SPEAKERS BUREAU
2015

Richland Community College
ABOUT THE SPEAKERS BUREAU PROGRAM

One aspect of Richland Community College’s mission is to provide information to the community at large. In keeping with this mission, Richland will provide speakers for groups and organizations throughout the College District at no charge.

To request a speaker for your group or organization, please call Richland’s Marketing Office at 217.875.7211, Ext. 213, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. At least 2 weeks’ notice is preferred, but we will do our best to accommodate any request.

If your group is interested in a topic not listed in this booklet, contact the Marketing Office. Richland Community College will attempt to match your interest with the appropriate College staff member.

Richland Community College is proud to offer this service to the citizens of our District.

ABOUT RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Since 1971, Richland Community College has been an integral part of the communities it serves. Created to provide quality education and training at an affordable cost for citizens in the District, Richland’s faculty, staff, and administrators strive to enrich lives, promote growth, and serve as a resource. Each year, thousands of people join the Richland family through our College transfer programs, occupational programs leading directly to employment, and continuing education programs.

An open invitation is extended to the community to visit the campus, meet our faculty, and enjoy our programs. Richland is your community college!
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BUSINESS

GLOBAL HARMONIZATION SYSTEM (GHS)
The GHS is an acronym for the Globally Harmonized System of the classification and labeling of chemicals. Many countries, including the United States, already have regulatory systems in place for these types of requirements. These systems may be similar in content and approach, but their differences are significant enough to require multiple classifications, labels, and safety data sheets for the same produce when marketed in different countries. GHS is designed to replace the various classification and labeling standards used in different countries by using consistent criteria for classification and labeling on a global level.

Speaker: Barry Schwalbe, CHMM, Safety and Contract Training Coordinator
Target Audience: Adults

INTRODUCTION TO OSHA
This is an introduction to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Speaker: Barry Schwalbe, CHMM, Safety and Contract Training Coordinator
Target Audience: Adults

MAKING THE WORLD A LITTLE GREENER
Learn how the Sustainable Agriculture Program at Richland Community College is teaching students entrepreneurial and technical skills necessary to manage a profitable, environmentally sound, community-based small farm or agricultural business.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture
Target Audience: Adults

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING
What is assertiveness? How can you be assertive in professional and personal situations?

Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE
Target Audience: Adults

THE BUSINESS OF ETHICS
Listen to a discussion of the main theories of ethics and their implications for business.

Speaker: Tom Morrow, Professor of Philosophy
Target Audience: Adults

NEGOTIATION
Negotiation plays a prominent role in your life. Your interactions as a consumer, employer, and/or employee require you to negotiate. This presentation will increase your awareness of the significance of negotiation in your life and provide you with tools and strategies that will help you find successful results.

Speaker: Dr. Mary Beth Wade, Professor of Psychology
Target Audience: Adults
“NEGO-SHE-ATION”
Obscured in the conversation about the disparity of pay and power between men and women in the workplace is the role of negotiation. This discussion will reveal negotiation differences as one possible explanation for the pay gap and suggest strategies to help even the playing field, bring the “she” into “nego-SHE-ation.”

Speaker: Dr. Mary Beth Wade, Professor of Psychology
Target Audience: Adults (single-sex or co-ed groups)

CAREER SELECTION

BECOMING A TEACHER IN ILLINOIS
This presentation covers the requirements of becoming a teacher, such as testing requirements and programs available at most community colleges in Illinois.

Speaker: Evyonne Hawkins, Associate Professor of Education & African-American Studies
Audience: Adults, College Students

INTERVIEW SKILLS 101
A job interview can be a stressful event. Learn what interviewing is all about, how to answer questions, how to sidestep illegal questions, what kind of questions you need to ask, what to wear, what not to wear, and how to conduct yourself in a manner that will get you that great job you have always wanted.

Speaker: Student Success Staff
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

RESUMÉ WRITING 101
Writing resumés has become an art for today’s job searching. Find out exactly what Human Resource personnel are looking for when they look at a resumé.

Speaker: Student Success Staff
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

SOFT SKILLS 101
Today you must be aware of your soft skills. Businesses are aware! Do you know what your soft skills are? What do soft skills have to do with kindergarten and your personality? Learn about soft skills and why they are so important in today’s workplace.

Speaker: Student Success Staff
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

THE ABC’S OF INTERVIEWING: DISCOVERING THE NEW ‘YOU’ . . . BEFORE YOUR INTERVIEW!
Do you want to advance in your career, but you just cannot get past the interview stage? You will learn tips and techniques on how to land a new job. You will also learn the ABC’s of conquering your face-to-face interview or video presentation via the web. You have the key to success, and we want to show you how to use it!

