

What's going on with DCSJ this semester?

February Events

It's a new semester, and DCSJ has a calendar full of events to call our attention to issues of social justice in the Drew community and the world. Please join us whenever you can for meetings and for the events we have planned. DCSJ meets every other Wednesday at 12:30, in Sem Hall 4B, with lunch provided. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 18.

Racism Forum

"In Cyber Café I've noticed tables of Whites, tables of

Blacks, and tables of Asians. Wouldn't it be nice to have mixed groups sitting together?"

"Being part of a privileged race, it's intimidating to discuss issues of racism; I feel guilty."

"I would like to see small groups form for those interested in continuing to address racism in an ongoing way."

Using these and others responses from last fall's questionnaire as a starting point, DCSJ, along with other caucus groups, is planning a forum on

racism, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 26 after chapel.

We hope this forum can begin conversation about racism at Drew – how it manifests itself and how

we as a community can address it. Barbara Danford and

Jennifer Battiest are working with others to plan this event, and they welcome your ideas or thoughts. Contact them at the following addresses:

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trardin@drew.edu

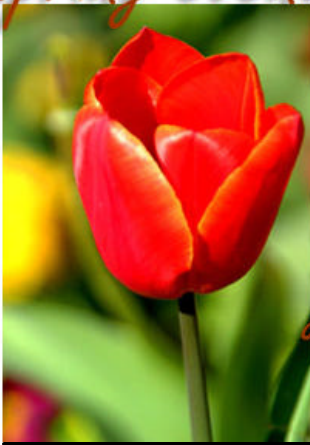


DCSJ Forum: Uncovered

In December, the innovative grassroots political group MoveOn sponsored an unusual film premiere: some 2500 people across the country invited friends into their homes to watch the documentary film *Uncovered: The Whole Truth about the Iraq War*. Since then, screenings have taken place nationwide on college campuses and in libraries, bookstores, independent theatres, churches, and community centers.

On Thursday, February 12, DCSJ will sponsor a viewing of this controversial and arresting film, which takes you behind the walls of government, as CIA, Pentagon and foreign service experts speak out. Many spoke for the first time about the lies, misstatements, and exaggerations that served as the justification to fight a "preemptive" war that many feel was not necessary. This documentary offers an in-depth look at the unsettling distortion of intelligence and that will be the subject of a newly announced bipartisan investigation. Bring your lunch and meet at 12:15 p.m. in Sem Hall Room 101. The movie runs just under an hour. Please feel free to come and go as needed. For more information visit www.moveon.org.

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Celebrate God's Diversity!

Of Sacred Worth Events

Of Sacred Worth, an LGBT-friendly group of the Theological and Caspersen schools, is sponsoring the Chapel service on Wednesday, February 18. Our guest homilist will be Jorge Lockward, of the United Methodist General Board of Global Mission's Global Praise Project.

That evening at 7:30 in UC107 we are sponsoring a comedic act by Peterson Toscano entitled "Doin' Time in the Homo No Mo Halfway House: How I Survived the Ex-Gay Movement." Peterson explores various characters he met while part of ex-gay therapy and will take part in a question and answer session afterwards.

DCSJ February Calendar

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
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| Tue. 10 | 11:00 am | Chapel: Bernice King , daughter of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Sponsored by Black Ministerial Caucus) | Baldwin Gym |
| Wed. 11 | 12-1:30pm | Planning Meeting for Forum | Sem 4B |
| Thu. 12 | 12:15 pm | DCSJ Forum: Viewing of <i>Uncovered: The Whole Truth about the Iraq War</i> | Sem Hall 101 |
| Wed. 18 | 11:20 am | Chapel: Jorge Lockwood , UM GBGM (Sponsored by Of Sacred Worth) | Chapel |
| Wed. 18 | 12:30 pm | DCSJ Meeting | Sem Hall 4B |
| Wed. 18 | 7:30 pm | Comedian Peterson Toscano : "Doin' Time in the Homo No Mo Halfway House: How I Survived the Ex-Gay Movement" (Sponsored by Of Sacred Worth) | The Space (next to UC 107) |
| Thu. 26 | noon | Forum on Racism | Sem Hall |

Contact Info

Our goal is to follow each DCSJ meeting with an issue of the newsletter, but we need your help to have fresh news and articles of interest in each issue. Please bring articles or news items to the meeting, or submit to Jane Ellen Nickell by the following day. You are welcome to forward any e-mails or interest as you receive them, so we have items we can use as space allows. Please contact me, too, if you are interested in writing articles.

Send newsletter information to:
Jane Ellen Nickell
jnickell@drew.edu

next deadline:
Feb. 19, 2004

Looking forward:

DSCJ chapel services: March 16—Stations of the Cross
 April 13—Chapel service on Sexuality

Conference Support

DCSJ has funds available to support attendance at social justice conferences. If you need financial assistance to attend a conference, please see Tim Rardin for information.

Other Area Events

Saturday, February 28

Annual Concert for Peace

Featuring folk singer:
Michelle Shocked and others
Nassau Presbyterian Church

61 Nassau St., Princeton

March 5-8

"I Will Feed Them with Justice"
Ecumenical Advocacy Days for
Global Peace and Justice
Washington, DC

for info: Leon Spencer
(202) 547-7503
Anna Rhee at advocacy-days@earthlink.net
www.advocacy-days.org

Saturday, March 20

Peace Train into NYC

Demonstration:
The World Says No to War

for info:
www.unitedforpeace.org/article.php?id+2136