

GLOBAL SPEAKER SERIES

The Global Speaker Series is a campus-wide initiative to expand the academic and intellectual offerings of our college by bringing speakers with expertise in area studies and global issues to our campus. The goal of the Global Speakers Series is to enhance our richly diverse campus community through meaningful dialogue on topics that impact our world, our voices, and our future. Each semester we will explore five themes:

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Economic Development

The impacts of economic development on our world will be explored through topics such as disaster risk, internet access, World Bank, international business, trade, land ownership, poverty, war, natural, infrastructure, or financial markets.

2

Climate & Environment

Our environment is in a state of crisis and it is up to humanity to solve our environmental challenges to sustain life on our planet. Topics may include renewable energy, resources and development, conservation and activism, geoscience, or ecology.

3

Cultural Identity and Place

Cultural Identity is at the heart of who we are as humans. This topic area may include discussions of migration, identity, resilience, globalization, language extinction, community building, cultural hegemony, diaspora and more.

4

Global Health

The health of humanity and our planet is at the base of our existence. Experts discuss food/water security, nutrition, healthcare, traditional medicine, disease and vaccination privilege, big pharma, biomedical innovation, genetic research, World Health Organization and more.

5

Arts, Media & Social Change

Arts and literature have historically played an important role in maintaining culture and challenging socio-political forces. Topics in this area may include: traditional art forms, performing culture, cultural commodification, political propaganda, digital and social media, social movements and information privilege.



Adopt the Global Speaker Series in your courses:



MISSION

The Global Speaker Series is a campus-wide initiative to expand the academic and intellectual offerings of our college by bringing speakers with expertise in area studies and global issues to our campus. The goal of the Global Speakers Series is to create a formalized process for bringing global discussions to our campus with the hope that faculty will incorporate the program into their course designs and use these rich resources to expand conversations and ultimately bring the world into the classroom. As part of this project, we will design a curriculum guide that can be used with each of the speaker presentations. The Global Speaker Series aligns with the creation of a Global Studies major on our campus and will add to the intellectual rigor and vitality of our campus community.

Syllabus Language (Samples)

The program is being developed in coordination with a team of multidisciplinary faculty that will utilize the Global Speaker Series in their courses. To facilitate the adoption of the program, sample syllabus language is provided for faculty who would like to include the Global Speaker Series for credit in their courses. Please feel free to adapt this as needed for your courses.

Global Speaker Series (Extra Credit): Students can earn one extra credit point for the final exam for each speaker series event attended. You must sign in at the event and collect a date-stamped attendance card to receive attendance credit.

Global Speaker Series (5%): Students are required to attend 3 sessions of the Global Speaker Series and complete a reflection form for each session. There will be 5 total speakers for Spring 2017. For a complete listing of speaker information, visit: collegeofsanmateo.edu/GlobalSpeakerSeries. You must sign in at the event and collect a date-stamped attendance card to receive attendance credit.

Alternate Assignment: If you are unable to attend an event, you may opt to conduct online research on one of the topics presented in the Global Speaker Series and write a 1 to 2-page report on each topic. One research paper takes the place of one event and three are required for this course.

Curriculum Development

Curriculum Guides for each of the five global interest areas will be developed and available for use in your classes. The guides will be designed for flexibility and integration with a variety of discipline areas. The curriculum guides will be available on our website in Spring 2017. And will be made available in print and soft copy form for any faculty who sign on to use the Global Speaker Series in their courses.

- Economic Development
- Climate & Environment
- Cultural Identity & Place
- Global Health
- Arts, Media, & Social Change

We will provide attendees with a **date-stamped attendance card**. Students will only receive 1 card per Speaker Series event. Please email Danni at reddinglapuzd@smccd.edu if you will be adopting the Global Speaker Series in any of your classes.