Speaker: Dr. Jarmese Sherrod, Instructor, English
Target Audience: High school students, College Students, and Adults
EDUCATION

DEVELOPING A CROSS-DISCIPLINARY CLASS VIDEO PROJECT
This presentation explores how to integrate technology into a course utilizing a cross-disciplinary collaborative approach and assisting students in developing a hands-on video project involving a particular group or organization within their community.

Speaker: Evyonne Hawkins, Associate Professor of Education & African-American Studies
Audience: Adults, College Students

FRANKENFOOD: THE TRUTH BEHIND GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS
Find out what a genetically modified organism is and how it is modified. What are the benefits and risks to these types of organisms?

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Merli, Professor of Biology
Audience: Adults

THE BIG RIP OFF: HOW PSEUDO-SCIENCE IS USED TO SELL YOU PRODUCTS
Learn the tricks used by advertisers to sell you products using pseudo-science claims. Become a more savvy consumer by learning the difference between legitimate product claims and those that are not supported by science.

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Merli, Professor of Biology
Audience: Adults

EVOLUTION VERSUS CREATION
What does science tell us about this debate? Is there common ground between the sides? Does evolution disprove religion?

Speaker: Dr. Christopher Merli, Professor of Biology
Audience: Adults

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE/INTERPRETING PROGRAM AT RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Learn about the American Sign Language program at Richland Community College and the coursework/career preparation to become an interpreter. Explore various occupations where sign language/interpreting skills are needed and the requirement under the American with Disabilities Act in health, education, public safety, and the social services.

Speaker: Sherrie Hildreth, Instructor in American Sign Language; or Evyonne Hawkins, Associate Professor in Education, or Dr. Lily Siu, Dean of Communications, Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts.
Audience: Adults, College students, High School Students
ADULT LITERACY ISSUES
Did you know that more than 14,000 adults in the Decatur area do not have a high school diploma or equivalent? Thousands of these adults have reading and math skills below the basic level. They are stuck and unable to help themselves no matter how hard they try. How does this affect our community, our schools, and our places of employment? How does this affect an individual, a family, and the children in the family? Find out how Project READ changes lives by helping adults increase their reading and math skills. Discover the truth about adult literacy, and learn how Decatur organizations are partnering to improve adult literacy in our community.

Speaker: Julie Pangrac, Literacy Program Coordinator, Project READ
Target Audience: Adults

MANEUVERING YOUR WAY THROUGH A TEST
In this presentation, the speaker will address test-taking strategies that can assist individuals who are preparing to take state, national, placement or classroom tests.

Speaker: Dr. Priscilla Palmer, Testing Specialist
Target Audience: High School and College Students, Adults

DECATUR READS – A HISTORY OF LOCAL LIBRARIES
How many libraries does Decatur have? Do you know the story of the beginning of the Decatur Public Library and how many places it has been located? Where was the first Millikin Library? How can you use the Richland Community College library and access library collections throughout the state? The history of Decatur libraries will surprise you.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
Target Audience: Adults

TEAMBUILDING AND OTHER PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILL ACTIVITIES
Workshop participants will work on timed projects to accomplish assigned tasks. They will have the chance to evaluate their process, success, ways to improve, and how the activity(ies) can be applied to their job or classroom setting.

Speakers: Richland Counselors
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

INTRODUCTION TO ONLINE LEARNING
Online learning is education that takes place over the Internet and is a growing trend in Illinois and around the world. However, many people do not understand how online learning really works or what it takes to be successful in online courses. In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn about the different types of online education, get to try out an example online course, and take an online questionnaire assessing whether they would be a good candidate for online learning.

Speaker: Kona Jones, Director of Online Learning
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students
MATHEMATICS SUCCESS = GOAL ACCOMPLISHED!
Whether your goal is to obtain a specific degree or to advance in your career, mathematics success is often the prerequisite. Learn how Richland’s Mathematics Enrichment Center supports students who are placed in Beginning or Intermediate Algebra to move more quickly and successfully through Richland’s developmental mathematics sequence.

Speaker: Leanne Brooks, Director, Academic Success Center
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

THE ROLE OF HUMANITIES IN EDUCATION
How does education in the humanities add to a general education? How are we enriched by appreciating subjects such as literature, philosophy, music, and the arts?

