**Upcoming Events 2017-2018**

**Open to the Public, Free of Charge**

**The Arctic Domain: From Economics to National Security**

**12th Annual Patuxent Defense Forum**

Date & Time: December 12, 2017 (Tuesday) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Time: 8:30 a.m. Cole Cinema, Campus Center, SMCM Campus

Reception: 4:30 p.m., venue TBA (Invitation Only)

This annual forum brings together high-ranking military officers and key policy analysts to discuss issues central to U.S. foreign affairs and national defense. We will address climate change and responsible resource extraction, energy development, tourism, territorial claims, defense issues and international frameworks for cooperation in the Arctic areas. The moderator is Major General Randy “Church” Kee, USAF (ret.) who serves as the Executive Director of the Arctic Domain Awareness Center of Excellence at the University of Alaska. This event is jointly organized with The Patuxent Partnership.

**Oral History Course**

**“Topics in Writing: SlackWater” (ENGL395-01)**

Class Dates, Time & Venue TBA, SMCM Campus

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To improve our knowledge of foreign-born immigrants and their influence on the local economy and culture in St. Mary’s County, the Center joins the English Department to carry out an oral history collection project. The project consists of a college course, “Topics in Writing: SlackWater” (ENGL395-01) and a number of public events. The course is taught by Dr. Jerry Gabriel.

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# Become a Citizen Historian! Oral History Workshops

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Led by Dr. Gerald Gabriel and Mr. Kent Randell, SMCM College Archivist

* Oral History Workshop #1: Interview techniques, ethical questions and forms

December 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in Anne Arundel Hall North Classroom N109

* Oral History Workshop #2: Selection of Interviewees & Photo Contest

January 31, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Anne Arundel Hall North Classroom N109

* Oral History Workshop #3: Transcription & Preservation Techniques

April 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in Anne Arundel Hall North Classroom N109

**Mid-Term Elections: Q & A with Candidates**

**Date, Time & Venue TBA**

A total of 468 seats in the U.S. Congress (33 Senate seats and all 435 House seats) are up for election on November 6, 2018. In Maryland, voters will also choose their state senators and representatives, Governor of Maryland and local officials. The nonpartisan Center for the Study of Democracy will introduce candidates to the campus community in 2018 either individually or at the general debate planned for September 2018. Specific dates will be available in February.

**Barriers to Integration in Rural America**

April 10, 2018 (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m.

Auerbach Auditorium, St. Mary’s Hall, SMCM Campus

Is America's immigrant population dispersing spatially? What does the term “transnationalism” mean? Are the new Americans integrating in their communities? Are they voting and taking advantage of American first amendment rights? **Dr. Daniel T. Lichter**, Ferris Family Professor, Robert S. Harrison Director, Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences, Departments of Policy Analysis and Management will give a keynote speech on immigration to rural areas.

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**United Not Divided: Immigration & Integration**

November 16, 2018 (Friday) *(tentative)*

Venue TBA

Where do we stand with the Immigration Reform? Are the so-called Dreamers safe from deportation? What are the facts about immigrants’ contributions to their communities? How best to secure the nations’ border and gain control over illegal immigration? The forum will address different views in immigration and integration expressed in America political discourse.

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**Reminders - Photo Exhibition**

November 16, 2018 (Friday) *(tentative)*

Venue TBA

This photograph exhibition will take place during the Baltimore Forum, showcasing pictures that immigrants have taken of objects from their countries of origin.

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**Immigration Justice Round Table**

October 2018 (Speakers, Date & Time TBA)

Auerbach Auditorium, St. Mary’s Hall, SMCM Campus

According to the Pew Research Center, there were 11.1 million aliens unlawfully present in the United States in 2014. Why is the United States not enforcing its immigration laws? How do illegal immigrants, especially the refuges, come to the United States? Speakers TBA.

**The GAP Film Series**

All films start at 8:00 p.m. in Cole Cinema, Campus Center, SMCM Campus

**Papers: Stories of Undocumented Youth**

November 16, 2017 (Thursday)

Approximately 65,000 undocumented students graduate every year from high school without “papers.” They live at risk of arrest, detention and deportation to countries they may not even remember.

**Documented**

December 7, 2017 (Thursday)

In 2011, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas outed himself as an undocumented immigrant in an essay published in the New York Times Magazine. This film chronicles his journey to America from the Philippines.

**Which Way Home**

January 11, 2018 (Thursday)

This feature documentary follows unaccompanied child migrants, on their journey through Mexico, as they try to reach the United States.

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