



The 8TH ANNUAL
SOCIAL RESEARCH SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE
&
“CITIES OF PEACE” EXHIBIT AND GUIDED TOUR

April 7-8, 2011

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE
Moyer Hall and Baker Center for the Arts

Thursday, April 7, 2011: PLENARY EVENT AND DESSERT RECEPTION

**“Art as an Instrument of Social
Justice”**

with

ELLEN FRANK

**Artistic Director and Founder of the
Illumination Arts Foundation**

**Recital Hall
Baker Center for the Arts
7:00 p.m.**

Friday, April 8, 2011: RESEARCH SESSIONS AND ART EXHIBIT GUIDED TOUR

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast Baker Center for the Arts

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Guided Tour with Artist Ellen Frank Martin Arts Gallery

Cities of Peace is a series of nine 6 x 8 foot gold-illuminated works on canvas consisting of a visual tribute to the people and locations around the world where violence and tragedy through war or conflict and ideological extremism in modern times have left horrific reminders of man’s destructive power. The Cities of Peace project and exhibition was started as an ambitious idea to unite people and the visual arts through dialogue about issues of peace.

10:15 – 11:00 a.m. RESEARCH SESSION I

PANEL ONE: Engaging Afghanistan

Moyer 214

Darius Callier, Connor Skutches, Courtney Weintraub, Nowell Kahle, & Meagan McDonald, Lehigh University, “*Engaging Afghanistan* Documentary and Panel Discussion.”

Moderators: Nandini Deo and Julia Maserjian, Lehigh University

PANEL TWO: Propaganda and the United States

Moyer 302

Kristin Lapos, Muhlenberg College, “The Long War: Taliban Propaganda and U.S. Foreign Policy.”

Judson Battaglia, Muhlenberg College, “McCarthyism: The Red-Baiting Campaign of the 1950s.”

Moderator: Sue Curry Jansen, Muhlenberg College

PANEL THREE: Quantifying Democracy**Moyer 209**

Benjamin Rosen & Alexandra Chili, Muhlenberg College, "Voting Behavior of College Students: Lacking Social Responsibility at Muhlenberg College."

Alyssa Smith, Lafayette College, "Quantitative Reasoning for True Democracy."

Moderator: Christopher Borick, Muhlenberg College

11:10 – 12:25 p.m.**RESEARCH SESSION II****PANEL FOUR: TV Studies: Social Inequality and Hegemony****Moyer 109**

Caitlin Lenker, DeSales University, "Motherhood and the Media: How Fictional TV Mothers Have Promoted and Challenged Societal Ideas about Motherhood."

Morgan Keschl, Cedar Crest College, "The *Honeymooners* and *The King of Queens*: Working Class Couples."

Molly Weinberg, Muhlenberg College, "Still Within Boundary Walls: Parenting and Gender Conventionality in American Sitcoms *Full House* and *The Brady Bunch*."

Kali Kambourglos, Muhlenberg College, "Clarissa Started It All: Characterizations of Leading Female Characters in *Nickelodeon* Programs."

Moderator: Elizabeth Ortiz, Cedar Crest College

PANEL FIVE: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Criminal Justice: Perspectives on Class/Race, Local/Global**Moyer 301**

Alonso Montano, Kutztown University, "The Difficulties of Uncovering White-Collar Crime."

Ashley Juavinett, Lafayette College, "Race, Crime, and the Power of Unconscious Stereotypes."

Andrew Weiss, Kutztown University, "Globalization and Its Effect on Crime and Crime Control."

Jeremy McClintic, Kutztown University, "The Injustice of Incarceration."

Moderator: Mahfuzul Khondaker, Kutztown University

PANEL SIX: Documenting Social Justice in Local and National Settings**Moyer 214**

Sylvia Boateng, Swarthmore College, Stephanie Lamb, University of Pennsylvania, & Joanna Whitney, Muhlenberg College, "Exposing Injustices, Redefining Identities: Young Women Raise Their Voices Through Documentary Work."

Jake Glass, Muhlenberg College, "En Plen Air: A Documentary Film about Art and Wilderness."