Speaker: Dr. Lily Siu, Dean of Communications, Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts Division
Target Audience: Adults

EDUCATION IN CHINA AND JAPAN
Link Confucius to modern education, and you will have the makings of successful Asian societies. Discover the basics of the education system in China and Japan, the language, and the core culture that promote achievement.

Speaker: Dr. Lily Siu, Dean of Communications, Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts Division
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

WHY LITERATURE, WHY NOW?
Most people encounter great literature only in high school and college — but these works certainly weren’t written for folks that young. So what can great books offer those of us in our middle years and up? An unabashed pitch for reaching for the hard stuff…

Speaker: Robert Grindy, Professor of English
Target Audience: Adults

FINDING STORIES
An interactive story-writing workshop for small groups (under 30) of young people ages 10-17.

Speaker: Robert Grindy, Professor of English
Target Audience: High School Students, Children

STUDY SKILLS BRUSH UP
Learn how to increase your academic performance by brushing up your study skills in such areas as note taking, time management, and text reading.

Speaker: Gail Bauer, Professor of English; Developmental Education Coordinator
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students
ISLAM IS A WAY OF LIFE
Explore major tenets of Muslim culture and beliefs in monotheism and the Pillars of Islam and its implication for everyday life, such as holidays and diet. Discover facts and stereotypes about Islam.
   Speaker: Dr. Soheir S. Khodeiry, DDS, PhD, Adjunct Instructor of Arabic and Middle East Islamic Culture
   Target Audience: Adults

EGYPT: THE GIFT OF THE NILE
Explore modern Egyptian culture through its unique history, geography, climate, people, architecture, and food.
   Speaker: Dr. Soheir S. Khodeiry, DDS, PhD, Adjunct Instructor of Arabic and Middle East Islamic Culture
   Target Audience: Adults

HEALTH
HANDS-ONLY™ CPR CAN SAVE LIVES
Most people who experience cardiac arrest at home, work, or in a public location die because they don't receive immediate CPR from someone on the scene. Your actions can only help. CPR can more than double a person's chances of survival. Learn how to evaluate an emergency situation. Know when to give hands-only CPR, and how to give it. Note: This is an informational presentation only; attendees do not receive a CPR provider card from the American Heart Association. (30 minute presentation)
   Speaker: Barry Schwalbe, CHMM, Safety and Contract Training Coordinator
   Target Audience: Adults

BE THE MATCH
In 2010, the speaker was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder. She was 27 and had just celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary. After numerous chemotherapy treatments and blood transfusions, she underwent an allogenic bone marrow transplant; she found a donor in her brother. Seven out of 10 patients are not as fortunate to have a matching donor in their family and must rely on unrelated donors that register with the Be the Match Registry. The speaker will discuss her personal experience and provide information on how individuals can register, the process for donating, and myths and facts pertaining to bone marrow donation.
   Speaker: Jessica Pickel, Director of Adult Education
   Target Audience: College students and Adults

TO VACCINATE OR NOT TO VACCINATE
The speaker gives a presentation on a non-fiction book entitled ON IMMUNITY: AN INOCULATION by Eula Biss. Miss Biss explores our attitudes toward vaccinations and the reasons for these attitudes and makes a scientific based and nuanced argument in favor of wide-spread vaccination of infants and others.
   Speaker: Karen Becker, Professor of English
   Target Audience: Adults
WHAT ARE STEM CELLS?
Over the past fifty years, tremendous advances have been made in medicine. Regardless of your role in society, knowledge of science has become increasingly important to make informed decisions about health issues, environmental problems and related new technologies. Your scientific knowledge will be helpful to survive in the modern world, to raise healthy kids, and to make decisions on governmental policies. The controversy about stem cell research led to an intense debate about ethics. This discussion is open to anyone who wants to know more about the stem cells, the focus of research, and the potential use of stem cells in medicine to treat disease.

Speaker: Dr. Srinivasan Durairaj, Associate Professor of Biology
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

UNDERSTANDING ORGAN DONATION
Transplantation gives hope to thousands of people with organ failure and provides many others with active and renewed lives. Learn the facts and understand the need for organ donation.

