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Upcoming Events in Our Community

Ms. Jody Williams, 1997 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, will speak at Bucknell this coming Tuesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Trout Auditorium.

Ms. Williams is particularly well known for initiating and leading the effort to enact an international treaty to ban landmines, and has worked around the world, including in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Darfur, on issues of peace, justice and equality and to support women's rights. More information about her career is here: <http://www.bucknell.edu/x57346.xml>. Seating for this event is first-come, first-served.

Latino Symposium at Susquehanna University – March 18 to March 21

The annual Latino Symposium is a multicultural event highlighting bi-cultural interaction and campus and community participation from area schools and service organizations. Each year's symposium includes a program of musical performances, dance workshops, cultural and political lectures and panel discussions, culminating in an evening gala organized by the Hispanic Organization for Latino Awareness (HOLA) student organization.

The Latino Symposium for 2010 explores the issue of Latino identity through voices heard from the Americas and from the Susquehanna Valley. This year marks the 15th consecutive year for Susquehanna's Latino Symposium, an event created in the joyous spirit of the "Quinceañeras", which is celebrated throughout the Hispanic world.

Panel discussions by students and faculty members, a presentation of Ibero-American music by the University's Department of Music, sessions dealing service-learning, migrant education and teaching methods in the ELL classroom and a dance workshop are featured. SU students and visiting high school students enjoy a lively Latino dance workshop on Friday afternoon, followed in the evening by the Gala Dance, with music provided by a live dance band, YEARSÓN, which comes to us from New York.

A Sunday morning bilingual church service in Weber chapel will conclude the Symposium.

See complete schedule of events at:

<http://www.susqu.edu/documents/Academics/LSPProgramInside.pdf>

Lecture by Judy Shepard, March 30 at 8PM in the Weis Center

The Student Lectureship Committee will present a lecture by Judy Shepard, founder of the Matthew Shepard Foundation in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts on March 30 at 8 p.m. The foundation was established in memory of Matthew Shepard, Judy Shepard's son, who was murdered when he was 21 in an anti-gay hate crime.



Matthew during his life — social justice, diversity awareness/education and equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

For students who are interested in learning more about the Shepard's story, the LGBT Office, the Student Lectureship Committee and FLAG/BT are going to show the movie "The Laramie Project," which details the Matthew Shepard story, on March 25th at 9 p.m. in the Gallery Theater.

Ticket information for the lecture will be advertised shortly.

Trailer of "The Laramie Project":

<http://www.imdb.com/video/screenplay/vi1475674393/>

FROM THE DESK OF DOUG STURM...

Persisting Economic Disparities in America: United for a Fair Economy

Recently, United for a Fair Economy, a Boston based movement created to struggle against the grossly uneven distribution of economic resources in the US, released its annual "State of the Dream" report, subtitled "Drained: Jobless and Foreclosed in Communities of Color."

The 32 page report is available on line through UFE's website <faireconomy.org>. Clearly composed and accompanied with well-designed graphs, the report concludes with a range of sensible policy recommendations, including special attention to federal tax policies.

Inspired by this timely report, I composed a letter to the editor of The Daily Item (published on the editorial page February 26) reprinted below:

"As we enter these final days of African American History Month, I am reminded that the larger purpose of this special month is to remind us that, whatever our racial and ethnic identities, we are all participants in a society that promises "liberty and justice for all."

"The cruel fact is that this promise has not been kept. In its annual report on the current economic status of minorities in America released last month, United for a Fair Economy summarizes significant disparities in employment, income, and wealth among White Americans, African Americans, and Latinos.

"So, for instance, in employment as of December, given official figures, 16.2% of Blacks and 12.9% of Latinos were unemployed, but only 9% of Whites.

"In income, the ratio is similar. Compared to every dollar earned by Whites, Blacks receive only 62 cents, Latinos only 68 cents.

"In wealth, where the median value of assets owned by white families with assets was \$39,500; that of families of color was only \$5,500.

"If it is true, as I believe, that in a democratic society we belong together and that we are 'our brothers' (and sisters)' keepers'. we should, especially during this time of deep and persisting economic crisis seek ways to overcome such disparities as we make an effort to resolve the overall crisis.

"As Martin Luther King, Jr., was fond of insisting, 'the inseparable twin of racial injustice is economic injustice.' In this land we must, if we are serious about our proclaimed national promise, collaborate in creating a community of equals. Until we do so, our proclaimed commitment to democratic principles is but a sham.