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## **GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING CONVENTION FILM PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Monday, April 7, 2008**

***Borderline Cases***

***6:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.  
Wilson Hall Auditorium***

### **Tuesday, April 8 2008**

***One: The Movie***

***7:30 p.m.—9:15 p.m.  
Wilson Hall Auditorium***

### **Wednesday, April 9, 2008**

***Camden 28***

***This event is a collaboration with P.O.V.,  
the acclaimed independent non-fiction film  
series on PBS [www.pbs.org/pov/pov2007/camden28](http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2007/camden28)***

***2:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.  
Pollak Theatre***

***Two Women***

***Sponsored by Two River Film Festival***

***4:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m.  
Wilson Hall Auditorium***



### **Thursday, April 10, 2008**

***Yesterday***

***1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Wilson Hall Auditorium***

# EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

## Monday through Thursday

Wilson Auditorium Vestibule  
Gallery Exhibit

**Visual Solutions to Global Questions—Poster Exhibition**  
**Karen Bright—AR 270 01 Graphic Design 2**

Monmouth University Library  
Photography exhibit

**Through the Eyes of the Children**  
**Saliba Sarsar**

Photos taken in the summer of 2007 by girls (ages 7 through 14) living at the Maison de'Enfants located in Bethanie-Chiah in Jerusalem.

Library

**China Exhibit**  
**Ma Lei Hsieh**

An exhibition of books and multi-media collection on China to raise the awareness of social, economic, cultural, and political development of China and its impact on the world.

**9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**  
Bey Hall  
Outside H. R. Young Auditorium

**Cultural Considerations in End of Life Care—Poster Session**  
**Sharon Stark**

**11:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m.**  
Student Center Cafeteria

**Ten Thousand Villages/Fair Trade**

**Dalaiah Kusner, Jamie Campanella, Susan Glossbrenner**  
Ten Thousand Villages is the largest non-profit fair trade organization in North America. Ten Thousand Villages works with artisans who would otherwise be unemployed or underemployed in over 30 different developing countries in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Visit our table to learn more about fair trade, hear artisan stories, and see our beautiful handmade products.

## Wednesday

*(Should there be inclement weather all of the events listed below will be held in Anacon Hall)*

**12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**  
Student Center Patio

**Break Out of the Silence: Structural Inequality within the Prison System**  
**Human Rights Advisory Council of Monmouth University**  
**Speakers: Bonnie Kerness, coordinator of 'Prison Watch', Dr. Foster, Stacy Kindt, Supervisor Redeem-her and Tom McCarthy**

**11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**  
Student Center—Anacon Hall B

Film: *The Farm: Life Inside the Angola Prison*

**1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**

Recently released prisoners will discuss their experiences  
Various interactive activities relating to discrimination and problems within the prison system.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008 5:00 P.M.—Monmouth University Practice Field**  
**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY—RELAY FOR LIFE**  
**Look for our team, Global Outreach**  
**For more information: <http://events.cancer.org/RFLmonmouthuniversityNJ>**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008 7:00 P.M.—1:00 A.M.**  
**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**  
**STUDENT CENTER, ANACON HALL**

Come enjoy food, culture and entertainment from around the world. Various foods include Indian, Vietnamese, Romanian, Brazilian, and Ghanaian. International students will perform various types of entertainment from their respective countries.  
*Sponsored by the International Club and International Student Services*

## **Monday, April 7, 2008**

**Please see Exhibit Schedule listed in the front of the program.**

**10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m.**  
Bey Hall, BH 223

### **A Model for Analyzing Social Welfare Policies and Services in a Global Market**

**Golam Mathbor—SW 326 01**

This session will present a model developed by Dr. Mathbor for analyzing social welfare policies and services in a global market. Implications for social work education and practice as a result of globalization will be highlighted.

**10:00 a.m.—12:45 p.m.**  
Bey Hall Hallway

### **HIV & AIDS in Vulnerable Populations as a Global Health Issue Bojana Beric—PR 422-01/02—Poster Session**

Students in two sections of the AIDS and Global Society course will display posters, followed by a Q&A session.