Speaker: Kelly Schoonover, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the President
Target Audience: High School Students, Adults

BEEKEEPING AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES TO OUR FOOD SUPPLY
Honeybees are thought to be brought to the United States around the time the Pilgrims came to America. Honey bees play an important role in pollinating America’s fruits and vegetables. Without honeybees people will learn there would be very little food available to feed themselves.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture
Target Audience: Adults

THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE BRAIN
Listen to a brief review of the major structures of the brain and how the different structures affect behavior, abilities, and personality.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES
Multiple intelligences are defined. A review of the theory of multiple intelligences is given with a review of the neurobiological research that supports the theory.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

BRAIN AND GENDER
Review of biological differences due to gender. Review of how these differences affect communications and relationships.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology
Target Audience: Adults, High School Students
DEPRESSION: SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT
   Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology
   Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

30 YEARS OF AIDS AND THE ORPHANS LEFT BEHIND
This presentation focuses on the AIDS/HIV pandemic in Kenya and the orphaned children left behind. The presentation reviews the history of AIDS/HIV since its discovery 30 years ago. A review will be presented on current statistics along with a comparison of the battle against AIDS in the USA and Africa. The presenter tells of her continued volunteer experience working at By Grace Disabled and Orphans Center in a slum in Nairobi, Kenya, with AIDS orphans.
   Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology
   Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

THE GREAT INFLUENZA PANDEMIC OF 1918
With the recent “bird flu” concerns, people are reviewing the lessons learned in 1918 when the United States was in the center of a worldwide flu pandemic. Learn about the pandemic that killed more people than any other disease outbreak in recorded history and how the flu came to Decatur.
   Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
   Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
Learn general statistics; profile of perpetrators and victims; indications of abuse; treatment for victims; how to intervene with the child.
   Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE
   Target Audience: Adults

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Get a complete understanding of domestic violence; the cycle of violence; the effects of domestic violence on children; help for victims of domestic violence.
   Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE
   Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

HOW AN INFANT’S EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT INFLUENCES BRAIN DEVELOPMENT
The infant can recognize the mom’s voice just hours after birth. What happens between mom and baby immediately shows expressions of emotions. The research explains how emotions influence brain development.
   Speaker: Alice Huebner, Adjunct Instructor of Early Childhood Education
   Target Audience: Adults
HOW TEACHERS CAN USE THE BRAIN DEVELOPMENT OF BOYS & GIRLS IN THE CLASSROOM
Methods of teaching both boys and girls in the same classroom will be explained and discussed. Boys learn at a slower pace than girls generally in early childhood and early elementary classrooms. Active participation of both sexes encourages more learning and interaction.

  Speaker: Alice Huebner, Adjunct Instructor of Early Childhood Education
  Target Audience: Adults

ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVE DISORDER ADD/ADHD
Learn the definition of ADD/ADHD; core symptoms; treatment alternatives; and family and school-coping strategies.

  Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE
  Target Audience: Adults

DISCOVER YOUR PERSONALITY ASSETS – HOW DOES YOUR PERSONALITY AFFECT YOUR CAREER AND PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS?
The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is a personality assessment that is commonly used to increase self-awareness, identify work roles, and determine sources of work dissatisfaction. The MBTI provides a general understanding of a person's style and how individual lives his or her life. The MBTI is available on computer and takes about thirty minutes to complete. Results can be discussed in a group format.

  The fee is $15.00 per person for the inventory.
  Speakers: Richland Counselors
  Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

HISTORY

EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY!
This presentation pays tribute to items on the dinner table that have impacted our history, our culture, our language, and our world. A bibliography will be provided.

  Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
  Target Audience: Adults

FIRST LADIES
“The world’s second toughest job” is being a First Lady. In her book, Margaret Truman explores the role of the First Lady and how the women who filled that role are marked by history.

  Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
  Target Audience: Adults

THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE
The White House families are in a “glass house,” a public place where families must be willing to share their private lives. Using three recent books, we will explore the families who lived in that special place, the wives and mothers of the presidents, and the lasting influences of the “White Jail.”

  Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
  Target Audience: Adults, High School Students
HOW THE IRISH SAVED CIVILIZATION
Visit Irish locations and hear about the salvation of literature and culture in the Dark Ages.
   Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
   Target Audience: Adults

CERAMICS: HISTORY AND CRAFT
Discover the roots of ceramics in various cultures. Demonstration of hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques can be arranged.
   Speaker: Dr. Lily Siu, Dean of Communications, Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts Division
   Target Audience: Adults

ENGLISH CULTURE: THE ARTS AND LETTERS OF GREAT BRITAIN
Learn about the history and forms of artistic expression contributed to the world culture by the British, a history that is, arguably, uniquely rich in Western culture.
   Speaker: Dr. Richard Tomlinson, Professor of English
   Target Audience: Adults

WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY
The speaker will detail the progression of women through U.S. history, with the emphasis on family and social situations.
   Speaker: Janilyn Kocher, Professor of History
   Target Audience: Adults

