

The Oxnard College Literature, Arts & Lectures Series presents

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FEBRUARY 2009

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African American Identity

In celebration of African American History Month, **David Moore** will discuss the unique psychology which evolved as a result of the Black experience in America and how it is related to the basic processes of human behavior.

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Freedom Fighters – Then and Now

In celebration of African American History Month, Professor and Pastor **Ola Washington** will talk about how President Obama has the potential to unite Blacks and other races as we enter the 21st century and fulfill the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King.

MARCH 2009

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Journeys Near and Far: Poems on Travel

Poet and world traveler, **Suzanne Roberts**, will read from her books *Shameless* and *Nothing to You* and her forthcoming book *Plotting Temporality* and will talk about her journeys as a writer who documents her travels through poetry.
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Rocketdyne Nuclear Impacts

Christina Walsh and **William Preston Bowling** will discuss how drainage from the aerospace research site at the Santa Susana Field Lab has elevated health risks in the San Fernando and Simi Valleys and why a clean-up is imperative for a healthy future.

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Sounds of the Ancient Americas

Musician **Martin Espino** will play indigenous percussion and string instruments and will teach the audience songs from ancient languages of North, Central and South America, especially from ancient Mexican cultures, including the Mayan culture.

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Voices of Foster Youth

Rhonda Carlson and **Raquel Montes** will discuss the daunting challenges faced by children who grow up in the foster care system – who are removed from their homes at young ages, are placed in custody of the State and are then released at age 18.

APRIL 2009

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Voyeur Hour – A Poetry Reading

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Pushcart Prize Winning Poet **Elena Karina Byrne** will read poems from her books *The Flammable Bird* and *MASQUE* and her forthcoming collections *This Fable Language* and *Voyeur Hour*.
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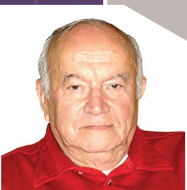
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Climate Change and Me

In celebration of Earth Day, Psychologist/Environmentalist **Dan Jordan** will discuss the realities of climate change and global warming and what individuals can do to take control of their futures and the future of the world we will leave to our children.

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An Extraordinary Life – A Holocaust Survivor's Story

In commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day, **Charles Pierce** will share the story of how he survived the Polish ghetto and four concentration camps, including Auschwitz and Dachau, after which he will address audience questions.

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The Luscious Colored Photographs of Frida Kahlo

OC English Professor **Elaine Alarcon-Totten** will show images of the Nicholas Murray's 20th century photographs of the famous Mexican painter Frida Kahlo and will discuss the story behind the photos and the relationship between Murray and Kahlo.
(rescheduled from Spring 2008)

MAY 2009

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How to Have a Respectful Divorce

Attorneys **Ellen Hirvela**, **Susan Carlisle** and **Deborah Huang** will hold a panel discussion presenting facts about divorce in the current economy and addressing common issues such as child custody, financial support and property.

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Frankenstein: the Creature and You

O.C. Professor **Anthony Rodriguez** and the Oxnard College Literature Institute will explore the creature from Mary Shelley's novel *Frankenstein*, focusing on how we all have the same "monster" characteristics when we look closely at ourselves.

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