**11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium

### **Welcome – President Paul G. Gaffney II**

#### **Opening Ceremony Address**

#### **Sarah Chayes: Journey Through Afghanistan**

#### **Monmouth University Chamber Singers—David Tripold**

Sarah Chayes, former NPR Reporter and author of *The Punishment of Virtue*, and founder of Arghand, an NGO that produces hand-crafted products in Kandahar, Afghanistan, will deliver the opening ceremony address for the convention.

There will be a book signing following the lecture.

Student Art Awards

Student Creative Writing Awards

GUP Leadership Awards

Global Visionary Awards

GUP Recognition Awards

Global Service Awards

**1:00 p.m.—2:15 p.m.**  
Magill Commons Club 109

### **World Water Challenge—Lecture and Workshop**

#### **Katie Feeney**

This community educational activity explores the dangers of Corporate Control of Water, the Bottled Water Industry and Actions to Turn Back the Tide.



## **Monday, April 7, 2008**

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**2:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.**

Bey Hall, Turrell Board Room

### **An Unnecessary Media Backlash—Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Mohammed Sheikh, Muslim Student Association**

**Panelists Golam Mathbor, Kevin Dooley and Imam Prasadjo**

This panel discussion will highlight recent media backlash that scapegoats people's faith and ethnicity. Emphasis will be placed on *ISLAMOPHOBIA* and other common causes of media bias.

**2:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.**

Wilson Hall Auditorium

### **Having an Environmental Impact: It All Starts with You!**

**Judith Kramer and Sue Polito—HE 340 01**

Dr. Kramer, a local psychologist, is one of a select group of individuals who has trained with Al Gore, former Vice President of the United States, to present issues related to global warming. Dr. Kramer's presentation is based on the understanding that each person can have an impact and holds responsibility for the changes in our environment.

**4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**

Wilson Hall Auditorium

### **Reconstruction Operations in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq**

**Dave Wong, Major, US Army Reserve**

This veteran and MBA student will present and facilitate discussion on the ground level perspective of U. S. Army reconstruction efforts in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq, and the Global War on Terrorism. Ethical treatment during the hiring process of local workers, safety standards, and pay scale will be discussed along with the importance of providing jobs to the formal economy.

**4:30 p.m.—5:45 p.m.**

Magill Commons Club 110

### **Monmouth University and National University of Mexico Partnership**

**Golam Mathbor—MU; Angelica Soto, Georgina Gaussmann,**

**Maria Quiroga and Carrillo Christopher—UNAM**

A discussion will focus on the agreement between Monmouth University and the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), which advances academic cultural and educational collaboration between the two universities.

**5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.**

Magill Commons Club 108

### **Selected U. S. Social Policies: Issues and Innovations**

**Mary Lou Killian—SW 326—Poster Session**

Students in Social Welfare Policy and Services class will present posters of their original research regarding a contemporary social policy. We invite everyone to come learn, discuss, and debate current policies, their analysis, and proposed policy changes.

**6:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.**

Wilson Hall Auditorium

### **Film: *Borderline Cases***

**Julia Riordan-Goncalves, Host**

This film investigates the environmental impact of the nearly 2,000 factories—maquiladoras - that have been built in Mexico at the US-Mexico border by multinational corporations from the US, Asia and Europe. *Borderline Cases* describes the consequences of 25 years of environmental neglect, the results of five years of earnest activity and promises made for the future.

## **Tuesday, April 8, 2008**

Please see Exhibit Schedule listed in the front of the program.

**8:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.**  
McAllan Hall, MH 222

**Women Banks: Respecting Culture, Empowering Women**  
**Laura Kelly and Christopher Jackson—HE 430 01**

Women's Banks are set up to assist women in rural areas of Uganda to provide for themselves and their children. This will be followed by a presentation by Christopher Jackson, focusing on socialized medicine.