PEARL HARBOR, DECEMBER 7, 1941
The speaker will detail the events leading up to December 7, 1941, and the aftermath.
   Speaker: Janilyn Kocher, Professor of History
   Target Audience: Adults

THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY
The speaker will detail interesting insights into the royal family of England, beginning with Queen Victoria.
   Speaker: Janilyn Kocher, Professor of History
   Target Audience: Adults

U.S. PRESIDENTS
The speaker will provide interesting insights into the private lives of some U.S. Presidents and their families.
   Speaker: Janilyn Kocher, Professor of History
   Target Audience: Adults
THE PANAMA CANAL
The opening of the Panama Canal was the culmination of almost 400 years of personal and national triumphs and defeat, with the United States’ involvement coming relatively late in the Canal’s history. Learn about the strong personalities, the financial and political scandals, and the medical discoveries that surround the “Path Between the Seas.”

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
Target Audience: Adults

HOLIDAYS

THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS
Learn how many of our Yuletide traditions were revitalized or begun in the 1830’s with the publication of a special English story.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
Target Audience: Adults

CELEBRATING KWANZAA
This presentation discusses the symbols and principles behind Kwanzaa and demonstrates how to set up the Kwanzaa table.

Speaker: Evyonne Hawkins, Associate Professor of Education & African-American Studies
Audience: Adults, College Students

CHIMNEYS AND CHRISTMAS
Familiar literature supports the notion that chimneys and fireplaces are an important, but unrecognized, element of the holiday season.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
Target Audience: Adults

CHRISTMAS SONGS AND CAROLS – ORIGINS AND LEGENDS
What are the stories behind the songs that are a part of the Christmas season? Listen to the songs and learn their origins.

Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
Target Audience: Adults

LEISURE / HUMAN INTEREST

LANDSCAPING YOUR HOME
Low cost techniques to make the home landscape family friendly during these difficult economic times. Discussion can also include how to improve curb appeal when preparing to list the property for sale.

Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture
Target Audience: Adults
RAISING CHICKENS IN THE CITY
Legal, equipment, and costs associated with raising chickens in the city and surrounding countryside.
  Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture
  Target Audience: Adults

GROWING THE PERFECT TOMATO AND OTHER VEGETABLES
Simple techniques to use when growing awesome vegetables in the home garden are discussed.
  Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture
  Target Audience: Adults

SAVE MONEY – GROW VEGETABLES
Audience will participate in a hands-on activity to determine how much to plant of some of the most commonly grown vegetables to feed a family of four.
  Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture
  Target Audience: Adults

URBAN FARMING
The presenter will provide a guide for the entrepreneur on how to start farming in their backyard today. For the person who wishes to grow vegetables, chickens and honeybees for profit and/or feed their family and reduce their food budget with little money and no land.
  Speaker: David McLaughlin, Professor of Horticulture
  Target Audience: Adults

THE PSEUDO-SCIENCE OF GHOST HUNTING
In the presenter’s Critical Thinking course, some time is spent discussing various forms of pseudo-science: claims that look scientific but that are not really scientific. The presenter identifies some of the techniques of pseudo-science and explains how these investigators use those techniques to make their claims seem scientific when they are not scientific at all.
  Speaker: Tom Morrow, Professor of Philosophy
  Audience: Adults

FALCONRY
Falconry is the sport of hunting with a trained raptor. Live hawks are included in this presentation about raptor biology and Falconry.
  Speaker: Scott Hartman, Maintenance
  Target Audience: Adults, High School Students, Children

THE PROBLEM OF EVIL
Many people believe that there exists an all-powerful, loving God. At the same time, it seems that innocent people suffer. How can we resolve this apparent inconsistency?
  Speaker: Tom Morrow, Professor of Philosophy
  Target Audience: Adults
IS BELIEF IN GOD RATIONAL?
This presentation consists of a discussion of proofs for the existence of God, followed by a discussion as to whether, if these proofs fail, we have good reason to believe anyway.

   Speaker:  Tom Morrow, Professor of Philosophy
   Target Audience:  Adults

GLOBALIZATION: THE THEORIES AND PRACTICAL REALITIES INVOLVED IN THE “FLATTENING OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD”
Learn about the challenges and opportunities presented by global trade, including off-shoring and the multifaceted aspects of preparing to compete successfully in a genuinely global marketplace.

   Speaker:  Dr. Richard Tomlinson, Professor of English
   Target Audience:  Adults

JAPANESE CULTURE THROUGH THE ARTS
Explore Japanese arts and aesthetics through their traditional arts and crafts in flower arrangements, lacquer ware, pottery, and paintings.

