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Events

All events are free and open to the public.

April



Domestic Violence and LGBT Community featuring Jennifer Nye, Community Educator from Pillars

April 16, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Moraine Rooms, Building M

Domestic violence has no boundaries. Domestic violence effects women, men, children of all ethnicities, cultural backgrounds, socioeconomic status, education background, and sexual orientation. Members of the LGBT community face additional barriers in finding resources and support when confronting domestic violence within their relationships. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), “ 1 in 3 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime. Jennifer Nye, Community Educator from Pillars, will explore these issues and help us raise awareness. This event is part of the One Book program on Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin.



Remembering the T in LGBT: Creating Transgender Awareness

Tuesday, April 28, 11am-12:15 in Building M. Moraine Room 3

Presentation by Kelly George, LCPC, psychotherapist at Live Oak in Chicago.

Topics will include:

- understanding of the vocabulary and terms
- understanding gender identity
- issues facing trans-identified individuals

PAST EVENTS

Understanding Giovanni's Room: A Faculty Panel Discussion

View and Listen to this event here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQpMEG0QZdg&feature=youtu.be> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQpMEG0QZdg&feature=youtu.be>)

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m., Building L, Library Lounge

Faculty members from literature and the library will discuss James Baldwin's classic text. They will offer historical analysis as well as views of the text through various literary texts. This discussion is the opening One Book event that will identify the range of themes within Baldwin's text.

What is Queer?: Current and Historic Struggles of LGBT People

View and listen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3I_8RKIfdNc&list=UUK_vdoEfkHxEB7Ha53ccDFA (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3I_8RKIfdNc&list=UUK_vdoEfkHxEB7Ha53ccDFA)

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Building L, Library Lounge

The "Queer" movement challenges us to think beyond our limited conceptions of gender and sexuality. Sociologist Jeffrey McCully will discuss the ways that gender expression and human sexuality are socially constructed based on norms that change from one society to another and across time. Jeffrey will also explore how gender and sexuality intersect with other systems of difference, such as class, race, and ethnicity. We will also consider the progress that has been made in recognizing the needs of the LGBT community and the challenges that lay ahead.

Scotty Works OUT: Film Screening and Conversation with the Filmmaker

View and listen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJqvnrB_AeQ&list=UUK_vdoEfkHxEB7Ha53ccDFA

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Wednesday, Oct. 1, 11-11:50 a.m., Library Lounge, Building L

Filmmaker and MVCC faculty member Dan Pal presents his short film Scotty Works OUT. This film, which is about finding a connection in a world of isolation, includes the work of actors and crew members from Moraine Valley. This is an opportunity to explore modern relationships, filmmaking, and screen writing. This event is part of the One Book programming and co-sponsored by the MVCC Film Makers Club.

All About Bullying: A Faculty Panel Presentation

View and listen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvwarJjZOa4&list=UUK_vdoEfkHxEB7Ha53ccDFA

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Thursday, October 2nd, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Library Lounge, Building L

Bullying is a problem faced by many students at all levels of schooling. It is a problem that was ignored in the past, but has gained national recognition as many educators, parents, and community leaders work to stop bullying. Join us as education experts define and explore the causes and impacts of bullying.

Suffer in Silence No More: Art Fair for Mental Health Awareness

View and listen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJivBN_Zhlo&list=UUK_vdoEfkHxEB7Ha53ccDFA

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Monday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. -2 p.m., Library Lounge, Building L

This special event will utilize visual arts to express all aspects of mental health. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to create art pieces that will be displayed in this art fair. If creating a piece of art is not your specialty, we invite you to attend this fair. This event is organized by the Moraine Valley Counseling & Career Development Center. For more information, contact Teresa Hannon, Counselor, at 708-974-5722 or hannont@morainevalley.edu (mailto:hannont@morainevalley.edu).

Sexuality, Gender, and the Coming Out Process

View and listen here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8R8tNsYjMQE&list=UUK_vdoEfkHxEB7Ha53ccDFA

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Thursday, Oct. 16, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Library Lounge, Building L

This panel discussion will focus on the pervading theme of Giovanni's Room: Sexual Identity. Come hear from members of the LGBTQ community as well as LGBTQ Allies about sexual and gender identity, the coming out process, and how these things impact individuals and those around them. Panel members will discuss the reality behind the protagonist's struggle to understand his sexuality, deal with familial and societal pressure to conform, and accept who he is as a person. Our discussion will show how issues the author wrote about in the 1950s are still prevalent today.

Special Lecture on James Baldwin and the Intersection of Race, Gender and Sexuality by Northwestern University's Dean Dwight A. McBride

View and listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJNVdFzshq4&feature=youtu.be> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJNVdFzshq4&feature=youtu.be>)

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m., Library Lounge, Building L

Moraine Valley welcomes special guest Dwight A. McBride, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost of Graduate Education at Northwestern University. Dean McBride is a world renowned scholar who specializes issues relating to race and sexual orientation issues. He is also an expert on the life and influence of James Baldwin. Students, staff, faculty and community members are invited to join us for this special lecture. This One Book, One College event is made possible by the Moraine Valley Democracy Commitment.

Writing for a Change: James Baldwin and the 1960s featuring special guest John D'Emilio

View and Listen to this event here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMF42ksLnsk> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMF42ksLnsk>)

Feb. 17, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Oremus Theater, Fine and Performing Arts Center

The 1960s are remembered as an era of popular activism, of people demonstrating and organizing for justice, equality, and peace. Writing was also a key way of making change, and James Baldwin, through his novels and his essays, was on the cutting edge in the 1960s, challenging injustice and inequality based on race and sexuality. This talk featuring the University of Illinois at Chicago scholar John D'Emilio will explore Baldwin's life and work in this important era. This event is part of the One Book program on *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin.

En avant les calories! (Bring on the calories!)

La gastronomie française: un patrimoine mondial, un goût du paradis.

(French fine cooking: a global heritage, a taste of paradise)

View and Listen to this event here: <http://ext.morainevalley.edu/librarynews/?p=2268> (<http://ext.morainevalley.edu/librarynews/?p=2268>)

Feb. 26, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Moraine Room 3, Building M

Interested in French culinary and dining customs? Want to learn some useful vocabulary and phrases for ordering various dishes in French restaurants here and abroad? Would you like to sample some fine French food? Then you do not want to miss this culinary and cultural event featuring Michael O'Shea of MVCC's Culinary Arts program and Kevin O'Connell from the Foreign Language Department. This event is part of the One Book program on *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin.

GASP! A Discussion by Gender and Sexual Minority Students

View and listen to this event here: <http://ext.morainevalley.edu/librarynews/?p=2292> (<http://ext.morainevalley.edu/librarynews/?p=2292>)

April 2, 12:30-1:45 p.m., Oremus Theater, Fine and Performing Arts Center

Members of Moraine Valley's GASP (Gender and Sexual Progress club) discuss their experiences. They will discuss challenges faced in the world in general, in their lives before they arrived at MVCC, and as MVCC students. This event is part of the One Book program on Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin.