The 3rd Annual LVAIC Social Research / Social Justice Conference
&
The RJ Fellows Symposium
April 6-7, 2006
Muhlenberg College
Moyer Hall

Plenary Panel, Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. Miller Forum

The Feminization of migrant labor in a global economy
Denise Brennan, Ph.D., Anthropology, Georgetown University
Joy Zarembka, Director, Break the Chain Campaign, Washington, D.C.
Moderated by Lanethea Mathews-Gardner, Ph.D., Political Science, Muhlenberg College

Panel and reception sponsored by Women's Studies, the Center for Ethics, Lectures and Forums, and the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges

Friday, April 7: Research Sessions and Roundtables

8-8:30 a.m. Breakfast Mendham Gallery

8:30-9:15 a.m. Research Session I
Social Justice in the Lives of Students: Two Case Studies Moyer Room 202
“Turning green one home at a time,” Elana Alfred, Muhlenberg College
“So why the disconnect? How much do we know about ADHD?” Dana Swartz, Lafayette College
Moderator: Tammy Lewis, Sociology, Muhlenberg College

Critical Perspectives on Race and Class Moyer Room 209
“Urban renewal or ‘Negro removal’: Race and housing in Allentown, Pennsylvania,” Roberta Meek, The Wescoe School, Muhlenberg College
“Poverty (Mis)Perceived,” Raymond Lahoud, Lehigh University
Moderator: Sue Clemens, History, Muhlenberg College

Exploring Identity Moyer Room 109
“Regarding identity of the intercountry adoptee,” Sherri Spector, Muhlenberg College
“Documenting identity through digital storytelling,” Amy Chrzanowski, Jennifer Gutman, Tricia Conti, Matt Grimaldi, Muhlenberg College
Moderator: Kate Ranieri, Media & Communication, Muhlenberg College

9:20-10:20 a.m. Roundtable Session I
The Business of Change Moyer Room 202
Alan Jennings, Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley

Ending Enslavement and Exploitation in the Land of the Free Moyer Room 209
Joy Zarembka, Break the Chain Campaign

10:20-10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Roundtable Session II
Theater and Social Justice Moyer Room 202
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Healthcare and Social Justice Moyer Room 209
Abby Letcher, M.D., Lehigh Valley Hospital
11:30 – 12:15 p.m. Research Session II  
**Propaganda and Politics**  
Moyer Room 202  
“How the Hun hates! British anti-German propaganda in World War I,” Hans Stromsdorfer, Muhlenberg College  
“Cultural imperialism, cosmopolitanism, and American hegemony,” Meredith Williams, Muhlenberg College  
Moderator: Jim Brancato, Communications, Cedar Crest College

**Representing Race, Class and Gender**  
Moyer Room 209  
“Gender role stereotypes in three Disney films,” Emily Steginsky, Muhlenberg College  
“Body image on Gilmore Girls,” Alexandra Raymond, Muhlenberg College  
“Katrina: Pseudo events and grim realities,” Students in Race and Representation, Muhlenberg College  
Moderator: Elizabeth Ortiz, Communications, Cedar Crest College

**Critical Readings: Research by RJ Fellows**  
Moyer Room 109  
“(Dis)Covery and destruction: Ideologies of allegory in Edmund Spenser’s Faerie Queene,” Sarah Hunter, Muhlenberg College  
“Where to start,” Kristin Burkhart, Muhlenberg College

12:15-1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch  
Mendham Gallery

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Roundtable Session III  
**Communicating for Social Change**  
Moyer Room 202  
Steven Bliss, Freelance Writer and Social Policy Analyst

**Tragedy’s Bait: Homeless Children and Education**  
Moyer Room 214  
Russell Rooster Valentini, Homeless Liason, Allentown School District

**Sowing Change: Healthy Soil, Healthy Food, Healthy People**  
Moyer Room 104  
Paul Hepperly, Ph.D., The Rodale Institute

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. RJ Digital Exhibit and Reception – Voices of Change  
Miller Forum  
This interactive exhibit and reception invites participants to watch and listen to RJ digital stories produced by the graduating class of RJ Fellows in the context of their capstone seminar, Cultures of Change. The authors will be on hand to discuss their work with visitors. This event recognizes and honors the achievements of the first graduating class of RJ Fellows.

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