   Speaker:  Dr. Lily Siu, Dean of Communications, Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts Division
   Target Audience:  Adults

CHINESE CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Explore core values of Chinese society through language, calligraphy, arts, music, and society. How do you read a Chinese painting?

   Speaker:  Dr. Lily Siu, Dean of Communications, Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts Division
   Target Audience:  Adults

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF KYOTO: GEISHAS, GARDENS, AND GREEN TEA
Interactive discussion about life and culture in Japan will accompany slides of Japanese scenes.

   Speaker:  Dr. Lily Siu, Dean of Communications, Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts Division
   Target Audience:  Adults

FACES OF RACES: RACES FROM A BIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE AND ITS CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS
This is a fun and interactive look at the idea of race. What are the races? Can you tell? How do our cultural definitions of race and expectations become self-fulfilling?

   Speaker:  Dr. Lily Siu, Dean of Communications, Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts Division
   Target Audience:  Adults
EVER WANTED TO CERTIFY YOUR DOG AS A THERAPY DOG?
What are the steps to certifying your dog as a Delta Society Therapy Dog? Explore the characteristics of a therapy dog and the satisfaction derived from visiting nursing homes with your therapy dog.

Speaker: Gail Bauer, Professor of English; Developmental Education Coordinator
Target Audience: Adults

FASCINATING SPAIN
Spain is a modern collage of the cultures that shaped its identity throughout history. Discover the rich legacy of Romans, Visigoths, Muslims, Jews, and Christians. Each imprinted its food, architecture, art, literature, and music.

Speaker: Dr. Sean Gallagher, Professor of English and Spanish
Target Audience: Adults and High School Students.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND THE WORK OF THE INTERPRETER
In a fun session, learn a few basic signs and the job of the interpreter. While most people have fun with fingerspelling, sign language is a complex system of gestures, facial and body movements. Learn about the culture of the Deaf and the Deaf community.

Speaker: Sherrie Hildreth, Instructor of American Sign Language
Target Audience: Adults and High School Students.

JUGGLING TWO WORLDS: THE SOUND OF DEAF MUSIC
Everything in this speaker’s life revolves around her HANDS! She will explain that she has played piano for 34 years, adding that this experience was her entrée into the world of music. From that, her hands kept her involved in American Sign Language for many years and she has been an interpreter since 1997. She can also provide insight on Deaf Music.

Speaker: Sherrie Hildreth, Instructor of American Sign Language and Music
Target Audience: Adults and High School Students

THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTORING
Drawing from her experiences as a mentor for the POSSE Scholarship Foundation and Big Brothers Big Sisters, the speaker discusses the positive impact mentoring relationships can have. An explanation of the mutual benefits for both mentor and mentee, along with challenges and strategies for success, are presented to individuals interested in serving as role models and mentors for college students and our youth.

Speaker: Jessica Pickel, Director of Adult Education
Target Audience: College Students and Adults
MY LIFE IN KENYA
Serving as a volunteer at By Grace Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya, Pixie, a full-time professor at Richland, has taken over 18 trips to Kenya and spends her summers and winter holidays in a slum called Kayole/Soweto. While in Kenya, Pixie works daily at the orphanage as a teacher and grandmother to the orphans. She has started her own non-profit organization here in the United States to help secure food and clean water for the children at By Grace. This presentation focuses on orphans in Kenya, life at By Grace, challenges of living in a slum and living in a different culture, along with a review of social problems that lead to poverty in Kenya.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology
Target Audience: Adults and High School Students

“POINTY END FORWARD, SHINY SIDE UP” - GROWING UP AND LEARNING TO SAIL ON LAKE DECATUR
The presenter will talk about learning to sail on Lake Decatur in the 1970s and how this hobby has provided him with a lifetime of enjoyment. The influences and the impact of sailing have helped shape the presenter’s life through the people he has met and the places they have taken him. Come aboard for a cruise through 40 years of playing with boats!

Speaker: Greg Florian, Vice President of Finance and Administration
Target Audience: Adults

WATERCOLOR PAINTING
Investigate the beauty of watercolor paintings with watercolorist, Jeanne Helm. The artist will show examples of different watercolor techniques. Jeanne will plan a painting and show the stages towards completion.