**11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.**  
Bey Hall, BH 128

**Needs Assessment of Latino Immigrants in Long Branch, NJ**  
**Jessica Cofone—AN 103 02**

This MSW student will present the findings of research on a needs assessment Titled "Local Struggles" of Latino immigrants in Long Branch, NJ. This brief will include a description of methodology, findings, and classroom dialogue.

**11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.**  
Magill Commons Club 108/109

**United States Social Policies in Systemic Context: Issues and Innovations**  
**Mary Lou Killian—SW 515**

Social work student presentations will cover issue definition, the sociopolitical contexts affecting the issue, analysis of current and past policies for addressing the issue, and future considerations and directions.

**11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Room 104

**Yearning to Breathe Free: The Struggle to Find Asylum in the U. S.**  
**Lydia Poe—SW 669 01**

This MSW student will discuss the practice of automatic detention of asylum seekers.

**11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**  
Magill Commons Club 107

**Making a Difference in Human Rights**  
**Thomas Capshew—SW 669 03**

This class discussion will focus on what any one of us can do to make a positive contribution to promoting human rights in our world.

**1:00 p.m.—2:15 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium

**American Foreign Policy in a Changing Middle East**  
**Introduction by President Gaffney**  
**Robin Raphel, Former U. S. Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia**  
Ambassador Raphel will speak on Iraq and the United States' presence in the Middle East.

**2:45 p.m.—3:30 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium

**We've Come A Long Way, Baby! Gender Inequity, Oppression, and Discrimination Against Women: A Documentary**  
**Kimberly Corbett and Erika Huggler**

This session should generate a renewed interest in women's issues.



## **Tuesday, April 8, 2008**

Please see Exhibit Schedule listed in the front of the program.

- 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**  
Magill Commons Club 108
- Holocaust Awareness—Video presentation**  
**Chavie Fish and Jody Touboul**  
Video presentation of Holocaust survivors being interviewed by these two MSW students. It will be used to provide informative and educational testimonials of Holocaust survivors' experiences.
- 3:45 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium
- Promoting Peace in Long Branch through a Peace Plot**  
**Shelia Baldwin—ED 319**  
Monmouth University teacher candidates, partnered with Long Branch Middle School students in a service learning project, Partners in Learning, give their account of the creation of a Peace Plot, a garden on the school grounds, to promote peace in Long Branch.
- 4:30 p.m.—5:45 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium
- The Great Debate—Political Science Club**  
**Joe Patten**  
Resolved: That the U. S. Government should increase assistance to Pakistani President General Pervez Musharraf in light of the assassination of Benezair Bhutto. Three students from the Political Science Club will affirm the resolution and three students will argue against the resolution.
- 4:30 p.m.—5:45 p.m.**  
Bey Hall, BH 132
- Culture and Childhood Asthma**  
**Kathy Smith-Wenning—AN 279 01**  
The importance of cultural and linguistic competency and the management of childhood asthma will be discussed.
- 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**  
Bey Hall, BH 127
- Care and Services for the Elderly: A Case Study of BAAIGM**  
**Atiqur Rahman—SW 507 50**  
Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Institute of Geriatric Medicine (BAAIGM) is the oldest and largest non-governmental organization in Bangladesh, supporting over 10 million elderly persons in Bangladesh.
- 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**  
Bey Hall, BH 222
- Crises Around the World**  
**Thomas Capshew—SW 698 50**  
This graduate Social Work class, Crisis Intervention, will survey crisis situations around the world, by continent.
- 6:00 p.m.—7:15 p.m.**  
Anacon Hall
- The Struggle for Women's Equality in the Muslim World**  
**Zainab Al-Suwaij**  
Zainab Al-Suwaij is the co-founder of the American Islamic Congress. A native of Iraq, her grandfather is the leading cleric in Basra and she is a descendant of the Prophet Muhammad.
- 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**  
Plangere, Room 235
- The Wild Blue Yonder- A Dramatic Reading**  
**Freda Karpf, Writer, and Deanna Shoemaker, Director**  
A staged reading, *The Wild Blue Yonder*, on grief and resilience will be performed by students.
- 7:30 p.m.—9:15 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium
- Film: 'One: The Movie'**  
**Thomas Capshew**  
In a divided post 9-11 world, first time filmmaker, Ward Powers, asks life's ultimate questions of renowned spiritual leaders and ordinary people.

