CIVICS REFLECTIONS DISCUSSION COURSE

GIVING BACK: THE SOUL OF PHILANTHROPY

This is an introductory, reflective discussion course for our campus. It is offered as part of the Giving Back: The Soul of Philanthropy exhibit’s extended programming. Class content has been created by Giving Back author Valaida Fullwood and Adam Davis, Executive Director of Oregon Humanities and co-editor, with Elizabeth Lynn, of The Civically Engaged Reader.

This course, along with Giving Back: The Soul of Philanthropy exhibit is intended to be a “first step” toward coordinating a city-wide and state-wide education program based on the teachings and learnings of Giving Back. It is also intended to introduce interested students to future volunteer and internship possibilities at MRG Foundation.

COURSE INFORMATION:

Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Location: SEAC

Instructors: Carol Tatch, Director of Giving, MRG Foundation and Linda Church, Director of Multicultural Arts & Events, Concordia University

Light Refreshments provided by MRG Foundation and ASCU

QUESTIONS? LINDA CHURCH - lchurch@cu-portland.edu or 503-493-6370
Civics Reflections Outline

Time 6:30pm to 8:30pm (2 hours)

Start without a Start

My Giving Autobiography
Hand out – Co-Facilitators bios (Martin Luther quote)

Introduction

Welcome and opening remarks
Session Overview
Hand-out – Course outline

Civic Reflection Discussion A: Reframing Philanthropy

Dora’s Hands
A Bed for the Night
Hand-out - Dora’s hands and A Bed for the Night

Synopsis of the essay “Four Traditions of Philanthropy
Hand-out – Printed essay and copy of Philanthropy groups/matrix

BREAK 15 minutes

Civic Reflection Discussion

Truth Be Told
Civic Reflections Discussion – Readings from the Soul of Philanthropy stories (10)
Hand-out – Copy of Truth Be Told and Soul of Philanthropy stories

Concluding Considerations

What this means for you and your community
About Civic Reflection
Thank you for attending/dismissal
“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a College degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject with verb agree to Serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A Soul generated by love.”  

-Martin Luther King Jr.

**Linda Church** brings a creative marriage of imagination and organization to her projects. For the past decade her work has focused on Concordia University’s Multicultural Arts & Events program. Her goal with this program is to educate and inspire students, faculty, staff and our greater Portland community. This goal is met by providing a variety of events that increase public awareness and increase access to art and culture in our community. Avenues include art exhibits and demonstrations, educational workshops, music presentations, author and poet readings, documentary films and dance presentations. Outside of her work environment, Linda has been a volunteer for many groups including her church, her children’s schools, at the Oregon Society of Artists, in Mountain Writers Series, with Sister City groups, and at a Battered Women’s Shelter. “Giving back has provided amazing opportunities to meet and collaborate with people I would not know otherwise. To find a need and find a way to meet that need is an endless and immensely gratifying process I am thankful to be part of.”

**Carol Tatch**, Major Giving Director at MRG Foundation, has over 27 years in the non-profit sector. Since moving to Oregon in 2007, Carol has served in fundraising roles with organizations that serve the environment, higher education, international aid and relief services, arts and culture, and social justice including at the Hoyt Arboretum Friends Foundation, Marylhurst University and, just prior to MRG Foundation, Mercy Corps International. Carol has a passion for social and racial equity in Oregon and is excited to work at MRG, where she can put those values into action. At MRG Carol provides the strategic vision and leadership for MRG’s major donor program and cultivates individual gifts that have transformative impact on MRG and the communities with which we work. Currently enrolled in the Executive Leadership Academy of WVDO, Carol's passion for knowledge and truth
A Bed for the Night

- Bertolt Brecht

I hear that in New York
At the corner of 26th street and Broadway
A man stands every evening during the winter months
And gets beds for the homeless there
By appealing to passers-by.

It won’t change the world
It won’t even improve relations among men
It will not shorten the age of exploitation
But a few men have a bed for the night
For a night the wind is kept from them
The snow meant for them falls on the roadway.