Speaker: Jeanne Helm, Professor of Early Childhood Education
Target Audience: Adults, Preschool and Elementary School Teachers

PARENTING / FAMILY

GROWING UP ADOPTED - A SURPRISING JOURNEY
This is a personal account, filled with funny stories, observations, and lessons-learned, about the speaker’s journey as an adopted child. Adopted at birth, Tracy always knew she was different from the other members of her family. She looked and acted different, but what impact did this have on her as she grew into an adult? If you want insight into life growing up as an adopted child, one with a surprising plot twist at the end, then this speaker’s journey will amuse you.

Speaker: Tracy Withrow, Marketing Coordinator
Target Audience: Adults and College students

POSITIVE PARENTING
Learn suggestions on making parenting easier. This presentation focuses on why children misbehave and how to build parent/child relationships and improve family life.

Speaker: Pixie Fennessey, Professor of Psychology and Sociology
Target Audience: Adults
POSITIVE GUIDANCE OF YOUNG CHILDREN... FOR PARENTS
How to you get children to do what you want? Parents will learn and practice positive strategies to teach the child self-regulation. Parents will learn communication techniques such as I-Message, active listening and conflict resolution. Handouts with the latest research in child development will be available.
   Speaker: Jeanne Helm, Professor of Early Childhood Education
   Target Audience: Parents

CHILDREN AND SELF-ESTEEM
Learn how self-esteem is developed; how to foster positive self-esteem in children.
   Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE
   Target Audience: Adults

DISCIPLINE
Learn the difference between discipline and punishment; understand why children misbehave and their motivation behind their actions; and identify specific discipline techniques for children of all ages.
   Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE
   Target Audience: Adults

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY ISSUES
Can be tailored for the needs of the audience...specific topics include communication; conflict resolution skills; alcoholism and the effects on the family; blended families and the specific challenges they face; and the transition to parenthood and how couples can cope.
   Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE
   Target Audience: Adults

DIVORCE
Overview of divorce; reasons why couples divorce; the three stages of divorce; children's reactions to divorce (at all ages); and how parents can help their children through a divorce.
   Speaker: Kristine Palmer, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, M.S., CFLE
   Target Audience: Adults

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR IN-SCHOOL YOUTH (PARTICULARLY THOSE AT RISK)
Learn about the strengths and deficiencies of programs that attempt to provide academic support and the development of life skills for Illinois’ in-school children.
   Speaker: Dr. Richard Tomlinson, Professor of English
   Target Audience: Adults
POPULAR LITERATURE AND FILM

GONE WITH THE WIND
While the movie version is an important part of American culture, what about the novel? Margaret Mitchell's story of a tradition that has not completely disappeared is compared to the movie for similarities and differences.
   Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
   Target Audience: Adults

SUMMER READING: PRESIDENTS AND MEDICINE AND LOST STATES, OH, MY!
Need more books for your reading list? This presentation will offer information on a range of books that will intrigue and fascinate. A bibliography will be provided.
   Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
   Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

WELLS AND WELLES: WAR OF THE WORLDS
H.G. Wells and Orson Welles have changed how we look and think about science fiction. Both men's personal visions make us reconsider who we are in light of what people might be in the future.
   Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
   Target Audience: Adults

THE POWER OF WOMEN IN FILM
Women's films of the 1930's, 1940's, and 1950's have set the tone for women's lives even today. Using a book by Jeanine Basinger, A Woman's View: How Hollywood Spoke to Women, 1930-1960, we will examine the roles of women and how stereotypes were created and negated.
   Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants
   Target Audience: Adults

RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
This presentation discusses how an individual or an organization can support Richland Community College and its mission through scholarships, grants, and planned giving.
   Speaker: Tricia Cordulack, Director of Scholarships and Alumni Relations
   Target Audience: Adults

INTERESTED IN THE EXCITING WORLD OF CULINARY ARTS?
Chef Tucker will tell you all about this exciting field. He will discuss Richland Community College's Culinary Arts Institute and how it prepares our students and graduates to become successful in the hospitality industry.
   Speaker: Chef Brian Tucker, Director and Instructor, The Culinary Arts Institute
   Target Audience: Adults and High School Students
RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION AND ITS ROLE IN SUPPORTING RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Richland Community College’s Foundation plays a vital role in developing resources to assist the College in building programs, facilities, and scholarship programs for its students. The Foundation looks for opportunities to educate the community about how to help Richland grow and help students achieve their dreams.
   Speaker: Richard McGowan, Executive Director of Foundation and Development  
   Target Audience: Adults

