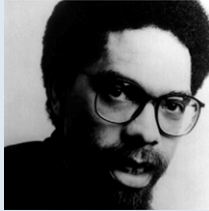


Speakers



Cornel West, Ph.D.
Keynote Speaker

RESTORING HOPE

Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Penn State Behrend
Reed Union Commons

Harvard University professor Cornel West is a scholar, theologian, and activist who has been acclaimed as one of the most eloquent voices in America's ongoing racial debate. Author of the best-selling book *Race Matters*, West bridges the gulf between black and white America with enormous resonance and moral authority, taking on the questions of politics, economics, ethics, and spirituality, and addressing the crisis in black leadership. In addition to his lecture, Dr. West will meet with students and take part in a conference workshop, *Building a Healthy Community*.



Annette Levitt, Ph.D.

THE AMERICAN DREAM IN TODAY'S THEATRE

Thursday, March 1 at 11:00 a.m.
Penn State Behrend
Reed Union Building 114

A professor of English in Drexel University's School of Humanities and Communication, Annette Levitt uses classic American plays such as Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* and modern plays by Wasserstein and Kushner to gather compelling, multi-faceted glimpses of our search for the American dream. In addition to her lecture, Dr. Levitt will lead a discussion following the conference's March 1 presentation of *Working*, Studs Terkel's acclaimed play about the hopes and dreams of the average American worker.

Community Workshops

Workshops coordinated by local leaders will explore organizations that enable and enhance winners in the Erie area and ask what economic, educational, and structural changes will help the poor and disenfranchised achieve their American Dream. Come and participate in the discussions. Limited seating at the workshops is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Bill Morgenstern

BUSINESS AND THE AMERICAN DREAM

Tuesday, February 27 at 10:00 a.m.
Erie Art Museum
12 East Fifth Street, Erie

William Morgenstern is co-founder and CEO of Rent-Way, Inc., a publicly held firm that has grown over the past five years to 1,100 stores in forty-one states.



Dave Adams

LOCAL UNIONS AND THE AMERICAN DREAM

Tuesday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m.
Union Hall
3912 Main Street, Lawrence Park

Dave Adams is president of the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers 506. The local UE Hall features a mural created by internationally acclaimed muralist Juana Alicia, whose work celebrates international worker solidarity and the role of working women.



Michael Murnock

I DREAM OF AMERICA

Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.
International Institute
517 East 26th Street, Erie

Michael Murnock is director of the International Institute, which assists more than 1,000 refugees and immigrants in Erie every year.



Carl Kallgren, Ph.D.

SOCIAL INTERVENTION AND THE FUTURE OF ERIE

Wednesday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m.
Penn State Behrend
Reed Union Building 114

Carl Kallgren, Ph.D., and Kimberly Skarupski, Ph.D., directors of the Center for Organizational Research and Evaluation (CORE), assist local social service organizations with developing new models of social intervention.



Kim Skarupski, Ph.D.

BUILDING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Wednesday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.
Penn State Behrend
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Mark Levine, M.D., is a Hamot Medical Center family physician and chair of a committee that studies the effects of social, economic, and environmental issues on local health trends. Dr. Cornel West will also participate in this workshop.

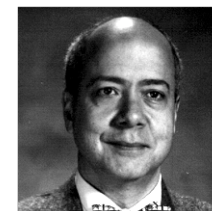


Mark Levine, M.D.

NO CHALLENGE IS TOO GREAT: RE-THINKING CHALLENGED STUDENTS

Thursday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m.
Erie Art Museum
12 East Fifth Street, Erie

Charles Kennedy Jr. is a board member of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and director of the Community Country Day School, a school that provides leadership development and helps build dreams for challenged students.



Charles Kennedy Jr.

All events are free and open to the public. Participating organizations are encouraged to invite guests to the community workshops, speeches, and staged reading.

A staged reading of the musical
“Working”
From the book by
Studs Terkel

ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY

Thursday, March 1 at 8:00 p.m.
Hirt Auditorium
150 East Front Street, Erie

Adapted by Stephen Schwartz
and Nina Faso

Directed by Tony Elliot
Lecturer in Theatre, Penn State Behrend

The hopes, dreams, joys, and concerns of the average working American are the focus of this unique, eye-opening musical. That the everyday lives of common men and women should be so compelling and moving will surprise anyone who has ever punched a time clock. Dr. Annette Levitt will lead a discussion following the reading.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about “Working for What? Winners and Losers in the American Dream?” call Penn State Behrend at (814) 898-6242, or follow the American Dream link on the Penn State Behrend home page.

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