 3:30pm, Entry Plaza
LGBTQIA Welcome Reception
3:30 pm-5pm, Gender & Sexuality Resource Center–Campus Center 332
Transfer & Commuter Meet and Greet Social
3:30 pm – 5 pm, Transfer & Commuter Lounge – Campus Center

Friday, August 22nd cont’d.
Intercultural Welcome Reception
3:30 pm-5pm, Multicultural Resource Center – Campus Center 346
DRC Welcome Reception
3:30 pm-5pm, Room 120- Business Administration Building
Campus Programming Board Presents:
Psychic Fair
5 pm – 9 pm, Danes After Dark Lounges
Late Night @ the Campus Center:
Danes After Dark
8 pm – 1 am, Danes After Dark Lounges

Saturday, August 23rd
All Around Albany Tours
11 am - 2 pm, Tour departs from Collins Circle
Campus Programming Board Presents:
Podium Pandemonium
2pm – 8 pm, Podium
Master Hypnotist Thomas Bresadola – Featured on MTV!
8 pm, Performing Arts Center (PAC) Main Theater
Late Night @ the Campus Center:
Danes After Dark
8pm – 1 am, Danes After Dark Lounges

Sunday, August 24th
The Great Danetopia
4pm - 7 pm, University Entry Plaza

Monday, August 25th
Classes Begin
Make this year successful!
Great Dane Beginnings @ Your Library
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, In Front of the University Library

For more information on the Welcome Week Events visit:
www.albany.edu/go