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UPCOMING EVENTS

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS. ENDS MARCH 5. Submit your creative work to The Southern Quill. For more information, check out www.thesouthernquill.com.

DIXIE FORUM. TUESDAY MARCH 6, 12:00-12:50 P.M. IN DUNFORD AUDITORIUM. Bruce Bugbee (a botanist and professor at USU) and Lance Seefeldt (a biochemist and professor at USU) will present on NASA, Technology and Living on Mars. For more information, contact burns@dixie.edu.

WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER TED TALK. WEDNESDAY MARCH 7, 3:30-5:00 P.M. IN GARDNER CENTER LIVING ROOM. Resource speakers Christine Chew and Nathan Meng, in collaboration with Applied Sociology and the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will present “Finding Courage: Ways to Brace the Wilderness” by Brené Brown’s.

HISTORY NIGHT. WEDNESDAY MARCH 7, 6:00 P.M. IN MCDONALD 206. This is a semi-annual event, hosted by the History department. There will be food, trivia games, and a guest speaker with expertise in careers for history majors. Department faculty and current majors will be in attendance.

SIGMA TAU DELTA TED TALK. THURSDAY MARCH 8, 12:00-1:00 P.M. IN HCC 457. Madison Bidinger will present “The Museum of Four in the Morning” by Rives. For more information, contact comeford@dixie.edu.

DADDY LONG LEGS. SATURDAY MARCH 10, 2:00 P.M. AT BRIGHAM’S PLAYHOUSE. ASL student interns Nicole Demke and Bryce Tadd, with Allyson Hamilton will interpret the matinee performance of Daddy Long Legs a new Off-Broadway musical.

DIXIE FORUM. TUESDAY MARCH 20, 12:00-12:50 P.M. IN DUNFORD AUDITORIUM. Lincoln Nadauld and DSU students will discuss the Stanford Internship/Scholarship. For more information, contact burns@dixie.edu.

SIGMA TAU DELTA TED TALK. THURSDAY MARCH 22, 12:00-1:00 P.M. IN HCC 457. Jade Ervin will present “How the Worst Moments in Our Lives Make Us Who We Are” by Andrew Solomon. For more information, contact comeford@dixie.edu.

DIXIE FORUM. TUESDAY MARCH 27, 12:00-12:50 P.M. IN DUNFORD AUDITORIUM. A panel will discuss the Lake Powell Pipeline. For more information, contact burns@dixie.edu.
ACE PILKINGTON (ENGLISH) had his poem “Astronomers” nominated for a Rhysling, which is an award given by the Science Fiction Poetry Association. He also had two articles (“An Iliad” and “Henry VI”) accepted for publication by Insights, an online magazine of the Utah Shakespeare Festival. His article “The Merry Wives of Windsor” will be published in Midsummer Magazine.

ALLYSON HAMILTON (AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE) was selected to serve on the Utah Interpreter Certification Board (ICB). She will help to ensure fair and effective quality ASL interpretation services in conjunction with the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation. She will serve until the end of the year.

ASHTON FOY, KELSIE ORTON, HOLLIE ROPER, DAKOTA WITZEL & JAKE ROWLEY (PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS) presented at the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research.

"BOOK BLAZERS" TEAM (ENGLISH) packaged food for United Way Dixie. 100,000 meals were prepared and donated to SwitchPoint Community Resource Center.

BROOKLYN BARTON, MALYNDA MADSEN, JENN MARSH & BRAXTON THORNLEY (ENGLISH STUDENTS) presented at the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research.

CHRISTENA JENSEN & LOGAN WINDER (SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES STUDENTS) presented at the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research.

CINDY KING (ENGLISH) had work accepted for publication in Quarter After Eight, Obsidian: Literature & Arts in the African Diaspora, and Bear Review.
CINDY KING (ENGLISH) & WEavers OF WORDS (CREATIVE WRITING CLUB) attended the Life, Universe, and Everything Conference in Provo, UT in February.

DUSTIN MATTEI (APPLIED SOCIOLOGY STUDENT) presented at the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research.