Don’t put down the book on reading this, man.

A few people have a bed for the night
For a night the wind is kept from them
The snow meant for them falls on the roadway
But it won’t change the world
It won’t improve relations among men
It will not shorten the age of exploitation.
Four traditions of Philanthropy—insert copy here
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Adapted from “Four Traditions of Philanthropy” by Elizabeth Lynn and Susan Wisely
TRUTH BE TOLD

By Ava Wood

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What This Means to Your Community

Everyone has a story. A unique sense of time, place, and history that makes them who they are. Philanthropy is a unique and special way we can share who we are with others to meaningfully enrich their lives.

From our Office of Multicultural Services and our Office of Service Leadership to our student government and student service corps, Concordia students have many different avenues and opportunities to make a real difference.

Serving as second-grade reading coaches. Putting up drywall in a Habitat for Humanity home. Stocking shelves in a local food bank. Preparing tax returns for low income neighbors. Connecting with homeless people under a Portland bridge.

First-year students have the opportunity to be involved in our office by participating in a dynamic mentorship program focused on successfully navigating the first year of college. The mission of the United Project First Year Peer Mentorship Program is to pair first generation students of color with caring upperclassmen who will cultivate supportive relationships that positively contribute to student achievement and success.

Concordia Community Outreach

Volunteer at Oregon Food Bank

Every other Tuesday and one Saturday each month, Concordia University exercise and sport science major, D'Anne Davidson, leads a contingency of students to help those in need by volunteering at The Oregon Food Bank. In keeping with Concordia’s commitment to servant leadership, student volunteers sort donated groceries, pack fruits and vegetables, and help create food boxes for families in need right here in our area.

Everyone has the ability to Identify a Need  Concordia Backpack Lunch Program Helps Feed Kids in Need

During a community health course and clinical, nursing student Whitney Thomas and seven of her classmates conducted a community needs assessment at Faubion School, a K-8 public school just a block from Concordia University in northeast Portland. Their findings shocked them. Seeing that food security was a major concern at Faubion, Whitney worked with Concordia’s Nursing Club to find and create resources. First up, a bake sale that raised over $200. Then, under the mentorship of Marilyn Mauch – founder of the Northeast backpack Lunch Program – a system was put in place that provided two weekend lunches to Faubion students who might otherwise go without.

Broader community connections are already in the works, between Faubion’s Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), St. Michael’s Church, the Concordia Neighborhood Association, and local busi-
Portland Night Strike Program
This is a program of Bridgetown, Inc., a Portland-based organization whose mission is to “love people because people matter.” Every Thursday night, rain or shine, a group of individuals — from local churches, high schools, and colleges, as well as other community members — gathers under the Burnside Bridge to provide services for people experiencing homelessness. They offer a warm meal and beverages, haircuts, clothing, feet washing, and — most importantly — conversation and connection to anyone who passes by.

TAX Form Volunteers
After learning about income taxes in class, students apply their knowledge with real clients. On March 7, March 14, and April 11 – all Saturdays – accounting students meet in the library with clients from the Concordia neighborhood. One-on-one, students fill out, complete, and file individual tax returns – both state and federal.

Community Action Poverty Simulation Walking a mile in the shoes of someone in poverty
One recent afternoon during class, Concordia nursing and social work students joined with their colleagues from George Fox to learn what it’s like to live in poverty. The project was a first-ever intercollegiate activity between the schools, coordinated by Concordia Nursing Program Director Dr. Becky Boehne and Assistant Professor of Nursing Marie McGhee, along with George Fox Assistant Professor of Nursing Ann Evans.

Multicultural Partnerships

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Student Sponsored Clubs
- African Club
- Hawai’i Club
- International Student Club
- Latino Club
- Peace Club
- Pride Club

S.I.G.H.T. — Stop Illegal Global Human Trafficking Club
When Giving Is All We Have