## **Wednesday, April 9, 2008**

Please see Exhibit Schedule listed in the front of the program

**9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium

**Healing from Genocide: Stories from Cambodia and Rwanda**  
**Mary Kay Jou, Rutgers University—School of Social Work**  
Both Cambodia and Rwanda suffered genocide in the last part of the 20th century. Today, both countries are dealing with the effects of genocide in different ways.

**10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium

**Understanding the Middle East—Panel Discussion**  
**Introduction by Dean Stanton Green**  
**Moderator: Saliba Sarsar**  
**Panelists: Eric Davis, Rutgers University, Daoud Kuttub, Princeton University, Patrick McGreevey, American University of Beirut , and U. S. Ambassador Quincey Lumsden**  
This panel will examine the changing Middle East, with a focus on Iraq's reconstruction, American relations with the Gulf States, and the Arab media.

**10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m.**  
Magill Commons Club 108

**Development Challenges in Argentina**  
**Kenneth Mitchell—PS 101 01/PS 398 02**  
Over the winter break, 12 Monmouth University students visited Buenos Aires, Argentina. They worked on projects regarding human rights, the environment, and political/economic development.

**11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.**  
Magill Commons Club 107

**Peak Oil: Analyzing Diminishing Global Energy Supplies—Lecture**  
**Robert Scott**  
The latest world energy reserve shortages are affecting South Africa, previously one of the world's most energy-rich countries. Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city, has a population of eight million people, and will be experiencing frequent "load shedding" (blackouts) for at least five years. Forward thinking and quick action is required to avert future disaster by stabilizing the world's energy markets.

**11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium

**Hispanism, the Historian and Ethical Responsibility—Panel Discussion**  
**Moderator: Alison Maginn**  
**Panelists: Simon Doubleday, Hofstra University, and Mark Cohen, Princeton University**  
Simon Doubleday, a historian of Medieval Spain, and Mark Cohen, an expert on Jews in the Muslim World of Medieval Europe, will discuss the so-called Golden Age of "convivencia" in Medieval Spain among Jews, Christians and Muslims and the implications of the multicultural society for our ethical responsibilities toward Middle Eastern politics today.

**11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.**  
Student Center Anacon A

**Hunger Banquet**  
**Rekha Datta—PS 377 01**  
The Hunger Banquet is modeled after the UNICEF event by the same name. Students will be organizing and participating in the banquet to focus on the gendered impact on poverty, health, and hunger in different parts of the world. The goal of the Hunger Banquet is to demonstrate inequality in the distribution of food in the world, and the value of sharing resources beyond borders. Free International Luncheon will be served to all attendees of the Hunger Banquet. *To attend luncheon banquet, please RSVP to R. Datta - rdatta@monmouth.edu by April 2.*



## **Wednesday, April 9 2008**

Please see Exhibit Schedule listed in the front of the program

- 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.**  
Bey Hall, Turrell Board Room  
**International Outreach in Times of Disaster– Panel Discussion**  
**Moderator: William Tepfenhart**  
**Panelists: Golam Mathbor and Barbara Reagor**  
An often overlooked aspect of US international relations is the nation's response to natural disasters within other countries. Food, medicine, money, and assistance are offered to friend and foe alike regardless of religion or race.
- 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**  
Student Center Patio  
**Break Out of the Silence: Structural Inequality within the Prison System**  
In case of inclement weather, activities will be located in Anacon Hall  
(See Exhibit Schedule for complete list of events)
- 1:00 p.m.—2:15 p.m.**  
Magill Commons Club 108  
**Home Sweet Home: Discovering La Pincoya, Chile**  
**Emel Senman, Molly Greenburg, and Elizabeth Purdy—Round Table**  
This session will discuss the history of La Pincoya in Santiago, Chile using photos, video, and PowerPoint from a recent trip to Chile.
- 2:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.**  
Bey Hall, Turrell Board Room  
**The Impact of Micro-credit on Development– Panel Discussion**  
**Panelists: Nahid Aslanbeigui, John Buzza, Guy Oakes, and Nancy Uddin**  
Panelists will discuss the Monmouth University Center of Entrepreneurship's mission, the work of other micro-credit programs in the United States and research conducted by MU faculty in Bangladesh on Micro-credit and Life Chances.
- 2:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium  
**2008 Olympics—A Crossroads for China—Panel Discussion**  
**Panelists: Peter Liu, Ma Lei Hsieh, and Ginny Huang**  
The 2008 Summer Olympics will be held in Beijing and the country will be in the world spotlight. The panel will discuss the 2008 Olympics and its impact on China.
- 2:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
Pollak Theatre  
**Film: *The Camden 28*—Panel Discussion**  
**William Mitchell and Susan Douglass—HS 102**  
**Panelists: Father Michael Doyle, Eugene Dixon and Father Edward Murphy, members of the Camden 28; Producer/Director Anthony Giacchino; and Howard Gillette, Professor of History at Rutgers-Camden and author of *Camden After the Fall: Decline and Renewal in a Post-Industrial City***  
The film is a documentary that tells the story of a group of anti-Vietnam war activists who broke into the Camden, NJ Selective Service Office.
- 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**  
Plangere, Room 235  
**No One Is Illegal: Narratives of Undocumented Immigrants and Migrants in the United States—Performance**  
**Jennifer Shamrock and Claude Taylor—CO 226**  
Interspersed with their first person accounts will be excerpts from political speeches and organizations that represent both positive and negative views.
- 4:30 p.m.—7:15 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium  
**Film: *Two Women*—Panel Discussion**  
**Panelists: Katherine Parkin and Saliba Sarsar—PS 376**  
Two architectural students find their public and private lives turned upside down by the Iranian Revolution, as the new Islamic Republic ushers in drastic changes in the status of women.
- 7:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**  
Bey Hall, BH 228  
**Y.O.U.T.H. Beyond Borders**  
**Kevin Dooley—PS 566**  
Two students who have done work in the international community will present their experiences in India and Morocco.

## Thursday, April 10, 2008

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**9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Bey Hall Hallway

### **Environmental Health and You—Poster Session**

**Sue Polito HE 340**

Student posters regarding environmental health will be on display.

**10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m.**

Bey Hall, BH 222

### **The Role of Geography in the Middle East—Lecture**

**Karen Schmelzkopf—GO 101 01**

**Patrick Mc Greevey, Director of the Center for American Studies and Research at the American University of Beirut**

Dr. McGreevey will speak to the class regarding the role of geography in the Middle East.

**10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m.**

Bey Hall

H. R. Young Auditorium

### **Mahatma Gandhi: The Soldier of Non-Violence—Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Datta Naik SW 326 01/PS 222 01**

**Panelists: Rekha Datta, Golam Mathbor, and Ravi Sharma**

Historical, political, and social aspects of Mahatma Gandhi's life will be examined including his new weapon of non-violence that helped many countries to win freedom and human rights from foreign rulers.

**10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m.**

Magill Commons Club 108

### **Teen Voices from the Holy Land: Who Am I to You?— Lecture**

**Leonard Grob**

Drs. Mahmoud Wataad and Leonard Grob, co-authors of *Teen Voices From the Holy Land*, interviewed 34 Palestinian and Israeli teenagers about their daily lives with an eye toward putting a human face on 'the enemy'. This session will shed light on the conflict in the Middle East.

**11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.**

Wilson Hall Auditorium

### **The Conservation Challenges for China's Waterways Urban Coast Institute (UCI)—Lecture and Discussion**

**Moderator: Tony MacDonald, UCI Director**

**Presenters: Michael Weinstein, President New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium, and Andy Wilner, Executive Director, NY/NJ Baykeeper**

Rapid development and population growth along China's coasts and waterways has resulted in serious degradation of the environment. This session will discuss challenges facing China as it continues efforts to raise the standard of living while also seeking to restore and protect riverine and coastal ecosystems.

