Thursday, April 12: PLENARY EVENT AND DESSERT RECEPTION

Talk by filmmaker Michael Graziano
With clips from *Lunch Line*
Miller Forum Moyer Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 13: RESEARCH SESSIONS

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast  Mendham Gallery, Moyer Hall

9:30 – 10:40 a.m.  RESEARCH SESSION I

**PANEL ONE: Framing Discourses of Popular Media: Gender and Sexuality**  Moyer 104


Matthew Herbertz, DeSales University, “The Struggle to Grow Up: Male Representations in Hollywood Comedy.”

Kaitie Burger, Muhlenberg College, “‘America’s Favorite Lesbian: The Impact of Ellen DeGeneres on Prime Time Television.”

Tess Forestieri, Muhlenberg College, “The Marginalization of Women in *Teen Mom 2*.”

**Moderator:** Kate Richmond, Muhlenberg College

**PANEL TWO: When Our Environment and Our Bodies are Impacted by Industrial and Government (In)Actions**  Moyer 302

Clarissa Brown, Lafayette College, “Factors that Contribute to a Child’s BMI: The Role of the National School Lunch Program.”


Margaret DeOliveira, Moravian College, “Inequality Studies in Health Care Access: A Look at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.”


**Moderator:** Susan Averett, Lafayette College
PANEL THREE: Discursive Approaches to Law and War

Jenn Dum, Kutztown University, “The War on Drugs: A Case of Social Injustice.”

Naiomi Gonzalez, Moravian College, “The Impracticality of Just War Theory.”

Michael Hamory, Muhlenberg College, “Religious Participation and Rehabilitation/Radicalization within United States Prisons.”

Anna Appleton, Kutztown University, “Multiple Intelligences and Its Implications: The Legal System, Prisoner Treatment and Rehabilitation.”

**Moderator:** Sharon Albert, Muhlenberg College

10:50 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.  RESEARCH SESSION II

PANEL FOUR: Gendered Victimization: Sex Trafficking and Perspectives on Domestic Violence

Amanda Gilmore, DeSales University, “Global Sex Commodities: A Product of Globalization.”


Jennifer Alecci, Muhlenberg College, “Violence, Intimacy and Gender Stereotypes on Reality Televison.”

**Moderator:** Robert Spicer, DeSales University

PANEL FIVE: Historical and Contemporary Forms of Mobilization: Feet on the Ground, Eyes on the Media

Suzanne Moyer, Moravian College, “Media Mobilization”


Beth Rader and Shelby Smith, Muhlenberg College, “Motivation or Malaise: Media's Effects on Muhlenberg College Students.”


**Moderator:** Debra Wetcher-Hendricks, Moravian College

PANEL SIX: Us vs. Them: Theories of Discrimination vs. Practices of Cooperation

Chelsea Williams, Kutztown University, “Hate as an Evolutionary Trap: The Cultural Manipulation of Biology.”

Samantha Golden and Dominic J. Packer, Lehigh University, “Reducing Discriminatory In-Group Biases with Cooperation-Enhancing Mechanisms.”

Robyn Henderek, Lafayette College, “One Brotherhood at a Time.”

**Moderator:** Jennifer Schlegel, Kutztown University

PANEL SEVEN: The Praxis of Social Justice: Four Local Perspectives


Elena Gambino, Lehigh University, “Paradigm Shift: Performance and the Politics of Development.”
Joshua Rodriguez and Joseph Kowalsky, Muhlenberg College, “Non-Profit Marketing Class Partners with The Literacy Center.”

Lauren Epstein, Muhlenberg College, “Oral Histories from the Allentown Farmer’s Market.”

**Moderator:** Kim Gallon, Muhlenberg College

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.  **BUFFET LUNCH**  Miller Forum

12:30-1:40 p.m.  **RESEARCH SESSION III**

PANEL EIGHT: Media Representations of Race and Religion  Moyer 314
Joshua Bohn, Muhlenberg College, “Islam in Academic Discourse Post-9/11”
Andalisa Lopez, Muhlenberg College, “Do Media Representations of Africans Influence Stereotypes of African Americans?”

**Moderator:** Roberta Meek, Temple University & Muhlenberg College

PANEL NINE: Intersections of Inequality: Income, Education, and Race  Moyer 302
Allison Hourani and John Zeitoun, Muhlenberg College, “Engaging Communities to Promote Successful Student Experiences.”

Jarred Schlottman, Kutztown University, “America’s Uprising Against Economic Inequality: The Racialization of Poverty and Education.”

Joshua Silverman, Amanda Butto, and Alexandra Rosenberg, Muhlenberg College, “Are All Schools Equal in the Minds of Children?”

Hank Miller, DeSales University, “The Widening Income Inequality Gap in the United States.”

Victoria Herrmann, Lehigh University, “Uranium Mining and Aborigine Communities in Australia”

**Moderator:** Stefanie Sinno, Muhlenberg College

PANEL TEN: Feminism Through Aesthetics, Philosophy, and Theology  Moyer 109
Karen Duld, Moravian College, “Daughters of Abraham: Jewish Feminist Theology and the Journey Toward a Gender Balanced Faith.”

Matthew Dicken, Muhlenberg College, “Arendtian Action in Art: Young Jean Lee’s Theatrical Imagining of a Feminist Utopia.”

Cynthia DaPra, Moravian College, “Women in the Church.”

**Moderator:** Marcia Morgan, Muhlenberg College

PANEL ELEVEN: Controversial Migrations and Movements: Politics, Economics, and Ideologies  Moyer 104
Christina Colon, DeSales University, “Economic and Social Impact of Illegal Immigration in America.”


Daniel Hewitt, Muhlenberg College, “Refugees of the Horn.”

Thomas J. Brinkerhoff, Lafayette College, “A Jacksonian Wrong: How America’s Underlying Racism Influenced the Trail of Tears.”

**Moderator:** Tahereh Alavi Hojjat, DeSales University
PANEL TWELVE: The Social Melodrama: Representations of Race and Gender in Film  
Moyer 106
Ethan Parkinson, Muhlenberg College, “Navigating Morality with Violence and Religion in Man on Fire.”
Sara Schenkel, Muhlenberg College, “Race Issues within the Social Melodrama 8 Mile.”
Wendy Hirshman, Muhlenberg College, “Gender, Race, and Otherness in the Melodrama Inglourious Basterds.”
Moderator: Paul McEwan, Muhlenberg College

PANEL THIRTEEN: Mediating Identities through Facebook, Friends, and Fashion  
Moyer 302
Rena Wallace, Cedar Crest College, “The Portrayal of Femininity in Facebook Profile Photos.”
Lauren Hawk, DeSales University, “The Successful Sitcom Formula: Friends and How I Met Your Mother.”
Jenna Minetola, DeSales University, “Fashion as Communication in Everyday Life.”
Moderator: Elizabeth Ortiz, Cedar Crest College

PANEL FOURTEEN: What Does Social Justice Mean to You?  
Moyer 314
Meghan Butler, Muhlenberg College
Luis Garcia, Muhlenberg College
Sarah Chabolla, Muhlenberg College
Christina Cellante, Muhlenberg College
Barry Cleckley, Muhlenberg College
Hannah Oros, Muhlenberg College
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