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Lewis and Clark Announces Diversity Calendar of Spring Events

GODFREY – The Lewis and Clark Community College Diversity Council is announcing its spring calendar, which includes a variety of programming that is free and open to the public.

The Diversity Council, which originated in 2006, was named a best practice by the Illinois Board of Higher Education in 2007. Its goals are to:

- Promote cross-cultural understanding and communications.
- Broaden and expand opportunities for positive constructive and instructive diversity experiences on campus.
- Increase awareness and enhance understanding of the meaning and importance of diversity in today's world.
- Promote an atmosphere of tolerance that respects differences and encourages inclusiveness.

The spring calendar includes the following events:

February

2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 in the Olin Science Building Room 113: Film and Discussion-“Thin,” an HBO documentary film focusing on four young women struggling with anorexia. Brittany, whose mother has also suffered with the disease, is a 15 year-old who strives to be thin to gain acceptance among her peers. Shelly, 25, has been battling anorexia for six years, and enters The Renfrew Center with a feeding tube surgically implanted in her stomach. Alisa, 30, is a divorced mother of two who struggled for decades with a relentless compulsion to purge. Polly, 29, has spent years in and out of treatment and often challenges the center's policies and procedures. The event will be facilitated by English Instructor Jennifer Fuhler Bevel, and refreshments will be served.

March

Noon on Wednesday, March 3 in the Ringhausen Music Building Atrium: “Remembering the Vietnam War 35 Years Later,” a presentation by U.S. Army Corps veteran Dorothy Cooke about her time in Vietnam accompanied by a slide show from her experiences. Hosted by Kelly Obernuefemann, associate professor of history, this event is part of Lewis and Clark's Brown

Bag Salon series and the College's celebration of Women's History Month. The presentation will commemorate the 35th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War, and the impact the war had on women who served.

"The Vietnam Era was critical to our country's history. Young men and women were encouraged by their peers to speak out against authority, and this paved the way for a surge in women's rights activism. Women nurses who served overseas assisted in advanced procedures and came home wanting more respect for nurses," Obernuefemann said.

1:30 p.m. Monday, March 29 in the Olin Science Building Room 113: Film and Discussion- "China Beach," a drama series set at an American base during the Vietnam War. Rather than focusing on the battle scenes that made up most other portrayals of the war, this show looked at the everyday lives of the people sent to serve their country. The doctors, nurses, soldiers and even USO entertainers stationed at the base must try to come to terms with the horrors and stresses of the war around them. Not all of them succeed. Refreshments will be served.

April

2 p.m. Thursday, April 8 in the Olin Science Building Room 113: Film and Discussion- "Persepolis," an Oscar-nominated film about young Marjane and her family during the overthrow of the Shah of Iran, which at first seems to be the longing for beginning of a free and democratic future for their country. With the election of a conservative Islamic government, however, the little girl finds her life changed dramatically as increasing political repression and the restriction of women's freedom lead her parents to the decision to send Marjane to Austria to complete her education. The event will be facilitated by Emily Corby, assistant professor of English, and refreshments will be served.

Noon on Wednesday, April 14 in the Benjamin Godfrey Memorial Chapel: Performance- West African Dance Group Afriky Lolo. This electrifying dance and drumming performance group led by Diadie Bathily presents African dance to people in the St. Louis metropolitan community so that African Americans and others will gain a rich understanding of African heritage and experience the joy and power of dance. Don't miss this event facilitated by Art Instructor/Coordinator Ann Davidson.

2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22 in the Olin Science Building Room 113: An Earth Day Celebration facilitated by Biology Instructor Denise Plunk. Free refreshments will be provided.

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