**11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.**

Bey Hall, BH 222

### **Cultures Beyond Borders—Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Julius Adekunle—HS 297**

**Panelists: Kathy Smith-Wenning, Atiqur Rahman, James Oigara and Imam Prasadjo**

The panel, consisting of two faculty members and two international scholars, will examine aspects of cultures that have crossed borders to other parts of the world, and have reformed as a result of interaction with other cultures. The panel will also discuss aspects of culture that have ceased to exist when they cross borders.

**12:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.**

Student Center Patio

Rain location: Anacon Hall A

### **Speak Out for Peace**

**Dante Barry**

Peace is more than the absence of war. It is the presence of a deliberate commitment to creating peace. Come demonstrate, sing, raise your voice and listen to others, all in the name of Creating Peace.

## Thursday, April 10, 2008

Please see Exhibit Schedule listed in the front of the program

**1:00 p.m. — 2: 15 p.m.**  
McAllan Hall, MH 19

### **Generations Crossing Borders**

**Julia Riordan-Goncalves and Priscilla Gac-Artigas—FS 410 01**

Foreign Language students will present how they embody living beyond borders, culturally and linguistically. There will also be posters, artwork, collages and poems.

**1:00 p.m.—2:15 p.m.**  
Magill Commons Club 108

### **Higher Education Quality Assurance in Europe & the Bologna Protocols** **Fernando Padro**

Europe is transforming its higher education system as part of the Bologna Protocols.

**1:00 p.m.—2:15 p.m.**  
Bey Hall, BH 226

### **Migration: Experiences of Asian Immigrant Populations in the USA** **Golam Mathbor and Kathleen Shapiro—PR 434 01**

Golam Mathbor will familiarize participants with experiences and issues related to Asian immigrant populations in the United States.

**1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium

### **Film: Yesterday**

**Ahisha Quallis**

After falling ill, *Yesterday* (Khumalo) learns that she is HIV positive. With her husband in denial and young daughter to tend to, *Yesterday's* goal is to live long enough to see her child go to school. After the film there will be a discussion.

**2:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.**  
Bey Hall, Turrell Board Room

### **Green Living – The Environment and You**

**Sue Polito with Ingrid Justick—HE 340**

Ingrid Justick is a well-known environmentalist. Much of her work has focused on helping individuals to understand the impact they have on the environment.

**2:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.**  
Bey Hall  
H. R. Young Auditorium

### **Disaster Race and American Politics: Katrina in the Classroom, and How We Can Create National Critical Learning Environments**

**Melissa Harris Lacewell and Richard Veit—AN/HS 264**

Dr. Lacewell will lecture on a service learning project she directed in New Orleans, LA. Sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

**4:00 p.m.—5: 15 p.m.**  
Magill Commons Club 109

### **To Educate or Correct?**

**Joe Garippa, Stacey Goldstein, Lisa Olson, Deanna Stango, and Kathleen Armstrong—Chi Sigma Iota Honor Society Project**

Costs vs. benefits of spending for education in the U. S. vs. the cost of incarceration will be discussed. There will be a commentary followed by Q&A.

**4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium

### **Visiting Writer Series: Michael Thomas—EN 202 54**

**Caryl Phillips, Professor of English, Yale University**

Novelist and author, Caryl Phillips ("one of the literary giants of our times"--NY Times) will give a literary reading of his recent work. His most recent novel is *Foreigners* published by Knopf in 2007." Co-sponsored with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences' Visiting Writers' Series.

**6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.**  
Library—L206

### **Teaching Beyond Borders**

**Heide Estes—EN 500 50**

How can engagement with literary texts by teachers in public elementary and secondary schools, reach beyond political, social, economic, and other borders?

**7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.**  
Wilson Hall Auditorium

### **The X-Ray Project presented by Diane Covert**

**Sponsored by Hillel, Jewish Student Organization Monmouth University**

The X-Ray Project promotes global understanding of terrorism and how it effects people worldwide by exhibiting the X-rays, thoughts and feelings of its victims.

