Community Conversations "On the Homefront"

When armed services members are called to duty, families, colleagues, and friends are left to fill their roles back home. Letters and phone calls are eagerly awaited on the homefront and after deployment, personal belongings become essential artifacts in understanding service and impact of absence. This fall, we come together as a community to share the stories of veterans and their families, and reflect on military service past and present.

Events in the "On the Homefront: Families, Communities, and Conversations with Our Veterans" program invite community members to share their own stories of veterans in their lives and reflect on the impact of military service. Through collaborative art workshops, public readings, historical exhibits, and live theatre, program partners hope to sustain a conversation about the impact our military service members have on a community. Shannon Dozoryst, Young Auditorium's Assistant Director and Director of Education Outreach serves as co-coordinator for the program. "We are pleased to have campus and community partners to engage our community in these programs that will prompt meaningful discussion and allow people to express themselves artistically," Dozoryst says.

Partners in the "On the Homefront" program include Andersen Library, Continuing Education, Fairhaven Senior Services, Hedberg Public Library, Hoard Museum, Irvin L. Young Memorial Library, and Young Auditorium. Most events are free and registration is not required. Tickets required for Young Auditorium productions. Visit www.uww.edu/ce/homefront for a complete listing of events and more information.
As the election seasons nears the finish line, join us for ten lectures this fall exploring how we got here, what the issues are, and what happens after the results are in. Lectures in the Fairhaven Lecture Series "Election 2016: The Path to the White House and What to Expect Next" series will examine the individual candidates vying for state and national office, the procedures for electing them and the media coverage of the campaigns and debates. Foreign policy, criminal justice reform, and ideology and inequality will be addressed, then the series will wrap up with a look ahead at what the incumbent president may say in his or her inaugural address.

The series kicks off on Monday, September 12 with a lecture Susan Johnson, reviewing the presidential nomination process that took place over the summer. Johnson, an assistant dean in the College of Letters and Sciences, is a frequent presenter in the series. "Every four years, I look forward to participating in the fall election series," Johnson says. "It is a pleasure to share my expertise and discuss politics with such an engaged group of truly lifelong learners."

For nearly 35 years, the Fairhaven Lecture Series has been offering free public lectures by UW-Whitewater faculty and other business and community leaders. The public is invited to attend the lively presentations in person on Monday afternoons at 3:00 near campus at Fairhaven Senior Services. For those who can't attend in person, or want to revisit or share a lecture with others, videos of lectures are posted to the Continuing Education website. Nearly 100 videos of lectures on topics from Shakespeare to Abraham Lincoln can be accessed anytime. Join us, in person or online, won't you?

**Long-Standing Collaboration Benefits Educators**

For the past ten years, Seth Meisel, Interim Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, has been collaborating with the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at UW-Milwaukee to lead a summer institute for K-16 teachers. The collaboration, which also includes UW-Madison's Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies program, is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and welcomed 18 teachers this year to explore diverse issues and case studies surrounding sustainability in Latin America at its summer institute. A historian whose specializes in the history of slavery in Argentina, Meisel brought scholars from Rutgers and the University of Texas to the institute, along with leaders in Latin American healthcare, natural resources, and agriculture to present workshops and sessions to provide educators with relevant lessons for their classrooms.

"The ten summer institutes thoughtfully and creatively designed by Seth since 2007 serve to strengthen our educational outreach reputation to a wide community of teachers from different subject areas and teaching levels," writes Julie Kline, CLACS Associate Director, who collaborates with Meisel on the institute. "The 2016 institute attracted returning educators who appreciate his care, knowledge, and approachability, as well as several participants brand-new to
Did You Know?

Did you know that while much of campus was quiet this summer, Continuing Education Services (CES) provided 56 athletic and music camps, conferences, and workshops for nearly 6,000 youth, adults, and professionals, ranging in age from 5 to 79 years old? Over 700 camp directors and assistants were hired and filled the residence halls, athletic fields, concert halls, classrooms and gardens while many of UW-Whitewater's students were away. Most of CES's camps and conferences begin in June and run, sometimes concurrently, through mid-August, and are well-known throughout Wisconsin and northern Illinois for their superior youth programming. "We have excellent camp directors in place," says Ryan Callahan, CES Director. "Many of them hire their current or former athletes and students to teach at their camps, and getting these good people is why we have such an impact."

Did you know that many of the outreach programs and resources provided by Continuing Education are part of the work of the University of Wisconsin-Extension? In the tradition of the Wisconsin idea, Continuing Education provides access to our University resources and research to the people of the state can learn, grow and succeed at all states of life. Did you know that the work of UW-Extension has probably touched you and your family at some point? How do you tap into our work? Will you share your story? UW-Whitewater Continuing Education is collaborating with UW-Extension to tell our story, and we can only do that if you tell yours. Please visit https://uwcx.org/ and share a way in which our services and resources have made a positive impact on your community. Whether you attended a public lecture, sent your child to summer camp, or attended a workshop, you are part of the thousands of Wisconsin residents who have benefited from our outreach. Please share your story to help us tell ours.
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