Project Humanities Celebrating its 10-Year Anniversary

2021 means that ASU Project Humanities is celebrating 10 years of talking, listening, and connecting. Thank you to our students, faculty, volunteers, panelists, facilitators, sponsors, Humanity 101 Founders, and our community members and partners.

Follow us through the coming weeks and months for more 10th-year anniversary challenges, announcements, contests, events and more.

Signature Lecture

** Toxic Positivity: The Good, Bad and the Made Pretty **

** Thursday, March 25, 2021 **

As part of our 10th anniversary year, Project Humanities’ Spring 2021 Signature Lecture features Nora McInerny, author and host of the podcast, Terrible, Thanks for Asking, in conversation with Dr. Sarah Tracy, professor of organizational communication and qualitative methodology in The Hugh Downs School of Human Communication at Arizona State University.

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Event Alert

** Indie Lens Pop-Up: Coded Bias **

** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 **

Film Discussion

When MIT Media Lab researcher Joy Buolamwini discovers that many facial recognition technologies fail more often on darker-skinned faces or the faces of women than others, she delves into an investigation of widespread bias in artificial intelligence (AI). As it turns out, algorithms, data, and computers are not neutral. Emboldened by these troubling discoveries, Buolamwini goes on to start the Algorithmic Justice League and joins a group of pioneering women to shed a light on the underlying biases in the technology that shapes our lives and threatens our democracy.

Join this film discussion facilitated by Alycia de Mesa, Senior Sustainability Scholar at the Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation at Arizona State University along with
Please watch the film (60 minutes) prior to the event on the film's website between February 20 and March 21 (link expires at 11:59pm PT).

Event Alert

Religion and Rape Culture

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Rape Culture is so pervasive globally that there are few Communities it does not touch. Faith communities are no different. In this program, we explore the ways in which theology, faith traditions, and religious communities complicate Rape Culture, survivor experiences, and the lack of accountability for abusers.

Join this discussion facilitated by Project Humanities Program Coordinator Rachel Sondgeroth along with topic experts Alexus Rhone, Founder of Truth Meets Story, LLC, Dr. Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz, President & Dean of Valley Beit Midrash, and Navila Rashid, Outreach & Community Engagement Manager of HEART To Grow.

Indie Lens Pop-Up: Philly D.A.

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Film Discussion

In 2017, Philadelphia had one of the highest incarceration rates of any major city in the United States. And it's become the epicenter of a historic experiment that could shape the future of prosecution in America for decades to come. When civil rights attorney Larry Krasner mounted a longshot campaign to become District Attorney —and won—he pledged to end mass incarceration by changing the culture of the criminal justice system from within. With unprecedented access to Krasner’s office, Philly D.A. explores over the course of eight episodes the most pressing social issues of our time —police brutality, the opioid crisis, gun violence, and mass incarceration— through the lens of one man attempting fundamental overhaul from within the system.

Streaming of episode 1 (60 minutes) will be available beginning March 21 and episode 2 (60 minutes) beginning April 21 on the film’s website.

Event Reviews: Anti-Racist Parenting

Missed our Anti-Racist Parenting event? Check out high school intern Sofia's review and other media coverage of Humanity 101 on the Homefront: Anti-Racist Parenting.
Coordinator Shana Tobkin is reading An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States (2014), where Dunbar-Ortiz challenges the founding myth of the United States and shows how policy against the Indigenous peoples was designed to eliminate them.

Program Coordinator Rachel Sondgeroth recommends listening to the episode of podcast The Sex Education, "Sahar Prizada: Sex Education & Muslim Faith" (2018).

As Coordinator Jocelyn Booker-Ohl welcomes a new member to her family, she is thinking about maternal health disparities and suggests that you listen to the Cite Black Women Podcast episode, "Black Women and Health Equity: Spotlight on Black Maternal Health and COVID-19" (2020).

Student Graphic Designer Hayden Rodrigue recommends watching the HBO Max Series, It's a Sin (2021) about the lives of gay men and their friends who lived during the HIV/AIDS crisis in the United Kingdom.

High School intern Shalae Clemens recommends reading Red, White, and Royal Blue (2019), a young-adult novel popular in the young queer community about an unexpected romance between a member of the British Royal Family, Henry, and the son of the President of the United States, Alex.

Undergraduate intern Emma Strouse is reading Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning (2020), a touching essay collection by Cathy Park Hong that details "racialized consciousness" for Asian Americans living in America today.

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