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OU sponsors dialogues on post 9-11 issues

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Oakland University and Oakland Community College are joining together to respond to the community's needs by presenting "Family Matters 2002: Responding to a Changing World" and a series of related workshops throughout the month of March.

During the conference, scheduled for April 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at OCC's Auburn Hills campus, OU and OCC faculty will facilitate three separate dialogues in a town-hall setting that focus on family, the community and national topics to help educate and ease the heightened level of stress and uncertainty that Americans have experienced since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. A registration form must be filled out to attend the conference.

The faculty members also will deliver pre-event workshops at libraries and colleges throughout Oakland County.

The workshops, which are 90 minutes each, deal with a variety of issues ranging from world religion to stress management. They are being offered at 10 different sites throughout Oakland County. The workshops and conference are free of charge thanks to funding from OU, OCC and a partnership with the Family Matters Community Support Initiative.

Registration is required for both the conference and the workshops. Registration for the workshops begins three weeks prior to the date scheduled and closes when spaces are filled.

For more information, brochures, or a conference registration form, call the conference planners at (248) 232-4273.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

American National Security and Middle East Politics

This workshop examines the political climate influenced by the American need for petroleum and the political and economic modernization of the Middle East. The presenter is OU Associate Professor of History Karen A.J. Miller.

- Monday, March 18, 10:15 a.m., Auburn Hills
- Thursday, March 21, 10:15 a.m., Lake Orion

Becoming a Non-Critical Person

This workshop will help enlighten participants to the hidden criticisms used in everyday conversation. Attendees will learn to create an atmosphere of appreciation and gratitude that supports relationships within and beyond the family.

- Friday, March 8, 10:15 a.m., Lake Orion
- Thursday, March 14, 10:15 a.m., Auburn Hills
- Friday, March 15, 10:15 a.m., Waterford
- Thursday, March 21, 10:15 a.m., Birmingham
- Friday, March 22, 10:15 a.m., Clarkston

Citizenship and Society: Response to Disaster

This workshop explores the response to natural disasters as well as the attacks of Sept. 11. Participants will discover the roles of citizens, government and other community actors in the process of coping with disaster. The presenter is OU Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science Michelle Piskulich.

- Thursday, March 7, 10:15 a.m., Lake Orion
- Thursday, March 21, 10:15 a.m., Clarkston

De-stressing in a Stressful World

The workshop will help participants investigate the effects of stress on their bodies and their families, recognize stressors and identify ways to help reduce stress. The presenter is Professor of Allied Health Vicki Kloosterhouse from OCC's Highland Lakes Campus.

- Thursday, March 7, 10:15 a.m., South Lyon

- Thursday March 21, 10:15 a.m., Waterford

The Dialogue: A Commitment to Openness

The workshop will present clear, powerful tools to address the challenge of listening to others with openness and speaking with compassion. The program will help participants realize that "common ground" rests more on understanding than it does on agreement. The presenter is OCC Guest Speaker Rich Chakrin.

- Friday, March 8, 10:15 a.m., Clarkston
- Monday, March 11, 7 p.m., Lake Orion
- Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m., Birmingham
- Friday, March 22, 10:15 a.m., Waterford
- Wednesday, March 27, 10:15 a.m., Auburn Hills

Grief and Loss

This workshop examines the stages of grief, including shock, apathy, demoralization and depression. The presenter is Professor of Behavioral Sciences Patti Briggs from OCC's Highland Lakes Campus.

- Wednesday, March 6, 10:15 a.m., Southfield
- Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m., Royal Oak
- Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m., Farmington Hills

Introduction to Islam

This workshop examines the core beliefs of the 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide to encourage understanding and compassion for others. The presenter is OCC guest speaker Imam Achmat Salie.

- Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m., Birmingham
- Tuesday, March 12, 10:15 a.m., Clarkston
- Monday, March 18, 7 p.m., Novi
- Monday, March 25, 10:15 a.m., South Lyon

Media: Mobs, Mothers and Martyrs

This workshop offers analysis of the media coverage by the Detroit Free Press on the current Arab-Israeli conflict from September 2000 to Sept. 11, 2001. The presenters are Communication Professor Shea Howell and Assistant Professor of Communication Kellie Hay, both from Oakland University.

- Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m., Farmington Hills
- Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m., South Lyon

Need Not Fear

This workshop will help attendees realize that love conquers adversity and responds affirmatively to all of life's challenges. The presenters are Darrel Garth and Albert Rosen from OCC. Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m., South Lyon.

- Thursday, March 7, 10:15 a.m., Royal Oak
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- Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m., Birmingham
- Thursday, March 14, 10:15 a.m., Southfield
- Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m., Farmington Hills
- Wednesday, March 20, 10:15 a.m., Auburn Hills

Parenting from the Bleachers

This workshop offers recent studies and strategies that can help parents more positively support their children's play in athletics and recreational sports. The presenter is OU softball coach Steve Ogg.

- Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m., Waterford
- Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m., Auburn Hills

Religion in the Modern World

The history of human beings in extreme crisis situations, such as the Holocaust, will be used to illustrate the spiritual strength and unity of the human spirit. The presenter is Professor of Humanities James Cook of OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus.

- Friday, March 1, 10:15 a.m., Novi
- Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m., Farmington Hills
- Friday, March 8, 10:15 a.m., Waterford
- Thursday, March 14, 10:15 a.m., South Lyon

The U.S. and the World: Before and After 9/11

This workshop details the historical events leading to Sept. 11 in the decades since the Cold War. Attendees will explore the question as to how U.S. policies for dealing with recent problems have arisen and will or should be changed. The presenter is OU Professor of Sociology Peter J. Bertocci.

- Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m., Southfield
- Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m., Royal Oak
- Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m., Lake Orion

Us versus Them

This workshop examines the process by which children learn discrimination, prejudice and hatred. Attendees will learn how exposure to new information valuing all persons can lead to acceptance of diversity, counter xenophobia and ways to use forgiveness. The presenter is Professor of Social Science Don Nichols from OCC's Auburn Hills Campus.

- Monday, March 4, 7 p.m., Royal Oak
- Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m., Farmington Hills
- Monday, March 11, 7 p.m., Southfield
- Monday, March 25, 7 p.m., Novi

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

To register for a workshop, call the phone number of the location you wish to attend:

- **Auburn Hills** Auburn Hills Public Library (248) 364-6712
- **Birmingham** Baldwin Public Library (248) 647-1700
- **Clarkston** Independence Township Public Library (248) 232-4273
- **Farmington Hills** OCC Orchard Ridge Campus (248) 232-4273
- **Lake Orion** Orion Township Public Library (248) 693-3002
- **Novi** Novi Public Library (248) 349-0720
- **Royal Oak** OCC Royal Oak Campus (248) 437-6431
- **South Lyon** Salem-South Lyon District Library (248) 437-6431
- **Southfield** OCC Southfield Campus (248) 232-4273
- **Waterford** Waterford Township Public Library (248) 618-7692

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