

The Future of the American Dream

A Liberal Arts and Critical Issues Series

Spring 2017

Scheduled each Monday, Jan. 9 through March 20
5-6 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Hoover 105

Research Exhibit

Monday, April 10, Noon - 4 p.m. in EHS Atrium and Hoover Lower Lobby

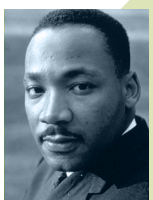
Introduction to the Course Jan. 9



Ron Mock
*Professor of Politics and Peace Studies,
George Fox University*

What is LACI, how does it work, and what's it got to do with the Future of the American Dream?

MLK Day Activities Jan. 16



"Founding" Documents

Students will be assigned to read the Declaration of Independence, The Gettysburg Address and two other recent political speeches. They will also watch a video of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

History of the American Dream Jan. 23



Kerry Irish
Professor of History, George Fox University

Irish will discuss the history and development of the American Dream, from its origins among English colonists in America in the early seventeenth century to the present day.

K-12 Education and the American Dream Jan. 30



Kym LeBlanc-Esparza
Superintendent, Newberg School District

Given that the average graduate in this decade will change careers upwards of eight times, and the public's call for more rigorous educational expectations, can we equip students with 21st-century skills while ensuring all students have equal access to the American Dream? And what happens if we fall short?

The American Dream: The View from the Street .. Feb. 6



Natasha Haunsperger
Officer, Portland Police Department

The American Dream has a different look from the streets of America's cities -- for example, if you are a recent immigrant or refugee, or if you have been a victim of human trafficking.

Baseball: Still the National Pastime? Feb. 13



Rob Neyer
Freelance Writer, Author/coauthor of six books

Yes, polls suggest that America's erstwhile favorite sport is now far less popular than football, with basketball and perhaps even soccer gaining fast. But is there still something to be said for baseball as America's (or maybe the Americas') most meaningful sport?

TBA Feb. 20



Johnny Lake
*Assistant Professor of Education & Counseling,
Northwest Christian University*

TBA

El Sueño Feb. 27



Aida Ramos
*Assistant Professor of Sociology,
George Fox University*

Ramos describes how the American Dream plays out for her family, including her immigrant relatives, connecting their experience to sociological evidence revealing a larger picture of the promise of the Dream and its limitations for Latinos.

Whose American Dream? March 6



Randy Woodley
*Distinguished Professor of Faith and Culture,
George Fox University*

Where did the American Dream begin and for whom? What are the philosophical foundations for the American Dream and how do they stack up to the way of Jesus? What are the myths that need to be embedded in our psyche in order to participate in the American Dream? What role do the new demographics play in the future of the American Dream and how might it change? United Keetoowah Band Cherokee Randy Woodley will broach these and other questions.

The American Dream: Wanted Dead or Alive · March 13



Corwynn Beals
*Professor of Philosophy and Religion,
George Fox University*

Some say that the American Dream has died – that it is no longer equally possible for all to work hard for true freedom. Others have reached "The Dream" and found that their soul died along the way. We will take a hard, cold look at the status of "The Dream" and see what people are doing who say that "The Dream" (and their soul) is still alive.

What is America For? March 20

Ron Mock
*Professor of Politics and Peace Studies,
George Fox University*

What should we do with the idea of an American Dream?

In the Liberal Arts and Critical Issues (LACI) program, George Fox seniors integrate professional preparation, the liberal arts and Christian faith as they respond to a significant issue of current concern.

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