Moderators: Jenna Azar & Lora Taub-Pervizpour, Muhlenberg College

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.**BUFFET LUNCH****Miller Forum****1:00 – 2:10 p.m.****RESEARCH SESSION III****PANEL SEVEN: Influencing Factors in Educational Settings****Moyer 301**

Kerianne Williams, DeSales University, "Free Speech On and Off School Grounds: Creating a Court Test for Student Speech on Facebook."

Rebecca Patterson, Deena Wolloch, & David Porrino, Muhlenberg College, "Attitudes About Family Engagement Within the School Community."

Hannah Klein, Lafayette College, "The Cost Benefits and Policy Implications of Federally Funded Afterschool Programs on Juvenile Crime Rates."

Moderator: Rob Spicer, DeSales University

PANEL EIGHT: Media Interactivity and Persuasion

Moyer 109

Lara Kovant, Lehigh University, "Ideological Framing in Neo-Nazi Discussion Forums."

Brian Baxter, Muhlenberg College, "An Attraction Through Hate: KKK Propaganda and the Internet."

Jillian Bevacqua, Muhlenberg College, "Interactive Television: Effective or Inefficient?"

Moderator: Robin Riley-Casey, Muhlenberg College

PANEL NINE: Evidence of American Imperialism in Film and Policy

Moyer 201

Anna Whiston, Muhlenberg College, "The Pentagon's Hollywood Base: Military Propaganda in the Films of the 1980s and 1990s."

Jeffrey Tabor, Kutztown University, "United States, Rome Statute and the Rule of Law."

Judson Battaglia, Muhlenberg College, "Avatar and the New Face of American Imperialism."

Moderator: Amy Corbin, Muhlenberg College

PANEL TEN: Heteronormativity and Sexuality in Mind and Body

Moyer 214

Gabrielle Augustine & Nicole DiRado, Cedar Crest College, "Female Circumcision: The African Feminists' Perspective."

Allison Hollows, Muhlenberg College, "Gender Bending at the Box Office: A Textual Analysis of *Boys Don't Cry*, *She's the Man*, and *Switch*."

Hayley Talaber, Muhlenberg College, "Gay Male Identity on Primetime Television."

Moderator: Elizabeth Nathanson, Muhlenberg College

2:20 – 3:30 p.m.

RESEARCH SESSION IV

PANEL ELEVEN: Framing Discourses of Race, Gender and Religion

Moyer 309

Michael Santos, Moravian College, "Narrative and the American Discourse on Islam."

Caroline Aiken, Muhlenberg College, "Racist Attitudes Toward the Latinization of Allentown, Pennsylvania."

Brian Baxter, Muhlenberg College, "Marginalization and Ignored: Women in Sports Media Coverage."

Cathie-Marie Roca, Muhlenberg College, "Personal Foul: Media Framing of Sexual Harassment Cases Involving Professional Athletes."

Moderator: Jeff Pooley, Muhlenberg College

PANEL TWELVE: Class Matters: The Intersection of Class and Community

Moyer 209

Rachel Ingber, Lafayette College, "Gifts, Gift Cards, and Deadweight Loss: Using the Holiday Helpers Program to Improve the Economic Benefit of the Holiday Season."

Pete Danelski, DeSales University, "An Urban Plunge."

Renee Kato & Christine Boyko, Muhlenberg College, "Struggle for Social Justice: Stories from Allentown."

Melissa Del Mauro & Abigail Possinger, Muhlenberg College, "Ten Thousand Villages: A Non-Profit Working for Social Justice Through Philanthropy and Education."

Moderator: Sue Clemens-Bruder, Muhlenberg College

PANEL THIRTEEN: Outside Looking In: Islam, Iran, & Egypt

Moyer 106

Rachel Kitch, Muhlenberg College, Power Play and Word Play: Understanding the Nation of Islam Through "What the Muslims Believe."

Hatem Hassan, Lehigh University, "The Iranian People: A Theory on Protest Activity and Repression, 2009-2010 Iranian Elections."

Danielle Uber, Lehigh University, "Dating, Sex, and Marriage in Egypt."

Moderator: Sharon Albert, Muhlenberg College



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