JOSEE HILDEBRANDT (CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENT) presented at the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research.

LEONOR CEBALLOS (SPANISH) & SPANISH STUDENTS helped with the “Give Kids a Smile” annual service day on February 10 at the Taylor Health Science Building. This event gives underserved children free oral health services. Professor Ceballos and the students volunteered five hours each to serve as interpreters.

SHADMAN BASHIR (HISTORY) presented a Richard H. Foster Lecture titled “Religious Cosmology and Conflicts in Multiverse” at the 2018 Frank Church Symposium “Evolution of US Foreign Policy in the 21st Century” at Idaho State University on March 1st & 2nd.
The Women’s Resource Center (WRC) is a wonderful resource for the Dixie State Community. From their small office on the fourth floor of the Holland Centennial Commons, interns and work-study students work tirelessly to help female faculty, staff and students. This takes many forms.

They host events throughout the semester, such as their recent luncheon on connecting women with scholarships. They help students find mentors in the community. They advocate for resources on campus to help women pursue and succeed in their goals. Frequently, that means bringing community resources to campus. Two examples of the latter are the ongoing partnerships with Support the Girls So. Utah and the DOVE Advocacy Service.

The DOVE Advocacy Service is a weekly program provided by the WRC in conjunction with the DOVE Center. The DOVE Center is a locally run non-profit whose mission is to empower survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through education and resources to increase safety and promote healing from trauma. This partnership has been running consistently for the past three years, since the spring 2015 semester. Every Wednesday from 3:00-5:00 pm, a trained advocate sits in the WRC office. Privacy and discretion are emphasized. Anyone can stop by: survivors, those who know a survivor, or even those who just have questions.

Support the Girls So. Utah is a local chapter of Support the Girls Utah, an organization dedicated to providing bras and menstrual hygiene products to women in need. Starting in fall 2017, they have provided these items for the WRC to give to members of the DSU community. Any faculty, staff or student can drop by the WRC and take what they need, no questions asked. If you have an unusual request, the WRC will work with Support the Girls So. Utah to fill your specific need.

For more information about the Women’s Resource Center, stop by their office in HCC 489, call them at 435-879-4489, or check out their website at wrc.dixie.edu.
The first chapter of a bestselling book about life purpose begins with the sentence, “It’s not about you.” This is a thought-provoking admonition, but with all due respect to the author, he is absolutely wrong. Everything in your life is about you. “You” is the one thing you have the most control over. Of course this doesn’t mean you can control everything about you. Your DNA and your childhood socialization were provided to you without your consent. These things are part of you and they influence you. At times you celebrate these facets, at other times you curse them. But in so doing, you prove you are more than a combination of nature and nurture. You are a decision maker. More importantly, you are a difference maker. Yet you know, deep down inside, there is only a short time to accomplish some sort of difference. As Henry David Thoreau so aptly wrote in *Civil Disobedience and Other Essays*, “The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation.”

Like Thoreau, I believe that most people desire to make a positive impact in this world. They know they have a purpose for living, they’re just not sure what it is. In a search to answer this question, many people read self-help books, confer with family, or take college classes. These approaches to finding one’s purpose are not inappropriate, they just might not be the best place to start. Perhaps before a person determines what they want to be, they should consider who they are. In other words, consider what fits you. For example, if you had to become an emergency responder and could choose between becoming a firefighter, paramedic, or police officer, which profession would you pick? I’m suggesting that the wise choice would be to select the occupation that best connects to your abilities and inclinations. In this example, knowing yourself leads you to know your role.

If you are curious to learn more about this approach, I want to invite you to a Brown Bag seminar I am leading on Thursday March 8 from 12:00-12:50 pm in McDonald 105. The title of the session is: “It Starts with You: Finding your Purpose in Life.” This will be an active learning, reflective session open to faculty, staff and students. During the session, I’ll provide some simple exercises to help you gain a greater awareness of your talents and tendencies. The College will provide snacks, but feel free to bring your lunch. I’m looking forward to interacting with you.

– Richard
Dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences
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