Fall Programming

Democracy & Debate Theme Semester - 4 Sept. 2020

The Democracy & Debate Theme Semester features individual events and Signature Initiatives that aim to encapsulate and teach what it truly means to be an active part of our country’s democracy.

Confirmed Democracy & Debate Theme Semester Events

**September:**
- **September 10**: Martha Jones, How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote and Insisted on Equality for All
- **September 11**: Governor Larry Hogan, Still Standing: Surviving Cancer, Riots, and the Toxic Politics That Divide America
- **September 16**: Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson with Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose
- **September 18**: 2020 Dewey Lecture: Building a Civic Temper, Edward Ginsberg Center in partnership with UMMA
- **September 29**: Judge Anita Earls, Movements to Expand the Franchise and Perfect Our Democracy: A Legal Perspective

**October/November:**
- **October 2**: A Conversation with Filmmaker Ken Burns & Isabel Wilkerson, Author of Caste
- **October 4**: Preventing Foreign Influence in US Elections
- **October 7**: Maya MacGuineas and Lawrence H. Summers: Is the federal deficit unsustainable?
- **October 8**: Poet Dwayne Betts, Democracy and the Carceral State
- **October 12**: Continuing Challenges to Suffrage in Michigan in 2020: Who Still Can’t Vote
- **October 16**: Dance 4 Democracy -- Election Eve
- **October 26**: The Next Administration: Post-Election Recap

**October 2:**
- **November 2:** Covering the campaign: A conversation with national political reporters
- **November 19:** Preventing Foreign Influence in US Elections
- **November 26:** PENN SUMMIT -- Arts+Social Change: Building an Anti-Racist World Through the Arts
- **November 26:** Wallace House + Poverty Solutions: Nicholas Kristof
- **November 30:** Penny Stamps Series, Nusrat Durrani (American Heartland Series)
- **December 2:** The Next Administration: Post-Election Recap

**Engagement Activities**
- I Wish to Say
- Voters’ Broadcast
- Democracy Café
- Star Spangled Banner Lyrics Competition
- University of Michigan Press: Democracy & Debate Collection
- Center for Academic Innovation Democracy & Debate Collection

**Speakers for “Discerning Truth” ALA 264**
- Evan Brandt (Reporter, The Mercury)
- Bryan Llenas (Correspondent, Fox News)
- Barb McQuade (United States District Attorney 2010-2017)
- Heather Cox Richardson (Professor of History, Boston College)

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