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT RICHLAND
Learn important information for potential donors, parents looking for assistance, or students.
   Speaker: Tricia Cordulack, Director of Scholarships and Alumni Relations
   Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE ILLINOIS PRISON SYSTEM
An alarming and growing number of Americans end up incarcerated in our prison system. Almost all will eventually return to our communities. It is both a moral and economic imperative that these persons re-enter society with the tools necessary to survive and thrive in the free community.
   Speaker: Jeff Davison, Director of Correctional Education Programs, Richland Community College
   Target Audience: Adults

RCC – WORKING TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS
Richland Community College has a variety of support services available for students. This presentation will provide an overview of the services available for support and information on contacting RCC staff.
   Speaker: Leanne Brooks, Director, Academic Success Center
   Target Audience: Adults, High Schools Students

40 YEARS IN 20 MINUTES (ABOUT RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE)
Richland Community College has celebrated 40 years of service to the citizens of the District. Learn about the evolution of the College from the bank building to its current location, from serving a small number of students to working with over 6,000 per year. What’s next? (Need DVD display capabilities.)
   Speaker: Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Coordinator, Curriculum and Grants  
   Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

PROGRESS CITY USA
This PowerPoint presentation shares the story of Progress City USA. Its first event in 2005 – The Farm Progress Show – is highlighted along with the plans for the next show. In addition, information about other events that have occurred and other plans are shared.
   Speaker: Greg Florian, Vice President of Finance and Administration  
   Target Audience: Adults
BUDGETING A COLLEGE
A brief look inside what it takes to keep a college on a budget and how funding a college is handled.
  Speaker: Greg Florian, Vice President of Finance and Administration
  Target Audience: Adults

RICHLAND WORKS...QUALITY EDUCATION AT YOUR FRONT DOOR
Let us share with you all that Richland Community College has to offer. We can talk about our transfer and occupational degrees, as well as continuing and professional education opportunities. We cannot wait to tell you all of the exciting possibilities at Richland!
  Speakers: Richland Counselors
  Target Audience: Adults, High School Students

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE (CCS) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH AT THE NATIONAL SEQUESTRATION EDUCATION CENTER (15 MINUTES)
This presentation is focused on Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) and the Illinois Industrial Carbon Capture and Storage (IL-ICCS) Project, the largest project in the U.S. to store CO2 in a deep saline formation. Discussed is Richland’s role in the project, including CCUS curriculum development, construction of the National Sequestration Education Center, and CCUS educational outreach activities.
  Speaker: David Larrick, Ph.D., Director, Sequestration Program
  Target Audience: Adults and High School Students

RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY (30 MINUTES)
Richland Community College has a variety of renewable/sustainable resources and programs. Discussed are Richland’s wind turbines, solar arrays, and biomass heating systems. Also discussed are the Sustainable Agriculture and Biofuels programs and the new Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) program, the first program of its kind in the world.
  Speaker: David Larrick, Ph.D., Director, Sequestration Program
  Target Audience: Adults and Students

THE ENCORE +50 PROGRAM
At Richland Community College, the Encore +50 Program recruits persons who are at least 50 years of age for career preparation in any field, but especially in bilingual and sign language education. Discussions on the opportunities and supportive services provided for the +50 population, courses of study available, from short certificates to associate’s degrees, and job prospects for those prepared in bilingual or sign language work.
  Speaker: Dr. Lily Siu, Dean of Communications, Education, Humanities, and Fine Arts Division; or Evyonne Hawkins, Associate Professor of Education & African American Studies
  Target Audience: Adults
CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
Find out about different services that the Richland Community College’s Continuing and Professional Education Division provides: CDL, Safety/Contract Training, and non-credit classes.

Speaker: Barry Schwalbe, CHMM, Safety and Contract Training Coordinator
Target Audience: Adults

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION: A RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM
Partners In Education promotes school/business partnerships and community-wide efforts to move our young people toward becoming responsible, capable adults able to function successfully as future parents, leaders, and members of the work force. Learn about our current efforts and the various ways you can be involved.

Speaker: Reneé Stivers, Director, Partners In Education
Target Audience: Adults

DIVERSITY WORKSHOPS
A variety of workshops on diversity are available including experiential learning activities and simulations that allow participants to fully engage in the topic. Workshops are developed around your specific needs and goals.

TOUR RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Is your group interested in finding out more about Richland and what it has to offer? People of all ages find that Richland is filled with educational opportunities and services that enrich their lives. Learn more about what Richland has to offer by scheduling a campus tour for your group, business, or organization. Put on your walking shoes and enjoy the highlights around campus. You will be inspired to enroll in classes or to spread the word about what you’ve learned.

Contact Cathy Sebok, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, at 217.875.7211, Ext. 558 or csebok@richland.edu