



## **FALL 2009 EVENTS FROM ADP**

University of Northern Iowa – American Democracy Project (ADP), a program of the Provost's Office.  
(Co-sponsored with Leadership Studies, Communication Studies, Political Science, and Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.)

### **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

#### **CONSTITUTION DAY "POSTER CONTEST"**

Deadline: Sept. 8, 2009. See UNI web site: <http://www.uni.edu/adp>

#### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT: CRITICAL THINKING IN THE CLASSROOM**

Friday, September 11, 2009, from 3:00 pm.-4:30 p.m.

1705 Crescent Drive, Cedar Falls (Call for directions 277-4699.)

UNI and HCC faculty share their classroom approaches to critical thinking.

#### **NEWS TALK: RACE IN THE OBAMA ERA**

Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

University Book and Supply (also co-sponsor)

Michael Blackwell, Director of the Center for Multicultural Education

How have race and its effects changed, if at all, with the election of Barack Obama as President? Are things getting better; are we approaching a "color blind" society?

#### **INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES WITH THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF CEDAR VALLEY**

Thursday, September 17, 2009, from Noon-1:00

SIAC Conf. Room, Maucker Union, upper level

Lauren Pellemounter, Executive Director, Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley

Will discuss the many opportunities available and how to go about becoming involved.

#### **CONSTITUTION DAY: "THE U. S. CONSTITUTION: IT'S NOT FOR BEGINNERS"**

Thursday, September 17, 2009, from 4:00-5:30 p.m., Seerley Hall, Room 115

John W. Johnson, Professor of History at UNI

See flier at UNI web site: <http://www.uni.edu/adp>

#### **NEWS TALK: WANT TO BE LIED TO?!**

Saturday, October 3, 2009, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., University Book and Supply

Gerri Perreault, teacher of course on lies at UNI

#### **HOW THE BRAIN LIES AND MISREPRESENTS THE "REAL WORLD"**

Otto Maclin, Assoc. Prof., Psychology at UNI

Wednesday, October 7, from 4:45-5:45 p.m., SEC 247

Will cover how the brain causes misperceptions, including errors in eyewitness identification. Prof. Maclin provides workshops for jurors.

#### **HOW ENEMY LEADERS BECAME FRIENDS**

Thursday, October 8, 2009, from 3:45-4:45 p.m., SEC 252

Gerri Perreault, Director of Leadership Studies Program, UNI

Discussion of "Best of Friends" video on how Ann Atwater, a civil rights leader, and C. P. Ellis, a Klan leader, started out as enemies and became best friends.

#### **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE: INFORMATION MEETING**

Monday, October 19, 2009, from Noon-1:00 p.m., SIAC Conf. Room, Maucker Union

Will provide information on how to participate in the January 18 "Day of Service."

#### **NEWSPAPERS AND DECISION-MAKING**

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 4:45-5:45 p.m., SEC 425

Nancy Newhoff, *Courier* Editor

Newspapers play a critical role in a democracy. Newhoff will discuss the *Courier's* focus, how the news is selected, and trends that are affecting newspapers.

#### **GOT CIVILITY?**

Thursday, November 5, 2009, from 11:00 a.m.-noon

SIAC Conf. Room, Maucker Union, upper level

Sen. Jeff Danielson (D) & former Sen. John Putney (R), Iowa State Legislature  
As evidenced by some of the public forums on health care, public discourse sometimes lacks civility and respect for others. Sen. Danielson and Sen. Putney will discuss the topic in general and what this means for their work in the Iowa legislature.

#### **NEWS TALK: GRADE INFLATION: THE SYMPTOMATOLOGY OF A FAILING SYSTEM**

Saturday, November 7, 2009, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., University Book and Supply

Dennis Clayson, Professor of Marketing at UNI and a *Courier* columnist

Discussion of trends and possible causes of grade inflation in the classroom.

(See more from Dr. Clayson at [www.uni.edu/universitas/fall05/dennisclayson.htm](http://www.uni.edu/universitas/fall05/dennisclayson.htm))

#### **CIVIC DISCOURSE AND OPPOSING VIEWS: SHOULD PEOPLE BE PERMITTED TO CARRY LOADED AND CONCEALED WEAPONS IN PARKS**

Wednesday, November 11, 2009, from 4:15-5:45 p.m., CBB 109

This is part of UNI's ADP series on "Civic Discourse and Opposing Views."

Participants will pair up and take turns presenting arguments (talking points are provided). A panel will share its views and respond to questions.

#### **NEWS TALK WOMEN LEADERS IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: OPPORTUNITIES AND OBSTACLES**

Saturday, December 5, 2009, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., University Book and Supply

Marilyn Drury, Director, ITS-Educational Technology, UNI

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