**The Global Understanding Project is pleased to support the following  
Center for Human and Community Wellness Program  
Friday, April 11, 2008**

**9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

Bey Hall

Outside H. R. Young Auditorium

**Obesity & Physical Inactivity on a Global Scale— Poster Exhibit**

**James Konopack**

This poster presents figures on global obesity, reflecting regional variations and potential explanations for these differences. This poster displays photographs depicting cultural distinctions in physical activity epidemiology. A primary objective of this poster is to encourage viewers to re-examine their own culture, how it values physical activity, and what this means for culture as an obesity determinant

**9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

Wilson Hall Auditorium

**Contemporary Clinical Practice with People Who are Transgendered**

**Lecturer: Arlene Istar Lev, LCSW, CAC**

**Program Moderator: Carolyn Bradley, PhD, LCSW**

**Panelists:** James T. Clark, LCSW, Clinical Social Worker

Leslie Farber, Attorney

Alden Masonis, PhD, Neuropharmacologist

Lisa O'Connor, MD

Margo Saltzman, Parent

This workshop will address the unique needs of transgendered people. The program will cover the emotional, physical, medical, social justice and human rights issues which impact the lives of transgendered people. This presentation initiates the Greta Singer Lecture Series in Clinical Social Work which recognizes the founder of the BSW program at Monmouth University.

**11:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m.**

Bey Hall

H. R. Young Auditorium

**International Professional Associations for Global Health—Panel Discussion**

**Panelists: Robin S. Mama, Ph.D., Laura Jannone, R.N., Ed.D., Bojana Beric, M.D., Ph.D.**

The panel session will be devoted to three professional associations: International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), School Nurse International (SNI), and International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE). The mission, purpose and directions they take in achieving Health for All will be presented by the panelists.

**1:00 p.m.—2:15 p.m.**

Bey Hall

H. R. Young Auditorium

**Forensic Biology: Forensic DNA methods in history puzzles—Lecture**

**Lecturer: Zoran M. Budimlija, MD, PhD**

Dr. Budimlija is an employee of the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Department of Forensic Biology and professor at NYU School of Medicine, Department of Pathology, Yeshiva College of Yeshiva University, Department of Biology, and Pace University, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Chemistry - Forensic Science Program. He leads Pathology Research Group at the NYC OCME, Dept. of Forensic Biology and he is former leader of the Group for special projects during 9/11 - WTC human identification efforts. In this lecture, the use of different scientific approaches and forensic DNA analysis will be discussed through the project of identification of the members of Russian Imperial Family Romanov executed in 1918, using their living relatives (members of different European royal houses) as reference samples. Presentation will be a basis for discussion of the up-to-date bioscientific methods applied in the resolution of forensic cases.

Forensic biology includes complex multidisciplinary approach to the crime scene items, biological samples from victims and suspects, missing persons and during identification efforts in the cases of mass catastrophes.

**2:30-3:45-**

Bey Hall

H. R. Young Auditorium

**Teaching and Learning in a Global Community: Closing the Achievement Gap**

**Speaker: Dr. Belinda Williams**

Despite numerous education reform efforts, significant academic achievement gaps persist among high and low poverty, racial and ethnic subgroups. Recent research and theory identify conditions for teaching and learning (the impact of context/cultural environments on human development, attention to current understandings of intelligence, the role of motivation/effort in achievement, fostering resilience, etc.) that must be met to assure success in schools and classrooms.

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We would like to extend our appreciation to Monmouth University students for their outstanding contributions and support to the 2008 convention.

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*The love of one's country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?*

*Pablo Casals*

*I am part and parcel of the whole and cannot find God apart from the rest of humanity.*

*Mohandas Gandhi*

*We are here to awaken from the illusion of our separateness.*

*Thich Nhat Hanh*

*There must be, not a balance of power, but a community of power; not organized rivalries, but an organized common peace.*

*Woodrow Wilson*

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